

NORTH BENTON CHURCH

NEWS



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Dear Fellow North Bentonians,

September greetings to you all and all of you! September always feels like a season of returning. School is back in session, summer schedules begin to settle, and many of us start looking again for steady rhythms that strengthen our homes, our families, and our faith. With that in mind, our theme this month is simple but meaningful: Back to Church.

Coming back to church is more than returning to a building. It is returning to worship, prayer, fellowship, service, and the shared hope we have in Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews reminds us, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together" (Hebrews 10:24–25). We need one another. We are encouraged by one another. We grow stronger when we gather together in the presence of God.

If you have been away for a little while, please know this: you are missed, you are loved, and there is a place for you here. Whether life has been busy, difficult, uncertain, or simply full, you are invited to step back into the life of the church with joy and confidence. Come as you are. Bring your questions, your burdens, your gifts, your children, your neighbors, and your friends. There is room in the pew, room at the table, room in our hearts, and room in the family of God.

This month, let us recommit ourselves to being a welcoming church. Look for a familiar face you have not seen in a while. Invite someone to worship with you. Encourage a young family. Pray for our church, our teachers, students, ministries, leaders, and volunteers as we begin a new season together. Small acts of welcome can become open doors for grace.

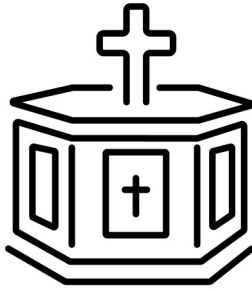
As we move into September, may our church be filled not only with people, but with renewed faith, joyful worship, generous hearts, and Christlike love. May we remember that the church is at its best when we gather, grow, and go together in the name of Jesus.

On September 20, we will be celebrating "Back to Church Sunday." We will be starting a new sermon series on FAITH and then we will be moving to the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and "breaking in" our new floor that was installed this summer. We will also be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Day.

Welcome back, church family. We are grateful for you, and we look forward to seeing what God will do in, with, and through us this year!
 With blessings and hope,
 Pastor Herb
 Blessings to you and yours,



Pastor Herb



These are the sermon titles, themes and scriptures for September:

September 6, 2026: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The sermon titled, "Sing a Song: Known" explores the advantages of being known by God. There is a great life when we allow ourselves to be led by God.

September 13, 2026: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. As we come to the last Psalm, Psalm 150, we come to see how it all comes together in a grand finale! The sermon is titled "Sing a Song: Praise!"

September 20, 2026. The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost and Back to Church Sunday. We begin our new series about the importance of faith in our lives. Hebrews 11: 1-3 will start us on the series with the sermon: "Faith That Sees The Invisible!"

September 27, 2026. The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. We come to the first hero in our series "Abel: Faith that Worships God's Way." Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4: 1-8 is the scriptural basis for this sermon.

September 2026

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 9/1 Mark & Cindy Ruffier
- 9/4 Greyson Brandt
- 9/7 Jonathan Ruffier
Tom Skelding IV
- 9/8 Kobe Leininger
- 9/9 Chuck & Jamie Pierce
- 9/11 Hayden Martin
- 9/13 Logan McLin (Fay)
Ryleigh Kampfer
- 9/15 Margaret Hilles
- 9/18 Stacy Skelding
- 9/20 Trenton (Gossiaux) Carver
Ashley Baldwin
- 9/23 Debbie Shields
- 9/30 Brittany Owens

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

July 2026

	Offering	Attendance
1/5/26	866.00	32
7/12/26	710.00	30
7/19/26	385.00	22
7/26/26	1061.00	21

DEACON GREETERS

September 2026

Jodi Weibush

Sherry Kelly

Back to Church Sunday

Luncheon

Sep 20, 2026

CONTINUED PRAYER

Dan Rowe, Denton Herron, James Hilles,
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,
Emily Winters, Maeo Bates,
Carol Schiffler, Chris & Alicia Gamble

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

September 2026**Mark & Cindy Ruffier****Karl & Barb Schenk**

MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

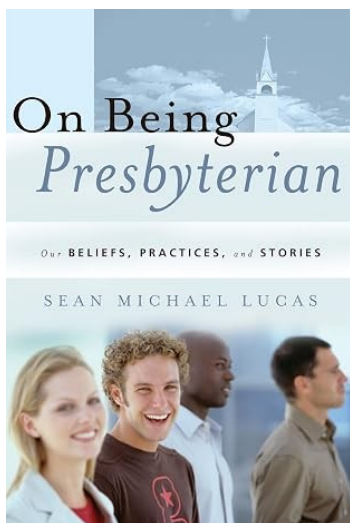
Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School



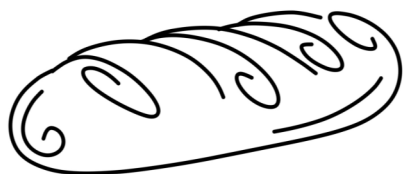
We are taking donations of candy for the annual "Trunk or Treat" event. Please leave your donations in the narthex.

Book Review



Pastor and seminary professor Sean Michael Lucas suggests that being Presbyterian means embracing distinctive beliefs, practices, and stories as one's own. As new members, church officers, and potential Presbyterians read about beliefs, practices, and stories, they will understand and move to embrace this way of being Christian. Written in a nontechnical style, *On Being Presbyterian* is a unique resource for equipping believers and introducing them to Presbyterian church practice.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or “bread from heaven,” to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord’s Supper, where it represents Christ’s body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God’s provision, Christ’s presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.

Favorite Recipes of Old

Recipes are chosen at random from the North Benton Church “Favorite Recipes” cookbook.

