

NORTH BENTON CHURCH

NEWS



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Hello to all you Northbentonians,

September greetings to you all! It is nice that the heat of August seems to be cooling off a little as I write this.

As many of you know, our daughter blessed us with a son-in-law on August 2nd. It was a good wedding and it got them off to a great start. In the vows that the newly weds make to each other includes: "...in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live." All of those witnessing those vows prayerfully wish that there is a lot of "plenty, joy and health." We witnesses do however know that that would not be practical. That into their lives will be some want, some sorrow, and some sickness. Life is not all sunshine and roses. Into every life, some rain must fall. (If it was all sunshine, you would have a desert.) To know that no matter what happens, you will still be loved is one of the greatest things you can experience. It helps strengthen you and encourages you.

It is fitting then that the ultimate relationship we can have with another person is a wedding. Both the Old and New Testaments have many

descriptions of weddings and marriages as the glorious relationship we have and will have with Jesus. In Revelation 19:7, ***"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."*** Revelation 21: 2 is reminiscent of the glorious moment in a wedding ceremony when the bride appears: ***"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband."*** That gives all new meaning to what Jesus's last words to His disciples were: ***"...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:20b.

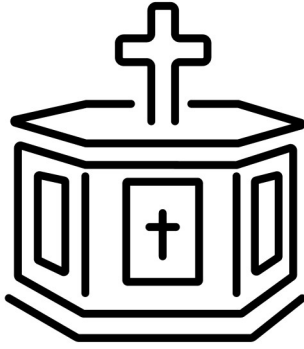
Knowing that, Fanny Crosby, despite being blind, could write over 9000 hymns, one of which sums up what I believe and I share with you now:

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, O what a foretaste and want of glory divine. That is true in "plenty an in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and health." For all eternity.

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Herb





These are the sermon titles, themes and scripture basis for September, 2025:

September 7, 2025. Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. It is amazing how people search the world for something that will bring them happiness. In the sermon "Philippian Joy: The Secret No More!" Paul shows us that it is the answer to life is in plain sight. Philippians 4: 10-13 is the basis for this sermon.

September 14, 2025. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. We conclude our sermos series on Philippians with the sermon: "Philippian Joy: Got Your Back!" Looking to Philippians 4: 19, we find one more great promise God provides us.

September 21, 2025. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. "You Were Created For This!" is the sermon for Back to Church Sunday. We will be basing this sermon on Genesis 1: 26-27, Colossians 3: 12-17 and Acts 2: 42-43. One of the great questions of our lives is "Why are we here?" Naturally the Bible has the answer. We will see the answer throughout the Bible and in these verses in particular.

September 28, 2025. Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. When a commander wants to get the troops going, they will shout "Charge!" In First Timothy 6: 11-19, Paul doesn't just tell Timothy to charge. He includes us also.

September 2025

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/1 Mark & Cindy Ruffier



9/4 Greyson Brandt

9/7 Jonathan Ruffier

Tom Skelding IV

9/9 Chuck & Jamie Pierce



9/11 Carolyn Stowe

Hayden Martin

9/13 Logan McLin

Ryleigh Kampfer

9/15 Margare Hilles

9/18 Stacy Skelding

9/20 Trenton (Gossiaux) Carver

Ashley Baldwin

9/27 Larry Witherspoon

9/23 Debbie Shields

9/30 Brittany Owens

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

July 2025

	Offering	Attendance
7/6/25	1669.50	29
7/13/25	1750.00	29
7/20/25	655.00	32
7/27/25	1858.50	43

DEACON GREETERS

September 2025

Jodi Weibush
Sandy Fleming

Coffee & Pastry

September 7, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



CONTINUED PRAYER

Nursing Home/Homebound

Dan Rowe

(Essex #1 Salem, Rm. # 210, Salem, OH 44460)

Ongoing Health Concerns

Denton Herron, Jim Hilles, Stan Jozwiakowski,
Sandy Jozwiakowski, Val Winters,

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

September 2025

**Stanley &
Sandy
Jozwiakowski**

MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

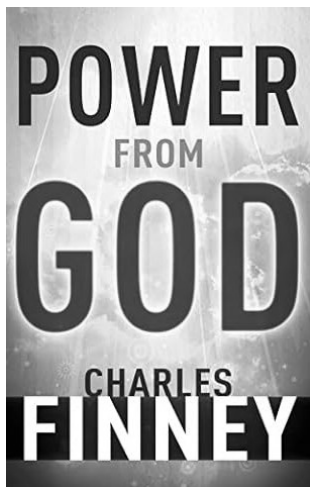
Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School

