



Tidings

September 2025



Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren is to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ and glorify the Lord by striving to live as Christ lived experiencing the power of God's healing in our lives. We seek to nurture our faith community through prayer, music and the proclaimed Word, while enthusiastically reaching out to others with compassion, respect and love for everyone so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.

VISION STATEMENT

*The Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, A Living Peace Church: A caring community gathered round the Risen Christ that
...Welcomes the stranger
...Empowers our neighbors
...Embraces the diversity among all people as we continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.*

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Sunday School 9:30 AM
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Greetings everyone! I am excited to update you of our progress on the process of calling a new Pastor to HCOB. Many thanks to Julie Herman for inviting our Mid-Atlantic District Executive, Doug Veal to attend our Leadership Team meeting on July 29, 2025, to explain the steps involved in the process of calling a new Pastor. Julie then called a special Leadership Team meeting on July 31, 2025, to arrive at a consensus of members to contact to serve on the Search Committee. Julie and I split the list – she contacted the women and I contacted the men on the list. The results were absolutely amazing! Three short days later we had a Search Committee consisting of nine people (it only took the third day because we were unable to contact one of the members who was away on vacation). Those answering the call to serve on the Search Committee are: Ed Beachley, Vince Bourdeau, Amy Clipp, Jack Finniff, Nicole Forsythe, Heather Kees, Roberta Maas, Ed Plank and Eileen Smith. I am thankful and greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm and willingness to serve on the part of these nine people. We are all truly blessed to have them representing us!

The first meeting of the new Search Committee is scheduled for September 9, 2025. Doug Veal will attend. Their first task will be to complete a profile for the church, which, as Julie explained in the July Tidings, is essentially a comprehensive resume for the church – describing the make-up of our congregation, the programs and services we provide, our resources and financial picture and what we are looking for in a pastor. All of this progress has transpired under Julie's leadership prior to my assuming the role of Leadership Team Chair after the re-organization meeting on August 26, 2025.

Once the church profile is completed it will be distributed to all the Districts in the Church of the Brethren. Interested Pastors complete their own profiles (resumes). Profiles of Pastors who might be a “fit” are referred to the Search Committee for review by the District Executive. The Search Committee will select from the prospective Pastors those who they wish to interview, either in person or via zoom. If the interview goes well, a prospective Pastor may be invited to a “meet and greet” on a Saturday evening, a trial sermon on Sunday morning and followed by a vote by members of the congregation on the pastor and the financial package.

I am convinced that GOD has chosen a Pastor that he wants to carry on the ministry of HCOB. I pray that we have the patience to wait for GOD to reveal that Pastor to us. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the members of the search committee as they begin this task for which they have been chosen. Please respect the fact that it is crucial that prospective Pastors, information and actions of the Search Committee must remain confidential.

Looking forward with anticipation to what GOD has planned for us,
John Miller
Leadership Team Chair

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NRSVUE):

“For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD, “plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,”

✝
**PRAY WAIT
TRUST**
God has a plan

Sundays in September

Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Scripture	Greeter	Special
09/07/2025	Twyla Rowe	Larry Wisherd	"Finding the Potter's House"	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Janet Goller	Fellowship Time/Food Pantry/Special CBM
09/14/2025	Twyla Rowe	Chris Stockslager	"The Lost Sheep"	Luke 15:1-10	Jan Young	Junior Church/Parish Nurse
09/21/2025	Twyla Rowe	Kathy Kelsey	"Managing What God Gives Us"	Luke 16:1-13	Tina Mills	
09/28/2025 No Early Service	Twyla Rowe	Chris Herman	"No Regrets"	Luke 16:19-31	Amy Hardy	Sunday School Orchestra/ Junior Church

Both services follow same sermon & text. All information subject to change without notice.



MUSIC PROGRAM

Music rehearsals will begin on September 4th with Praise Band at 5:30, Brethren Bells at 6:30 and Temple Choir at 7:30. If you're thinking about joining, or have a musical gift to share, this would be a great time to get started! See Burt with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE

Our Fall Love Feast will be held on Sunday, October 5th during both services.

Check out the church calendar at www.hagerstowncob.org
Click the calendar tab!

Widows/Widowers Luncheon

You are invited to attend a luncheon for the Widows/Widowers at Hagerstown COB. The luncheon will take place on **Thursday, September 18, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall at 12PM.** We ask ALL that attend to bring a pot luck dish to share. We will provide paper goods and drinks. We will have a great time together. A sign up sheet will be placed in the west entrance for everyone to *please* sign up so we can get a head count. If you have questions, please contact, Robin Davies, Ann Platou, Suzie Wolfe, or Mary Means.