EASY POTATO CASSEROLE

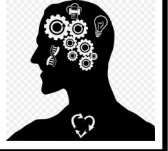
Carol Schiffler

1 large bag frozen hash browns
 1 can cream of potato soup
 2 cans cream of celery soup
 1 small carton sour cream
 1 onion, chopped (optional)
 salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together and bake at 300 degrees for 2 hours.
 Recipe may be mixed the day before baking and refrigerated.



Engage Your Mind

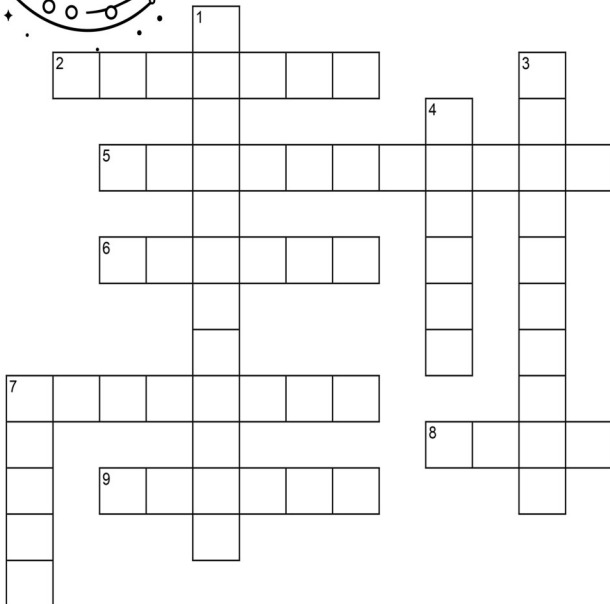


Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

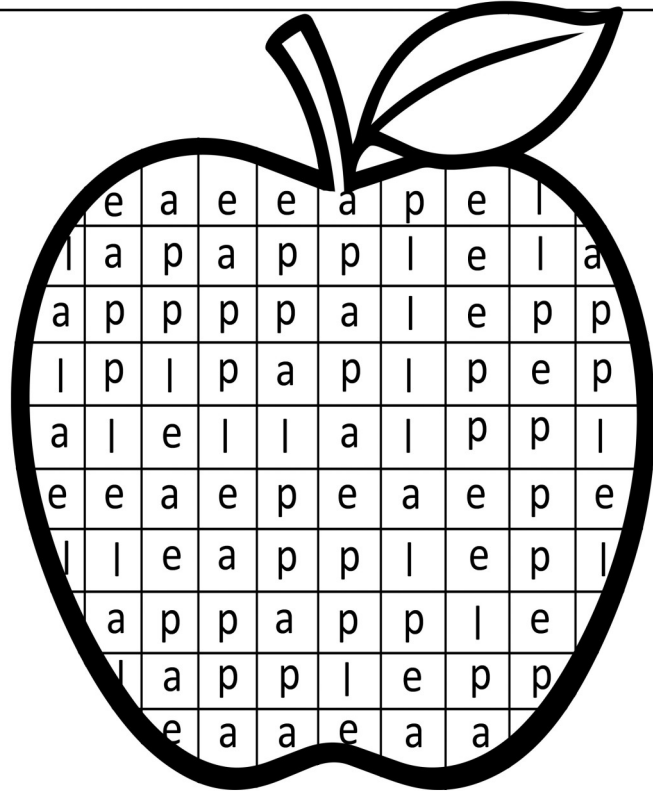
Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pure in heart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: mourn
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



**The faces of children are
proof enough of God.**

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Psalm 31	2 Psalm 32	3 Psalm 33	4 Psalm 34	5 Psalm 35
6 Birthday Sunday 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class 10:45 Deacon's Mtg Psalm 36	7 Psalm 37	8 Psalm 38	9 Psalm 39	10 7:30 Session Meeting Psalm 40	11 Psalm 41	12 Psalm 42
13 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class Psalm 43	14 Psalm 44	15 Psalm 45	16 Psalm 46	17 Psalm 47	18 Psalm 48	19 Psalm 49
20 Back to Church Sunday with Luncheon Teacher Appreciation Day 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class Psalm 50	21 Psalm 51	22 Psalm 52	23 Psalm 53	24 Psalm 54	25 Psalm 55	26 Psalm 56
27 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class Psalm 57	28 Psalm 58	29 Psalm 59	30 Psalm 60			



Please come to our Church Luncheon right after church service on September 20, 2026.

We will be serving hot dogs!

We are asking everyone who come to please bring a side dish and/or dessert.

There will be "FREE Popcorn!"

Church Service at 9:30 a.m.

With luncheon following service.

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

“A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord”

GATHERING TO GROW IN CHRIST

In Monterey Bay, California, a boat captain saw fifteen Pacific white-sided dolphins join a super pod of more than two thousand dolphins. Various types and ages of dolphins gather in pods to fend off predators, feed, and socialize. Still, the size and diversity of this super pod was a rare sight to behold.

The Bible records a rare gathering of diverse people that's foundational in our faith history. As the disciples celebrated Pentecost in Jerusalem, “a sound like the glowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting”(v.2). They were “filled with the Holy Spirit,” who enabled them to speak in different languages (v.4). People God created “from every nation under heaven” has also gathered for Pentecost (v.5). When

they investigated the loud noise, each person “heard their own language being spoken” by the disciples (v.6). Then Peter proclaimed Jesus as “both Lord and Messiah” (v.36). About three thousand believed and were baptized (v.41). As God's people lived in community like never before, He “added to their number daily those who were being saved” (v.47).

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God's people around the world still gather to grow in community and proclaim Jesus as Lord. Through us, He will continue expanding His kingdom.

- Xochitl Dixon

How are you gathering to grow with God's diverse people? How has God used people who are different from you to grow your faith and your church?

PRAYER

Dear God, please grow Your church as I gather to grow with others.

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