

Lunch Bags for the Homeless

Julie's Sunday School class is looking to start packing & delivering lunch bags to a homeless camp off Sutherland Ave. in Monroe. If you would like to bring items to fill the lunch bags, Julie's Sunday School class will be collecting different items each Sunday.

1st Sunday: Peanut Butter & Jelly

2nd Sunday: Snack Bags of Chips & Little Debbie Cakes

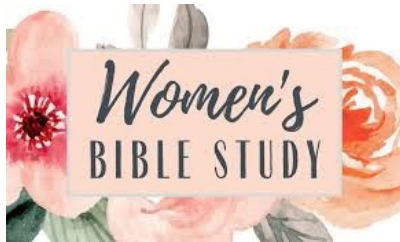
3rd Sunday: Brown Lunch Bags & Sandwich Bags

4th Sunday: Canned Drinks & Bottled Water

Bring in brown lunch bags & sandwich bags on Sunday, October 19th and drop them off in Julie's Sunday School classroom (close to the Fellowship Hall) or in the Sanctuary.



If you have any questions, please see Julie or someone in her Sunday School class!



Fall Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study meets at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays in the choir room.

Save the Date

The next Ladies Painting Class will be on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 PM. This class will be Winter/Christmas-themed and will cost \$25. Look for sign up sheets starting next Sunday!



October 12, 2025

Encourage
**ONE ANOTHER &
BUILD EACH OTHER UP**

• 1 Thessalonians 5:11 •



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Sunday, October 12 2025

The Greatest Return

1 Thessalonians 4:16-5:8

The Point: Jesus will return one day, and we should be ready.

The Bible Meets Life: Many of us have seen footage of a person walking the city streets or perhaps standing in a stadium, adorned with a sign that says, "The end is near." Catastrophic events and seasons of dramatic change always seem to increase speculation that we are living in the last days. Our world has certainly experienced its share of these types of events in recent years, but a 2022 survey of U.S. citizens revealed some interesting insights:

- ▶ 39 percent of adults surveyed said we are living in the end times.
- ▶ 58 percent said they do not believe we are living in the end time.
- ▶ 29 percent of non-Christians believe we are in the last days.
- ▶ 92 percent of Protestant Christians believe that Jesus will return.

Of course, Jesus promised His disciples and all who follow Him that He will return for His bride one day and take her home. While He did not give a specific date, He did provide a description of what that day will be like.

What Scripture reveals is interesting, especially in light of the survey. This week we'll dive into Paul's encouragement for a group of Thessalonian believers who, like many of us, were looking for the day of the Lord's return.

Live It Out: Be alert. Look at your calendar. Regardless of what you've got planned for the week ahead, consider each day as if Jesus could return. What would you change? **Be self-controlled.** Take time in the middle of each day next week to see how you're doing. Redirect or reorder your calendar if you've gotten off track. **Warn others.** Consider how you can winsomely remind others this week that Jesus is coming back. You might consider beginning the conversation with a question: "What would you say to Jesus if He came back for you this week?"

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

How to Handle Life's Interruptions

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| Sunday, October 19 | When God Interrupts Your Life
(Hebrews 11:8-19) |
| Sunday, October 26 | When Life Goes Terribly Wrong
(Genesis 39:21-23; 40:5-8; 41:10-14) |

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Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Indoor Worship
- 10:00 AM Online Worship
- 11:30 AM Living Streams
Worship Center

Tuesday

- 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

- 6:30 PM Online Worship
- 6:30 PM Youth
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, October 5



Indoor: 49

Online: 256

Wednesday, October 8

Online: 190

Youth: 12

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

October

Offering

To Date:

\$4,505.00

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson

Dianne Avery

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Mike & Renee Helms

Rodney Johnson

Lillian Lewis

Richard Lovingood & Family

Pam Majewski

Debbie McKnight

Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch

Susan Wood & Family

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays to rehearse for the Christmas Musical!

Bible App

Follow along in today's Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with your phone:

