



# THE GOOD NEWS

October 2010

## The Word

**October 3**

*"Increase our Faith!"*

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

**October 10**

*"Going Way, Way Back"*

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

**October 17**

*"Backsliding"*

Luke 18:9-14

**October 24**

*"Back to the Future"*

Luke 18:9-14

**October 31**

*"A Gold Leaf Life"*

Luke 6:20-31

Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

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### PUMPKIN POWER?!

*"Give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38)*

Hello friends,

It's fall around here and the signs of the season are everywhere, from the golden fields and the turning leaves, to the shiny red apples, and, of course, the bright orange pumpkins. God has blessed our land with an abundant harvest-in-the-making. Praise him!

It all reminds me of our "pumpkin experience" while serving another church. Teresa and I were novices to gardening and when the trustees dug up a patch in the backyard, we planted with relish. I carefully mounded the pumpkin hills but disregarded the seed packet instructions calling for two or three seeds to the hill. "More is better", was my philosophy, so I put about a dozen seeds in each one. Get the picture? We got a harvest, all right, for by mid-summer the pumpkins had taken over the beans, corn, tomatoes and even the zucchini plants. By late September the garden was ablaze in pumpkins of all sizes and shapes. People would stop and just stare at the sight. We truly did receive more than "a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over," but I do wish I'd read the instructions first.

So too are we blessed in the church each autumn. This year's calendar is full to overflowing. Beginning with worship and praise on Sunday mornings and moving onward to evening study and fellowship activities, from the UMW Soup sales to the planning committee's putting final touches on our upcoming Advent programs, from the chatter of 200 preschoolers filling the building to the building up of our 2011 Stewardship Campaign, we are a church seeking to flow *to the beat of God's Spirit*. Our prayer is that each activity and every worship moment will contribute to a "harvest" of ministries in the fields of the Lord.

Real servanthood is no "one stop easy does it" act. It's hard work, *and*, it's always better to "read the directions" that come along with serving. Back to the basics: Jesus calls us, in this season and in every other, to deny ourselves, pick up a cross and follow him. There are no short-cuts and he gives the marching orders. His Word is a light unto our feet, and we are lost without Him. So let us keep our eyes upon Jesus this autumn as we move toward Thanksgiving and Advent and His coming among us once again as Immanuel (God with us). In so doing the harvest we reap will be pleasing in his sight, not because of the number of pumpkins we field but by the souls we nurture in His name.

In autumn and always, praise Him!

*In His peace, and "pumpkin ready", --Pastor Jake*

**BACK** to the **BASICS**

Bible - Belief - Benevolence

## 2010 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:  
\$ 355,036.50  
Needed to date:  
\$ 358,190.13  
\$1 Club to date:  
\$ 3139.00  
September missions:  
\$ 989.50

## October Mission Prayer Focus

Kissy Eye Clinic  
Heifer International  
Salvation Army  
World Communion Offering

## Prayer Corner

**The Farmers** as they continue harvesting this month.

**The Confirmands** and particularly the 8th graders and their mentors and their trip to the synagogue on Oct. 22.

## SHARE Food Distribution

October orders are due **October 8**. Call or stop by the Salvation Army (9:30am - 3:00 pm) or the Paul Phillippe Resource Center (noon - 4:00pm) to place your order. A **Classic unit** includes 3 frozen meats, a minimum of 6 fresh produce items, and one bonus item for \$17. A **Deluxe unit** includes 5 frozen meats, a minimum of 9 fresh produce items, and one bonus item. A **Fruit and Veggie unit** includes a minimum of 9 fresh produce items for \$13. Extra value packs are available. Information about the extra value packs was not available at this time. That information will be posted on the bulletin board next to the church office as it becomes available.

Extra Value Pak A - \$20 Seafood Box - crab cakes, shrimp, 2 types of tilapia

Extra Value Pak B - \$12 Beef Fahita Box - makes 24 fahitas

Extra Value Pack C - \$22 Supper Time Entrees - Southern Fried Chicken, Chicken Cacciatore, Lasanga, Manicotti, Ravioli, Beef Stronganoff, Turkey breast, Grilled Chicken

**\*\*Pick-up is Sat., October 23 at 9:30a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church \*\***



## Adult Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

Participate with the eleven person Henderson Settlement Work Team (October 24-30) through prayer and by furnishing materials for our construction projects by placing your gift in a Missions envelope marked Adult Work Team (AWT) in the offering plate or in one of the paint cans placed around the church or drop it off at the church office by no later than October 10. **It must be marked AWT to be designated.**

## October Mission Projects

**Kissy Eye Clinic** - A service of a larger medical facility in Freetown, Sierra Leone, that provides basic care for acute eye infections and diseases. Funds provide eye medicines, supplies, equipment and services.

**Heifer International** is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help end world hunger and poverty through self-reliance & sustainability. With gifts of live-stock and training, they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.

**The Salvation Army** offers nutritious food to low- or no- income families as well as giving some rent and utility assistance. The St. Matthew congregation sends food and money.

**World Communion Offering** - Provides scholarships for international and US racial- and ethnic-minority graduate and undergraduate students and Ethnic In-Service Training Program scholarships for persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

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The November newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, October 27, 2010 .

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Carla Keafer, Editor

## From Our Family

### Prayer Concerns

Harold Banks  
Andy Ehrmann  
Sam Altman  
Louise Cripe  
Rick Stevens  
Ed Northrup  
Jeanne Grove  
Robert Burrows  
Justin Parker  
Rosa Martinez  
Mike Druley  
Elizabeth Nickles  
Jeanne Grove  
Joan Strain

### Persons in the Military

Bill Taggart  
Andrew Stewart  
Kris Kennedy  
Michael Kennedy  
Josh Laughner  
Loren Crone

### Birthdays

Thelma Baldwin  
Oct. 10  
  
Marian Lungren  
Oct. 21

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

To my church family,

Thanks so much to Marie Berry and Nell Everitt and members of St. Matthew for the flowers delivered by them for my 90th birthday on Sept. 1.

*Howard "Buzzy" Hoehn*

Thank you for your prayers and the beautiful fresh-cut flowers. Your thoughtfulness is so greatly appreciated.

*Lori Albaugh*

Dear Missions Committee and St. Matthew:

Habitat is very grateful for your timely donation to our affiliate and your designation of it toward Phase Two of our work in North Meadows.

Your \$2000 donation will be matched by the community foundation. With your grant we have now surpassed 50% of the \$17,500 need to fully fund the grant. The work has begun on the street extension which will allow us to build fire additional homes in North Meadows.

We also want to thank those individuals in our congregation and the community for their support.

*Steve Mullen*

*President, Board of Directors -  
Habitat for Humanity - Clinton Co*

The Trustees would like to thank all the people who volunteered to mow the church lawn this summer. Thanks for helping keep our lawn in great shape.

90th Birthday party for  
*Thelma Baldwin*  
Sun. Oct. 17 1-3pm at St. Matthew  
Please come and celebrate with her!

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed our Rally Day Picnic. We want to thank the following people for their help and support: Preschool teachers for the desserts, Mary Kay Baker for the baked beans, Bob Pearson for the macaroni and cheese, Education committee for the condiments, Missions for the chips, Evangelism for the drinks, Libby Smith for the coney sauce, Paul Whitaker and helpers for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, and the Church Wide Fellowship committee for the hot dogs, buns, and paper goods, and their work.

Summer donuts were possible due to Linda Mongonia, Vicki Griggs, Jan Mullen, Cathe Kas, Rhonda Hundley, Laurie Kimball, Ella Nickles, Janeen Burrows and Sherry Pritchett. Thank you ladies for making sure that the donuts were ready to serve each Sunday morning during the summer.

Thank you goes to Mary Jo Giesler, Rhonda Hundley, Bernadette and Catherine Frey, Cheri Carlson, Ella Nickles, Vickie Griggs, Helen Rayles, Jane Carter, Elaine Schoonveld, Jill Strange and Brenda Buckingham Ehrmann for being a wonderful servants in teaching Elementary Summer Sunday school. Summer Sunday school was possible because of these ladies!! God Bless!!!

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible retreat was possible due to the leadership of Libbi Smith and Jerry and Sherrie Troyer family. Thank you for making this retreat a "fun" retreat as we learned how to use our Bible.

Preschool staff would like to thank Cindy, Rick and Phil for always being there for us with a helpful hand. Hats off to our custodians!!!

## Children and Youth Sunday School

Pre-K - Kindergarten:

Room 10

1st & 2nd grades:

Room 6

3rd & 4th grades:

Rooms 8/11

5th & 6th grades:

Room 7

## Adult Sunday School

Seekers:

Room 4

Faith 101:

Room 28

Samplers:

Room 26

Sojourners:

Room 16 (Parlor)

Rainbow:

Room 27

D.R.O.P. Ins

Library

## Other Classes

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study  
2:00pm every week

W.O.W. (Worship on  
Wednesdays)

6:30pm every week

Sunday:

Ekklesia: The Unstop-  
pable Movement of God  
6:00-7:30pm  
(24-week study)

## Elementary

**BACK** to the **BASICS**

Our children are getting "Back to the Basics" during our Sunday school time. In addition of their Sunday school curriculum, the teachers will be putting extra emphasis how to be more like God, how to use their Bible, memorizing books of the Bible, learning the different symbols and colors of the church seasons, reciting and memorizing the Apostle Creed, the Lord's Prayer and how to pray. Make Sunday school a ritual of attending for you and your family so that we can all get **Back to the Basics** of God's word and his love.