Fellowship Time

September 7, 2025
10:20—10:40 am
Mullendore Room



The Service & Outreach Team will once again be having our large community event—**Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat**—on Saturday, October 18th from 1 to 4 pm. We need many helpers.

We will have bingo, children's games, and crafts for the children. We will have hotdogs, baked beans, chips, popcorn, water, snow cones, and cotton candy. There will be a cake walk. We will have a costume parade for the kids and of course, Trunk or Treat. Do you love to meet new people and share the good news about our Lord and Savior? Here's your opportunity. We also need adult and children's prizes for bingo. If you have any appropriate items, you no longer use, please donate them for this event. We also need cakes for the cake walk, and cookies and candy. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat, let us know. There are sign-up sheets available in the west entrance. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Service & Outreach Team.



Our fall session of GriefShare will begin on **Wednesday, September 17, and continue each Wednesday evening through December 17, from 6:30—8:30 in the Mullendore Room.** There will be no class on November

26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. You may join at any time during the 13 weeks, but we ask that you commit to attending at least 3 consecutive weeks. Cost is free, but we gladly will accept a \$10 donation towards materials.

The grief journey after losing a loved one is very painful, difficult, and lonely. Since everyone grieves differently, there is no magic endpoint to the grieving process. Fortunately, HCOB offers GriefShare, an international, faith-based 13-week seminar offering support after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend, no matter how recent. The GriefShare ministry team provides a safe, welcoming space where people understand the heavy emotions of grief. As a participant, you will receive valuable tools to help you navigate your personal path, as well as gain support from others also in their grief journeys. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please share this information with them and consider attending. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you.

Register at www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions about the program, see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

*We also will offer two special 2-hr evening seminars:

1. *Loss of a Spouse*—Wednesday, August 13, 6:30—8:30 pm (*already passed*)
2. *Surviving the Holidays*—Monday, November 3, 6:30—8:30 pm



**CENTERED
ON CHRIST**

**2025 Mid-Atlantic District
Conference**

October 10 & 11

**Union Bridge Church of the
Brethren**



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www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob



The theme for this year's conference theme was "Faith Working Through Love". Every Business meeting started with singing worship songs. Between the debates and the votes, we were able to see updates on different ministries. We also were shown a video that took Church of the Brethren history and set it to the tune of "We didn't Start the Fire". I always enjoy the "table talks" and being able to speak with people from across the denomination and listen to viewpoints.

The nightly worship sermons were all very motivating. The most interesting one was the "cowbell sermon". Different speakers each had 10 minutes to preach on a theme. When their time was up, a cowbell rang, and the next speaker took their turn. We also had great music. I was able to go to the concert that was given one night by a men's choir from the area.

I enjoyed being able to meet up with old friends and make new ones. I did not bid on anything at the silent auction this year, but there were a lot of interesting things that were donated. I did get to replace the sweatshirt I bought last year at the Brethren Press's store.

- Virginia Nalley

FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE

"What is important is faith expressing itself in love." Galatians 5:6b

During Annual Conference, speakers reflected on the ways faith motivates tangible acts of service and kindness. Workshops highlighted stories of transformation—where a simple act of help or a patient listening ear became a spark for hope in someone's life. Attendees were invited to consider how everyday gestures, grounded in faith, could ripple outward, building stronger relationships both within the church and in the wider community. This spirit of active love was woven into worship, discussion, and fellowship, reminding all present that faith comes alive when it reaches beyond words into meaningful action.

New Business 5 Query: Concerns about Current Practices Related to Matters of Sexuality. The delegates discussed this query. Many delegates shared their views before a motion was made to proceed. The Standing Committee ruled that resolving the query needed a simple majority vote. This passed with over 2/3 of the delegates voting yes.

Following the vote, the conference moved forward with renewed energy, recognizing the importance of open dialogue and collective decision-making in shaping its future. Delegates acknowledged the significance of fostering respectful conversation, even on topics where opinions diverge. The outcome underscored the value of every participant's voice and the role of faith in guiding these discussions. As the meeting concluded, members expressed a shared hope that the theme of "Faith Working Through Love" would continue to inspire thoughtful engagement and compassionate action throughout the coming year.

-Kathy Kelsey



JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will be held the second & fourth Sunday of each month. This is open to ages Kindergarten through Grade 6.

