

Cridersville Chronicle

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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

I have a smart phone, a really smart phone. It's a *OnePlus 6* and it has a lot of memory and a great camera and does everything that my first tower office computer did and more. It's amazing that our everyday cell phones has more computing power than the computers that were used for the Apollo missions that took us to the moon and back. The modern cell phone is like having a supercomputer in your pocket or purse. I, and I would venture many of you, have become fairly dependent on the utility and effectiveness of your cell phone.

What makes our cell phones ever more powerful and utilitarian are all the apps that we can download and use. So I have a weather app, the accuweather app, that gives me weather radar, hourly and daily forecasts. It's absolutely fantastic when there's a weather advisory for your area and you have a Doppler weather radar at your fingertips. I also have our recent church directory on my cell phone which allows me to access emails and phone numbers of everyone registered and the ability to email and call with the ease of accessing a family profile.

Of course none of these modern miracles and conveniences are any good unless you download them to your phone and then use them—apply them—thus the appropriate term—a phone app. This is also true of God's word. The Bible is a wonderful tool and has all things necessary for our proper living and purpose, indeed all things necessary for salvation, but is of no use unless we open it up, read it and then apply what we read into our lives.

Some years ago I came across a wonderful tool for reading and applying scripture into our lives. Like many useful tools it's an acronym: SOAPY. S=scripture that is read, O=observation of what the scripture directs, A=applying the scripture in your life, Y=discovering what we may need to yield in order to apply the scripture lesson into our lives and then P=prayer for guidance and strength through the process of getting that scripture into a life application. It's not enough to read the Bible but to do what it instructs.

In the month of September we will have a life app sermon series. We will see how we are to apply the lessons of the Bible into our lives. One sermon will be the life app for forgiveness, another on the life app of trust and another on the life app of kindness. We will also have the added blessing of the youth having our worship celebration and message on September 22.

I hope that you will join us for these important life app messages. Jesus at the end of His Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of Matthew says this at the end of those dramatic teachings.

“Whoever hears these words of Mine and does them, will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain came down. The water came up. The wind blew and hit the house. The house did not fall because it was built on rock.” Matthew 7:24-25

Pastor Mark and the lay and staff leadership of Cridersville UMC ask that you be in prayer as we start the process of preparing our 2020 church budget. Please pray for God's guidance in this process of preparation and our disciple call to support the church with our financial commitments.

PLEASE
TAKE NOTE...



Greeters

- 9/1 Jean Fox
Jane Bowersock
Ernie & Jenny Numbers
- 9/8 Sue Hinegardner
Jane Gray
- 9/15 Gene & Neita Border
George & Kathy Krites
- 9/22 Mel & Sue Numbers
- 9/29 Jo Ann Nance
Jane Gray
Sandy Spillman
June Reichelderfer

Ushers

Jim Lucas
Carolyn Lucas
Susie Dailey
Jean Fox

Liturgist

- 9/1 Betsy Wagner
9/8 LeeAnn McCaslin
9/15 Mary Kay Smith
9/22 Youth
9/29 Kathy Hollinger

Power Express

- 9/1 None
9/8 Youth
9/15 Youth
9/22 Youth
9/29 Youth

Nursery

- 9/1 Courtney Raines/Judy
Eversole
9/8 Ryan/Dana Bailey
9/15 Brock/Crystal Drexler
9/22 Josh/Kari Houser
9/29 Shawna Kohlreiser/Youth



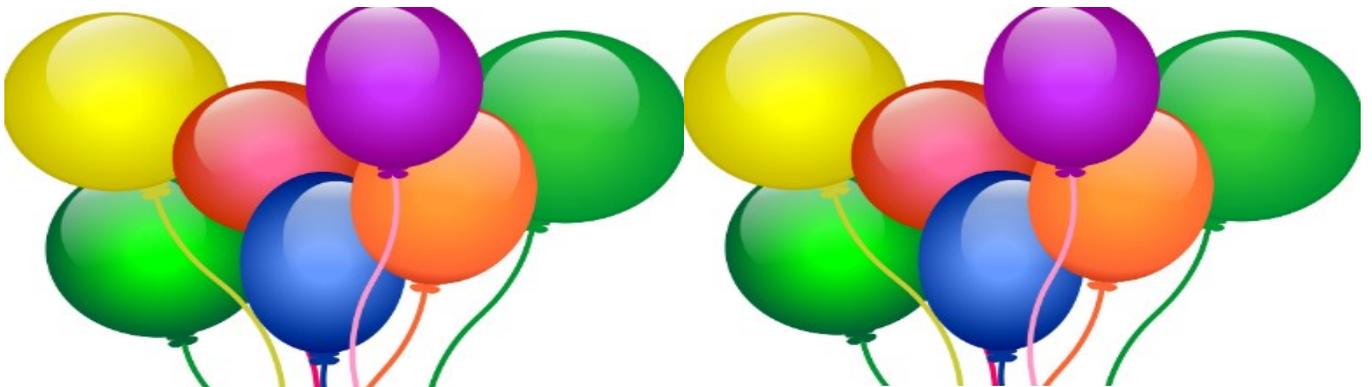
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September Anniversaries

9/2 Gordon & Carol Lowry
 9/3 Rick & Connie Rees
 9/18 Tom & Diana Eversole
 9/18 Bryan & Stephanie Stombaugh
 9/19 Glen & Eunice Richardson
 9/20 Bill & Debby Heilman
 9/22 Jim & Jill Wierwille
 9/27 Justin & Emily Behr
 9/29 Greg & Lisa Lowry
 9/30 Ernie & Jenny Numbers

September Birthdays

9/4 Anita Burris
 9/6 Terry Bay
 9/7 Kathy Krites
 9/9 Susan Bay
 9/9 Jo Ann Nance
 9/9 Donna Paul
 9/10 Riley Camper
 9/15 Nola Heilman
 9/16 Grace Bailey
 9/17 Isabella Camper
 9/19 Joshua Conley
 9/19 Josh Houser
 9/19 Jim Schroeder
 9/21 Nixon Drexler
 9/22 Dana Bailey
 9/23 Roger Koenig
 9/23 Carol Lowry
 9/24 Jenny Numbers
 9/24 Dave Reichelderfer
 9/25 LeeAnn McCaslin
 9/26 Linda Cornwell
 9/27 Christie Lightle
 9/28 Ruth Thompson





Youth Events

September 8th Combined Jr. High and Sr. High 5-6:30 pm

September 15th Block Party 5 - 7 pm

September 22nd Youth Sunday

CRAVE Jr. High 5 - 6:30 pm

September 29th

CRAVE Sr. High 5 - 7 pm

October 6th

CRAVE Jr. High 5 - 6 pm Small Groups

CRAVE Sr. High 6 - 7:30 pm Small Groups

Youth Block Party

Saturday, September 15th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Grades 5 - 12

Cridersville UMC Youth Center

East Sugar Street behind the Car Wash

Church Family

It is time to go back to school, vacation time is over and Fall is in the air. It is once again time for our PEANUT BRITTLE PROJECT.

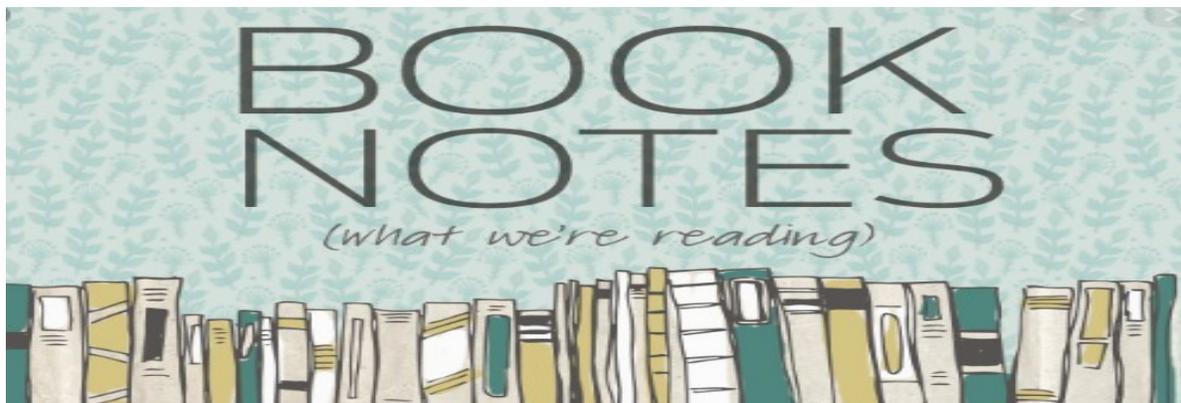
Gary and I have started gathering supplies and getting ready for our largest fund raiser of the year. This year our starting date will be September 24th and we will finish up on November 14th. I will be sending sign-up sheets around beginning September 8th. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone to come and be a part of this great fellowship. Letters with times and dates will be sent out via e-mail. If you need to update your e-mail address you can do so on the sign-up sheets or call the church office. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 567-204-7128.

Blessings to you all
Judy



There will be a "Join Scouting Night" on Thursday, September 12th in the Fellowship hall starting at 6:30 pm. If you have questions or interest in joining or learning more about scouting--youth and children of all ages--please be sure to attend this event. Cridersville UMC currently hosts and is the charter organization for our local cub scout pack 162 for elementary kids and scout troop 162 for teenage boys and girls.