Here is a sample of what the 3rd & 4th graders will memorize for October:

October 3: 1 Samuel 16:7b

October 10: Psalm 150: 3

October 17: Proverbs 17:17

October 24: 2 Samuel 7:28

October 31: 1 Kings 3:9



Candy is needed for our "Hall of Treats" (formerly known as Trunk-n-Treat). Donations may be dropped off in the church office or Room 4 no later than Oct. 21. All candy needs to be individually wrapped – we are planning for 300 guest.

## Youth

**Jr & Sr. High UMYF**

Oct. 3 & 10 - regular meetings from 5:30-7:30pm

Oct. 17 - Camp Cullom 5-7:30pm

Oct. 24 - Help with Trunk-n-Treat 6-7pm, games from 7:15-8:30pm

Oct. 31 - No meeting

Mentors for the 8th grade **Confirmation Class** were revealed on Sept. 26. One of their first outings together will be to a synagogue on Oct. 22. Please pray for all of our confirmands and their mentors.

## Adult

Adult classes are open to new members year-round. If you're not sure

**Adult Sunday School: 10:00am**

Faith 101 (Room 28) - Book of Acts

Sojourners (Parlor) - Revelation: The End of Time

Samplers (Room 26) - When You're a Christian, the Whole World Is from Missouri

D.R.O.P. Ins (Library) - Devotions and prayer

Seekers (Room 4) - Jesus the One and Only

Rainbow (Room 27) - Lessons for adults with special needs

**Wednesdays at 2pm:**

Women's Bible Study (Room 26) - Miracles

# Events

## Meetings in September

- Oct. 4:  
7:00pm Finance
- Oct. 5:  
7:00pm Ad Council
- Oct. 11:  
7:00pm Trustees
- Oct. 12:  
5:30pm Churchwide Fellowship  
6:30pm Drama Team  
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- Oct. 18:  
6:00pm Missions  
7:00pm Worship
- Oct. 19:  
7:00pm Nominating
- Oct. 20:  
5:00pm Endowment
- Oct. 25:  
7:00pm McTeam
- Oct. 26:  
2:00pm UMW Exec  
6:30pm Education  
7:00pm Facilities Needs

## Due Dates

- Servant Ministry forms are due Oct. 3
- Pledge forms are due Oct. 24
- Facilities Needs Survey is due Oct. 24

**Make plans to participate in:**

**Hall of Treats**   
(formerly Trunk-n-Treat)  
Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.  
In the St. Matthew Church hallways

And help us offer a safe alternative to Halloween.

*Chairs will be placed in front of classroom doors. You may decorate your area if you wish or come in costume. Plan for 300 treats!*

Children will parade around the hallway from 6-7 p.m. and finish in the fellowship hall for free food and music!

*Sign up outside of Room 5 to reserve your chair or see Mary Kay Baker*

Candy Donations needed—individually wrapped—  
Drop off in Room 5



## UMW Fall Fundraiser

Sun. Oct. 17 8am-noon

Please help the UMW raise funds to help missions locally, nationally, and internationally. They will be selling homemade noodles, baked goods, used books, miscellaneous items, and of course, their famous soup!

Soups available: Chicken noodle, cheesy potato, and Italian vegetable. Cost: \$6/quart. Soup must be pre-ordered. Forms are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and church office.

## Lay Speaker School

**Sat., November 6 8am-3:30pm**  
**St. Mark's UMC Carmel, IN**  
**Cost: \$20**

Classes for Basic A and Basic B plus  
Advanced courses

To register and/or see course offerings, go to [www.indymetro.org](http://www.indymetro.org). Go to the bottom of the page and click on the bar for Lay Speakers School.

Questions you have may be directed to  
Christin Nevins at 317-924-4140

## Fall Harvest Party

**Join Us At Camp Cullom**  
**Sunday, Oct. 17 5-7:00 p.m.**  
**Hayrides and campfire**

### What to bring:

**A kettle of your favorite soup to share and your favorite dessert.**

**Paper products, hotdogs & drinks provided!!!**

**Bring friends & your family for a fun filled evening!!**



## Emmanuel, God with Us

It's never too early to plan for Christmas! The Chancel Choir will be presenting a musical on December 12 and would love for **You** to join them!