We will gather in the Rainbow Room (#205) or the Children's Sunday School Room (Room #203) for a special time together.

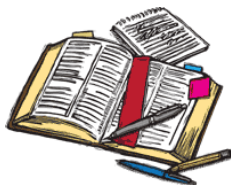
Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going, or parents may accompany them.

Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance.

Christian Education Ministry Team



Daily Bible Reading



SEPTEMBER

- ◇ 1 Ezekiel 16-17
- ◇ 2 Ezekiel 18-20
- ◇ 3 Ezekiel 21-22
- ◇ 4 Ezekiel 23-24
- ◇ 5 Ezekiel 25-27
- ◇ 6 Ezekiel 28-30
- ◇ 7 Ezekiel 31-33
- ◇ 8 Ezekiel 34-36
- ◇ 9 Ezekiel 37-39
- ◇ 10 Ezekiel 40-42
- ◇ 11 Ezekiel 43-45
- ◇ 12 Ezekiel 46-48
- ◇ 13 Joel
- ◇ 14 Daniel 1-3
- ◇ 15 Daniel 4-6
- ◇ 16 Daniel 7-9
- ◇ 17 Daniel 10-12
- ◇ 18 Ezra 1-3
- ◇ 19 Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137
- ◇ 20 Haggai
- ◇ 21 Zechariah 1-4
- ◇ 22 Zechariah 5-9
- ◇ 23 Zechariah 10-14
- ◇ 24 Esther 1-5
- ◇ 25 Esther 6-10
- ◇ 26 Ezra 7-10
- ◇ 27 Nehemiah 1-5
- ◇ 28 Nehemiah 6-7
- ◇ 29 Nehemiah 8-10
- ◇ 30 Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126



Community Breakfast

Our Community Breakfast will be held

Saturday, September 13th
9:00—10:30 am

Our Community Breakfast is held the
second Saturday of each month.



The first Sunday of every month is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring in your gift(s) of non-perishable food items, place them on the cart as you enter the west entrance, and a volunteer delivers the food.

We thank everyone for their continued support of this ministry to our community!

Just a reminder - all items should be either dry, boxed, or in cans. Please do not bring in anything in a glass jar that could break and injure a recipient or our volunteers.

Cash for Causes/ Martin's Gift Card Program

Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution.

To purchase a card, please contact Larry Kees, Jr. (301-331-0107). If you can't pick them up on a Sunday, we can make arrangements to leave cards in a church mailbox or snail mail them to you.

Home Communion & Anointing

Persons desiring a pastoral visit, home communion, spiritual direction, or a service of anointing, are invited to call the church office at 301-733-3565.

Anointing with oil for the healing of body, mind or spirit is offered upon request. Please contact the pastor to receive this ministry of healing and faith commitment.

Intercessory Prayer is an important ministry of our congregation. If you have a prayer request, contact Judy Dahlhamer at 301-797-1326.



Washington Goes Purple
Prevent Addiction.
Eliminate Stigma.

September is National Recovery Month. HCOB supports the efforts of Washington Goes Purple—a substance abuse educational movement to engage our community in preventing addiction and eliminating the stigma of seeking help. Our neighbors struggling with substance use and mental health issues need our prayers and support.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Jenny Ferguson is collecting used or new children's books for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The children love to receive a book along with their new bed. There will be a box set up under the table in the west entrance, marked for the children's books. You will make the children so happy!

September 2025 Schedule

Please check the weekly bulletin and the online calendar for changes as they happen. Our schedule is subject to rapid changes.

Monday, September 1

Church office closed
Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 pm Worship Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, September 3

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Mullendore Room

Thursday, September 4

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 5

8:00 am Bulletin prep/church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, September 6

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, September 7

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:20 am Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live

12:00 pm Special Congregational Business Meeting/
Sanctuary

Monday, September 8

Church office closed

Tuesday, September 9

6:30 pm Search Committee Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, September 10

Administrative Assistant/Work from Home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, September 11

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 12

8:00 am Bulletin prep/church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, September 13

Pastor Twyla's day off

8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall
(Doors open to the public at 9AM)

Sunday, September 14

Junior Church

8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live

3:00 pm Dunker Church Service/Antietam National
Battlefield

Monday, September 15

Church office closed

12:00 pm Newsletter deadline

5:30 pm P&F Meeting/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, September 16

8:00 am Kramer's Piano Tuning/Fellowship Hall &
Sanctuary

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Altruistic Room or
Mullendore Room