Join Scouting Night

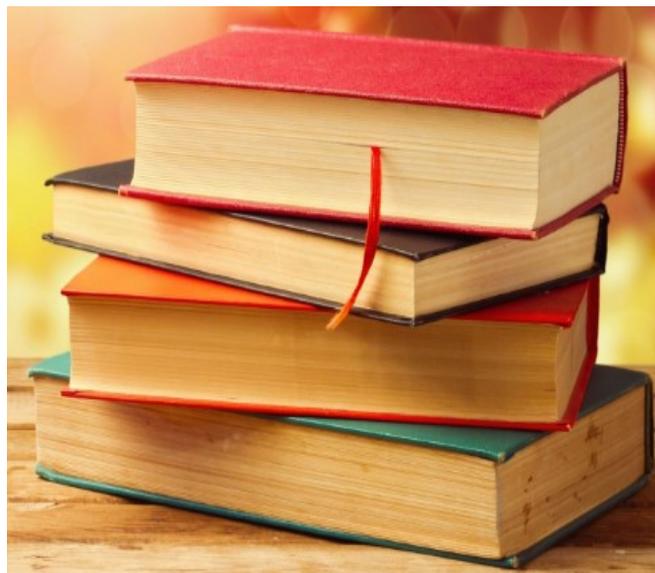


GOD'S PROMISES & ANSWERS, For Your Life".

Here's a "for instance" . . . one of the Promises & Answer is "What you Can Do to Grow Spiritually". One of the Godly suggestions is "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Several other "answers" were suggested. It's an easy-to-read book whether you are in the mood to read for five minutes or twenty minutes!

If you haven't read Fern Michaels books give "**Breaking News**" a try! One reviewer wrote that Breaking News is an engaging version of the Golden Girls! Just on a side note, which of the four Golden Girls would you like to play if you were to play one of them? I pick Rose!!!!

Last month I mentioned that we now have many of Debbie Macomber books. We have 50 of her books in our little ole library!!!! They have their own niche on the bookshelf behind the library room door. Easy, fun reading!



August Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
July 28	100	34	\$2,367.00	\$55.00
August 4	123	39	\$4,508.00	\$130.00
August 11	118	41	\$2,970.60	\$108.70
August 18	117	30	\$1,956.00	\$120.00

Volunteers Needed

We're looking for smiling faces to help out on Sunday mornings.

We need additional Greeters the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please let us know if you can help out. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Scrip Cards

Please stop by the Ministry Center after Service or in the Church office Monday thru Friday 8 am - 12 pm to purchase your Scrip Gift Cards. This is a great fundraiser for the church . We have many cards in stock including Applebee's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Meijer, Wal-Mart, JCPenny, Kohl's, Lowes, Menard's and Regal Cinemas and many more.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Kathy and I will be on vacation October 7th to October 18th. I will be out of the pulpit on Sunday, October 13th and Rev Charlotte Hefner will preside that worship celebration and another Methodist pastor will be available for pastoral care in my absence. Please call the church office for any pastoral needs during my absence.



Don't miss the annual church picnic on Sunday, September 29th. It all starts at 11:15 after worship in the fellowship hall. The church will provide meat and drinks (Grilled hot dogs and Hamburgers). Feel free to bring something to share during the picnic, but it is not required. Members with last names starting with A-H are to bring desserts and members with last names starting with I-Z are to bring side dishes or salads. We will have games and fun stuff for everyone. Come and plan on spending a wonderful time with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.





Bell Choir will resume it's weekly Tuesday rehearsals on September 3rd, 6 to 7 pm

Bible Study will resume it weekly meetings on Monday nights at 5 pm at Calvary starting September 9th

Prayer Team will now be every 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm.

Food Pantry / Missions Meeting is on Tuesday, September 10th at 12:00 Noon at Calvary.

Thank you

*Thank you from Gene Derringer on behalf of the
Allen County Gospel Tent for the \$200.00
donation from Missions.*

Sew Blessed Quilters

THE SEW BLESSED QUILTERS invite you to join them in the Fellowship Hall for a time of learning and sharing in the art of quilting.

The remaining 2019 meeting dates are below:

Sept 21	9am-4pm
Oct 19	9am-4pm
Nov 16	9am-4pm
Dec 1 Christmas gathering	12 noon – 6pm

It's still not too late to join us in our efforts of making donation quilts to honor our veterans! We will present the donated quilts in November to the lucky recipients.

In addition, we will be loaning our Red/White/Blue themed quilts to be displayed in the Maria Stein Shrine's Heritage Days Festival on Sunday Sept. 22. If anyone wants to join us in loaning a quilt for display, bring it to our next Sew Blessed meeting on Saturday, Sept 21.

At lunch time, we enjoy being fed by the word as well as an awesome potluck! Come join us in being blessed and blessing others!

Announcements

The Church will NO LONGER be collecting Coupons.