**Special Dates**

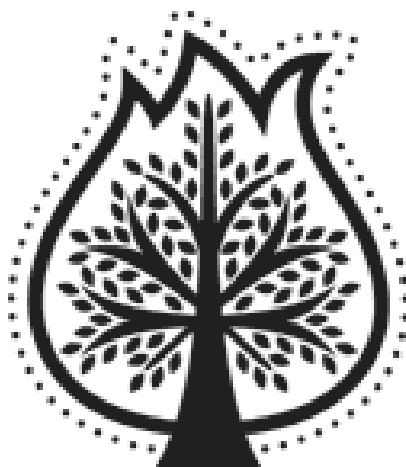
- Labor Day, *September 1, 2025*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 7, 2025*
 - Patriot Day, *September 11, 2025*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2025*

Book Review



Power from God by Charles Finney is a Christian spiritual growth book published by Whitaker House. The book highlights how God's power enables Christians to overcome their weaknesses and accomplish great things in the kingdom of God. Finney's life and ministry serve as an example of a Christian filled with power from on high. The book promises to help readers find the power to proclaim the gospel, teach God's word, understand God's truth, obey Christ, and live a holy life. Overall, Power from God is a powerful and inspiring book that encourages readers to open their hearts to God and receive a fresh anointing that will transform their lives and communities.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



BURNING BUSH — In Exodus 3, God speaks to Moses from a bush that is burning but not consumed. When Moses asks what he should say if the Egyptians questions who sent him to lead the Israelites out of slavery, God states, "I AM WHO I AM." Centuries later, when people wonder who Jesus is, his answers hint at his divinity: "I AM the light of the world; I AM the good shepherd; I AM the bread of life" and, perhaps most profoundly, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58). On Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles as fire. Thus the burning bush is a powerful symbol of God's presence echoed through time.



Favorite Recipes of Old

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

Zucchini Bread

(June Peterson)

2 cups sugar
3 eggs

Mix sugar and eggs then add:

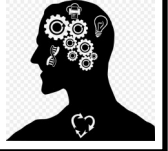
3 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
2 cups grated zucchini
1 cup oil
2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix all together and add 2 cups grated zucchini, mixing well. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.



Engage Your Mind



Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

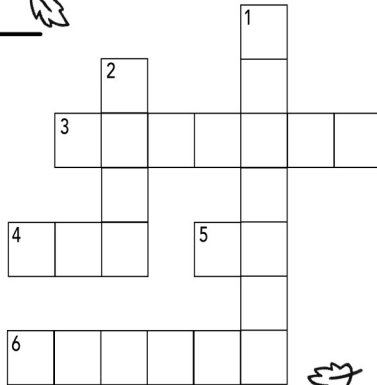
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST, YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

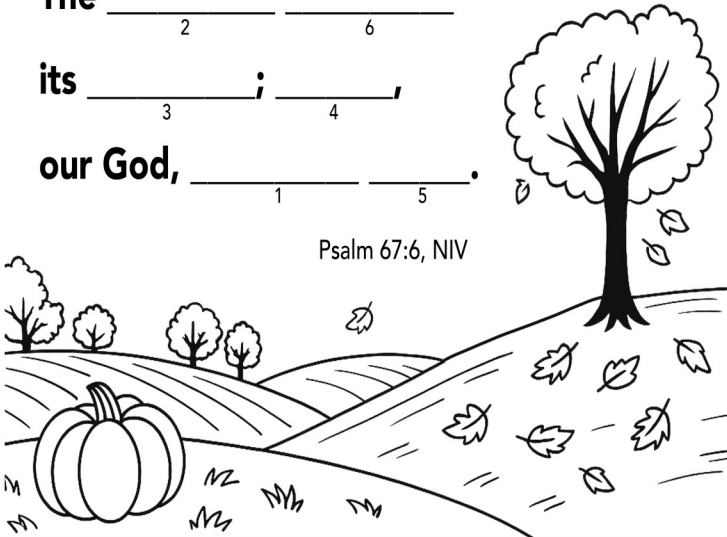
DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____
 its _____;
 our God, _____.