5:30 pm Service&Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room

6:30 pm Christian Ed. Meeting/Room 302

Wednesday, September 17

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Thursday, September 18

12:00 pm Widow/Widower Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 19

8:00 am Bulletin prep/church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, September 20

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, September 21

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Monday, September 22

Church office closed

Wednesday, September 24

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

Grange Meeting/Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin
announcement submissions

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Thursday, September 25

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 26

8:00 am Bulletin prep/church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, September 27

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, September 28

Junior Church/NO EARLY SERVICE

9:00 am Sunday School Orchestra/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live

Monday, September 29

Admin. Assistant Vacation

Church office closed

Tuesday, September 30

Admin. Assistant Vacation

6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting/Mullendore Room



Fall begins
September 22nd



The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation
September 29th through October 3rd.



Tri-State Hope Builders—Mission Trip 2025

No doubt over the past couple of years, you have heard mention of the words “Mission Trip”. We would like to take a moment to explain in a little more detail exactly what that means to some of us and what it means when we ask for prayers from the congregation when we leave for one.

Last year, The Fergusons (John and Jenny) and the Wrights (Gary and Sue) served in the area of Hindman, Kentucky for two weeks during October. As is the case with every trip, we are called to serve due to a disaster of some kind. In this case, there had been a 1,000 year flood of a tiny, tiny stream in the previous fall. Yes, you read that right. Not a 100 year flood. A 1,000 year flood.

These are a couple of the stories we heard from some of the people who both experienced the flood and lived to share their profound grief.

This area in Kentucky is very poor in some spots and very hilly as well. It is not unusual for there to be mobile homes. One such case involved a couple who woke in the middle of the night to hear rushing waters...their next door neighbors heard it too (living in a bricks and mortar home). The first couple were going out their front door heading for what they hoped was safety only to be immediately swept away by the raging flood waters. The wife did not survive...the husband was found clinging to a tree far downstream. Imagine if you can, the trauma for both the survivor and also the neighbor who witnessed this while being able to save his own family.

The worst story was a family of 6 living in a motor home who also woke hearing the coming waters. The parents tied their 4 children together with extension cords and then cut a hole in the ceiling of their home and climbed up intending to raise the children up with them. The children were all swept away and did not survive. I can't even write the words “imagine” because none of us can.

Our group – Tri State Hope Builders – has as many as 50 people who routinely spend part or all of two weeks each year to do what we can to help people rebuild their lives. Last year for the first time in 36 years, we worked with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). One of the huge benefits of working with this group was their ability to recognize the capabilities of this group of people and to provide the materials on site each day in order to maximize our time. We were able to help 6 different families with various things that needed to be done in order to get them back in their homes.

Each day we rise early, eat breakfast together, share devotions and then head out by 8 am to work. The age of this group last year ranged from some in their late 40's and early 50's to quite a few of us in our 70's. We end the day around 4pm, go back to our lodging (cots usually), shower, rest and eat dinner (prepared by part of the group each day). We end the evening together with discussions about how the day went and then prayers for the next day.

- ASP builds new houses – they have standard floor plans. In one new home, we painted the entire house inside, laid new flooring, installed kitchen cabinetry
- In another, we painted the exterior walls with waterproofing
- In another, the person was still living in her damaged home that had severe mold issues. We did finish work for her home.
- We built a ramp so that a disabled woman using a wheelchair could go in and out of her home.
- Our largest project last year took a home from framed through windows, doors, roofed and vinyl sided before we left.

This year we will be going to western North Carolina, again with ASP, to help those affected by hurricanes last year. So we ask for your prayers for safety for travel, for safety while working and for the ability to share Jesus with all.

Before we leave the area, we all visit each location to bless the home, provide prayer shawls and a book about Jesus. We also this past trip gave a present of items to decorate their bathrooms or kitchens as a reminder of our group. It brings us to tears as we leave and it's not uncommon to stay in touch with some of them.

If anyone is moved to not only keep us in prayer, but also to help us monetarily, our group would be beyond grateful. HCOB will collect any monies given by September 21st and give them directly to Tri State Hope Builders before we leave.

Last year, at the end of our time, we raised enough funds that we were able to donate back to ASP to further the incredibly valuable work they are doing every single day.

In Christ's name we serve.
With grateful hearts,
John and Jenny Ferguson
Gary and Sue Wright
October 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 30, 2025

CONTACT: Paul Munday, Chair
Dunker Church Service Planning Committee pmunday@gmail.com



55th Annual Dunker Church Service to be Held September 14

SHARPSBURG, MD – On Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., the 55th annual Dunker Church service will be held at the Dunker Church, located on the Antietam National Battlefield. Often noted as one of the most remarkable landmarks on this battlefield, the church has long stood for peace and love even during one of the most brutal confrontations of the Civil War.

