

The Seeker

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God..."
-Matthew 6:33

August 10, 2025

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 A.M.
A.M. Worship - 10:30 A.M.
P.M. Worship - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7: P.M.

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For the Record

Week of August 3, 2025
Sunday A.M. Worship: 86
AM Contribution: \$4,082

"Let us not give up meeting together..." -Hebrews 10:25

Plan of Salvation

Hear... Romans 10:17
Believe... John 8:24
Repent... Luke 13:3
Confess... Matthew 10:32
Be Baptized... Mark 16:16
Remain Faithful... Rev. 2:10

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Family News & Notes

"And whatever things you ask in prayer..." Matthew 21:22

Remember the following with prayer, calls, cards, or in any way you are able:

Continued prayers for **Shirley Shockey** and her sister, Tressie, are appreciated. Tressie is receiving comfort care for pancreatic cancer. Shirley also continues to heal from surgery to resolve bleeding on her brain.

Gary Diesch was released from the hospital and then placed into a rehab facility.

Robert Malburg is to return home from Lodi Hospital Rehabilitation Facility and will have home health care as he continues to recover from multiple health issues.

Please continue to pray for **Elvira Martinez**'s daughter, Saray Torres, as she is being treated for a cancerous tumor in her lung.

Thank you for everyone who organized, attended, and prepared food for our annual Church Picnic at Buckeye Woods Park! It is always a blessing to gather together and have fun.

The Bible Bowl will be Saturday, October 11th, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. It will cover the books of James, 1 Peter, and 2 Peter. We will especially need kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade since several have moved to the teen group. See the **McCorts** if you're interested.

Expressions of Sympathy

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes..."
Revelation 21:4

Please keep the family of Shirley Toothman in your prayers. She was the sister-in-law of **Jerry Toothman** and the aunt of **Kristi McCort**. Shirley was diagnosed with cancer in and around her liver, and passed away last week.

Want to Get Involved?

At Medina Church of Christ, we encourage all members to use their God given talents to serve the Lord. If you would like to get involved with service projects, please ask the following people how you can help:

Kids & Teens Outreach: Stephen West

Adult Outreach: Mike McCort

Technology Team: Andrew Merkle and Kevin Draper

Community & International Outreach: Matt Whitelaw

We offer FREE Bible Correspondence Courses, Bible Video Lessons, or individual Bible Studies to anyone wanting to learn more about God and His Holy Word. Please feel free to ask for any of these studies.

Compassionately Remember

"...they continued...in prayers." Acts 2:42

Health Related: Mary Spodnik, Denise Hulsman, Judy Railey, Harold Davis, Ruth Caldwell, Larry Moore, Helen McCort, Tim Riddle, Kay McDonald, Shirley Allen, Thomas Welch, Rita Minton, Jeff Blough, Cole Spencer, Angie Jarvis, Francis Moran, Bailey Stager, Paul Miller, Jeff Wilder, Wayne Smith, Kelta Grogg, Mark Cremeans, Shirley Grubbs, Jorge Martinez, Stepic Family, Cindy Bartlett, Loyd & Shirley Shockey, Jessie Keene, Les Edmonds, Christopher Beal

Our widows and widowers: Jerry Toothman, Ruth Caldwell, Wilma Dotson, Shirley Grubbs, Joan Hinerman, Sharon Scarniac, Carolyn Hinerman, Mary Spodnik, Denny Hickerson, Kay DeMatteis

Mark your Calendar

"...making the most of every opportunity..." Ephesians 5:16

September 6 - Ladies Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

October 5 - Potluck with early evening service at 1:00 pm.

October 11 - Bible Bowl in Parkersburg, WV

Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

David R. Ferguson

In his Epistle to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul stated in chapter 3 verses 20-21 [ESV], 20 But our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 Who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. This is yet another wonderful passage from God's word that gives us a brief glimpse into seeing what awaits those of us who have been immersed into Christ and donned with His glorious apparel (Galatians 3:27). When we are clothed in Christ by submitting to being baptized for the remission of our sins, we rise up from the water to be clothed in His holy garments, a new creature whose citizenship and home now lies in Heaven.

Paul also told the church on Corinth, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 2:17 [ESV]). Paul explains this passing away of our old carnal nature in his letter to the congregation at Rome, saying, 3. Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4. We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. 6. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7. For he who has died is freed from sin. 8. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. (Romans 6:3-8 [ESV]) When we undergo baptism, we declare and proclaim visually to the world this wondrous gospel plan of salvation message of Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). When we are baptized into Christ, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), and as citizens of Heaven we are children of God and siblings of our elder Brother, Jesus.

Paul writes, 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by Whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. (Romans 8:14-17 [ESV]) But our suffering in this life will be worth it as our reward in Heaven will be great beyond measure: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18 [ESV]) When Jesus returns to gather us with Him and carry us home to live in Heaven forever: "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2 [ESV]).

May God bless you!

August Birthdays

10-Bryan Parker

11- Morgan Crampton

11-Teresa Merkle

12-John Spodnik*

13- Kathy Liticker

14-Hannah Hickerson

15-Saray Martinez

16-Chuck Merkle

16-Jim Spindler

19-Robert Malburg

21-Shirley Allen

21-Kathleen Railey

25-Mike Klingman

25-Amanda Wallick

25-Austin West

29 - Katie Jaykel

30-Keith Ogg

31-Janet Ferguson

August Anniversaries

10-Les & Trena Edmonds

15-Jack & Joan Hinerman*

23-Keith & Lisa Ogg

30-Carl & Sharon Scarniac*

**In memory*