Psalm 67:6, NIV

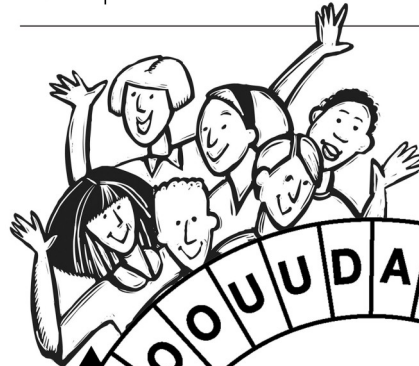


Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV

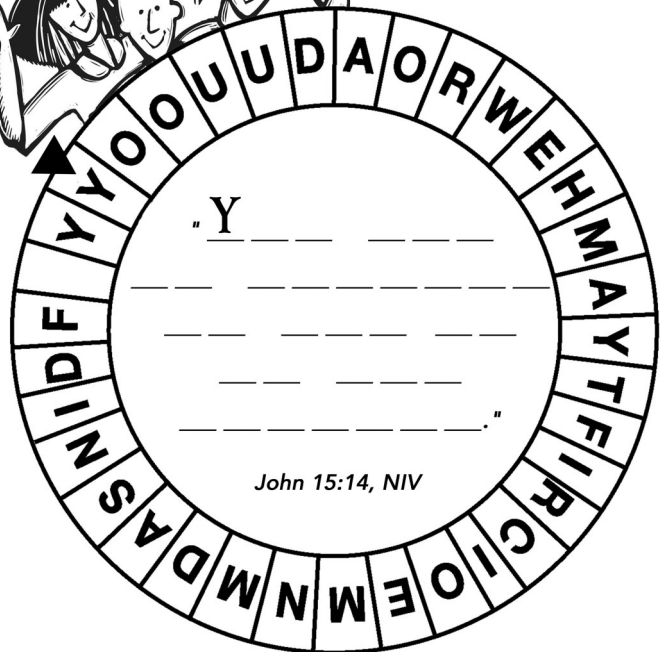


WHO WERE JESUS' FRIENDS?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends. Whom did Jesus consider his friends?



Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below.



John 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV

Little Quotes, Big Truths

"The ultimate aim of the human mind, in all its efforts, is to become acquainted with Truth."

—Eliza Farmham

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

HOPE
IS HERE!

JOIN US!

North Benton Presbyterian Church

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025

Followed by hot dogs
and sides provided by

Christian Ed.

Please bring a dessert



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 6:00 Ruruitans	5	6
7 Birthday Sunday Pastry & Coffee 9:30 Worship 10:30 Deacon's Meeting 10:45 Searcher's Class	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day 7:30 Session Meeting	12	13
14 9:30 Worship 10:45 Searcher's Class	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Back to Church Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:45 Searcher's Class Luncheon	22 1st day of Autmn	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship 10:45 Searcher's Class	29	30				

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

"A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord"

WISHING FOR JOY

In her blog post "Regrets of the Dying," Bronnie Ware outlines regrets she heard as a nurse caring for the terminally ill. Among them were "I wish I hadn't worked so hard" and "I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends." Perhaps most intriguing: "I wish that I had let myself be happier."

"Facing our own inevitable death is a fabulous tool for joy-filled living," Ware writes. That's sound advice, but what is the source of such joy? Where do we find ultimate meaning?

As a young man, John the disciple held a distorted view of life's purpose. He and his brother asked Jesus, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory" (Mark 10:37). Their request only sparked dissension among the disciples (V. 41).

Decades later John held a drastically different view - one of love and community in Jesus. John saw Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as foundational to everything.

"We proclaim to you the eternal life," he wrote (1 John 1:2). John told us about Jesus so that "you also may have fellowship with us" (V.3). Then he added, "Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete" (VV. 3-4).

Life can bring regrets. Jesus invites us to exchange them for the complete joy only He can give.

-Tim Gustafson

**What regrets do you have?
What's keeping you from
letting Jesus make your joy
complete?**

***Heavenly Father, I regret
_____. Please
step into this pain in my
life. I need the joy that
comes from being united
with you.***

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