The afternoon will begin with a tribute to Reverend Edward Poling who passed away in January 2025. Rev. Poling pastored several Church of the Brethren churches in the area, was a board member for the Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) and was a past chair of the Dunker Church Service Planning Committee. The service also will include a traditional call to worship, hymns, sharing of scripture, special music and readings, prayers and a message brought by Steve Longenecker. Steve is a professor of history, emeritus, at Bridgewater College. He taught there for thirty-two years, served as a department head, and chaired the college's Forum for Brethren Studies.

Modern-day Church of the Brethren evolved from German Baptist Brethren, who also were known as Dunkers. The name Dunker came from their practice of baptism by full immersion into the water, therefore "dunking". This group formed in Germany in 1708, and later migrated to the United States, where they became known as the German Baptist Brethren. The name "Church of the Brethren" was officially adopted in 1908, replacing the German Baptist Brethren name.

"For 55 years, people have made a pilgrimage to the Dunker Church on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the battle of Antietam," says Rev. Paul Munday, Chair of the Dunker Church Service Planning Committee. "As they do, they seek an alternative to the conflict, animosity, and violence that mark so much of human history — seeing in the meeting house a people of peace and the possibility of shalom and well-being for all."

About The Dunker Church:

This unadorned house of worship was built by Dunker farmers in 1852. During the September 17, 1862 battle of Antietam, the Dunker Church was the focal point of a number of Union attacks against the Confederates. When the battle ended, Confederate soldiers used the church as a temporary medical aid

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station. The church sustained hundreds of bullet marks in its walls and artillery seriously damaged the roof. By 1864, the structure was repaired and regular services were held there until the early 1900s. A treacherous storm destroyed the church in 1921. Sharpsburg resident Elmer G. Boyer bought the land and salvaged the undamaged church material. The property was sold two more times, with the Washington County Historical Society purchasing it in 1951. They donated the site, with just a foundation, to the National Park Service. The Church was restored for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam in 1962—on the original foundation—with as much of the original materials as possible. The structure is simple with plain wooden benches and no electricity, just as it would have been in 1862. The Dunker Church is likely one of the most well-known churches in American military history.

Please share the flyer below with family and friends!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

3:00 PM

**AT THE LITTLE WHITE “DUNKER CHURCH”
ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, SHARPSBURG, MD**



TRIBUTE TO REV. ED POLING, FOLLOWED BY HYMNS,
SHARING OF SCRIPTURE, SPECIAL MUSIC AND READINGS,
PRAYERS AND A MESSAGE BY GUEST SPEAKER STEVE
LONGENECKER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, EMERITUS, AT
BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US.



The Puzzle Page for September 2025

Just for KIDS "GROWING"

Peter, Jesus' disciple, wrote these words in about A.D. 67. He was telling how to grow as a Christian. Find the underlined words in the puzzle. The 19 letters that remain will tell you who Peter wrote the words for.

"...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 1:5, 3:18

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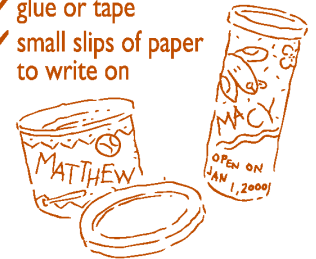
All people everywhere

How will you GROW?

Make a "Time Capsule"

You will need:

- ✓ an empty snack can with a plastic lid
- ✓ a sheet of plain paper
- ✓ markers or crayons
- ✓ glue or tape
- ✓ small slips of paper to write on



1. Cover the can with the sheet of paper. Attach with glue or tape.
2. Decorate the can with your name and the date.
Write "To be opened on month/day/year." Pick a date in 5 or 10 years.
3. Put these things, plus others, inside.
 - ✓ photographs
 - ✓ names of best friends
 - ✓ favorite Bible verse
 - ✓ favorite Bible story
 - ✓ favorite music
 - ✓ a poem that you've written
 Put the lid on and set the can on a shelf or in a safe place.
4. Open on the date you've chosen!

Grandparents have ears that really listen, arms that always hug & hold, love that's never ending, and a heart that's made of gold.
Happy Grandparents Day! (September 7, 2025)



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**2025 Mid-Atlantic District
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**2025 Annual
Conference Logo**



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