Wednesday rehearsals will begin Oct. 6 from 7:15pm to 7:45pm.

Weekend rehearsals will be:

Sat., October 2 from 9-11am

Sat., October 23 from 9-11am

Sun., November 14 from 3:30-5:30pm

Sun., December 5 from 3:30-5:30pm

## Christmas Eve Auditions

### "Stable Mouse's Gift"

Children are invited to try-out for parts in a short play to be presented on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. service. **Auditions will be held Sat., October 16 at 9:00 a.m.** More information will be available at a later date.

## College Student Addresses:

Please continue to send in addresses for your students. The church likes to send special mailings to them and we'd hate to see anyone left out!

## Events

### Membership

A new membership class will be starting in October. The dates are: Oct. 10, 17, 24 with reception of new members on Oct. 31.

If you are interested in joining or in learning more about the church, please contact Pastor Jake or the church office.

### Preschool Staff

Administrator:  
Mary Kay Baker

Linda Anno  
Jane Carter  
Jacki Crum  
Kim Ferrel  
Deedie Herndon  
Sherri Howard  
Rhonda Hundley  
Janet Mennen  
Jannine Rule

### Kids'N Music 11:30am-Noon



Join this weekly class for Toddlers, ages 3 and under, with a participating parent or caregiver. Children learn about sharing, movement to music, counting, colors, and directions all while listening to music.

We sit on mats, sing, dance, enjoy “tea parties,” move around with colorful scarves, play with a big parachute, beat drums, roll balls, etc. all to live music.

Fee: \$25/5 week session or \$5/session. Walk-ins welcome.

Contact Barbara Strong at 765-242-7477 for more information.

### Facilities Need Survey

Surveys were mailed to the congregation at the end of September. The congregation is being asked to give its opinion of the “state of the church” as far as our facilities and grounds are concerned. If you did not receive one in the mail, please stop by the table outside the church office to pick up a form. You and your family are also welcome to fill out separate forms.

### Preschool School

This year our preschool has incorporated into their day a children’s worship time. During this time a story and scripture is read and songs. Children all pray together too. We have teamed up with the Frankfort Literacy program and they have graciously agreed to come weekly and read to our children. September the preschool children’s monthly devotion was Friends and How to be more like Jesus. If you would like to come and read to the preschool children – see Mary Kay and she will be delighted to add you to their preschool children’s worship schedule.

## Fitness and Me

What a better way to exercise but with others! Join us here at St. Matthew in the fellowship hall on Tuesday and Thursday’s from 10:30am-11:30am.

Jennifer Schilling will instruct a variety of exercising through strength and cardi and yoga-laties all for a monthly fee of \$40 or a drop-in fee of \$5 per class payable to Jennifer. Classes will meet on days when pre-school is in session.



*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.*  
3 John 1:2



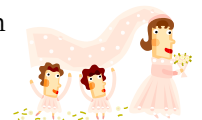
### Building Bridges Counseling Services

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. and DeAnne Kinsey offer many counseling services. Brochures are available on table by church office.

### Clinton House Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to interact with the residents in the Memory Care Unit at Clinton House which is located on Freeman Ave. Residents like to be read to, play games, or just talk. If you have an open spot in your schedule, please consider volunteering. Call Vicki Wolf at 654-8783

Jessica Russell and Justin Stearns will be married at St. Matthew on Sat., Nov. 6 at 3:30pm. Jessica would like to invite all of her St. Matthew family to attend the wedding and the reception. If you plan to attend the reception, please send your RSVP to Bob Pearson (659-3885) no later than Oct. 8.



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**Our Vision**

*Make Disciples of Jesus  
Christ*

**Our Mission**

*Worship God and  
Experience God's Love  
Invite Others to Faith in  
Christ  
Grow in the Likeness of  
Christ  
Love and Care for  
Others  
Go Forth to Serve,  
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

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**Worship Opportunities**

**Sunday Morning**

8 a.m. Courtyard Service  
(June-August)

8:45 a.m. Traditional  
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship

**Wee Worship**

For children 3yrs-1st grade  
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

**Worship on Wednesday**  
**(W.O.W.)**

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age  
3 for all worship services



**Sunday, Oct. 3 World Communion Sunday**  
**Volunteer surveys due**

**Sunday, Oct. 10 New Member class begins**

**Sunday, Oct. 17 Camp Cullom**  
**All-Church Outing**  
**5:00-7:30p.m.**

**Sunday, Oct. 24 Faith Promise/Pledge cards due**  
**Hall of Treats 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Charge Conference in Lebanon 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Oct. 31 All Saints Sunday**

