To know HIM and to make HIM known

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# Service Times

# Sunday: Bible Study......9:45 am Worship......10:45 am

LifeGroups Hannigan - No Summer meetings Denham......5:30 pm Reynolds......6:00 pm Morris.... 5:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday Wednesday:

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bie Study.....7-8:00pm

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# A TIME OF REBUILDING

The Old Testament book of Nehemiah offers an inspiring example of restoration. The Israelites had been in Babylonian captivity about 70 years when Babylon was overthrown by Persia in 539 B.C. The first group of Israelite exiles returned to Jerusalem in 538 B.C. The temple was rebuilt. About 80 years later, Ezra brought another group of exiles back. Nehemiah had not yet returned. He was the cupbearer to Persia's king when he heard that his fellow Israelites who had returned to Jerusalem were in great distress. The city walls had been broken down and the gates burned (Neh. 1:3). When Nehemiah heard this, he wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed. His prayer can be found in Neh. 1:5-9. What a prayer!

Aside from the fact that Nehemiah was a high-ranking official of the Persian king, a most interesting part of his story is the manner in which Nehemiah commenced with the work of rebuilding the wall (See Neh. 2:4-9). It is noted that he prayed again. It is stated in verses 5-9 that he also obtained all of the proper authorizations and paperwork! Does that sound familiar? When questioned, Nehemiah answered, "The God of heaven will give us success..." (Neh. 2:20).

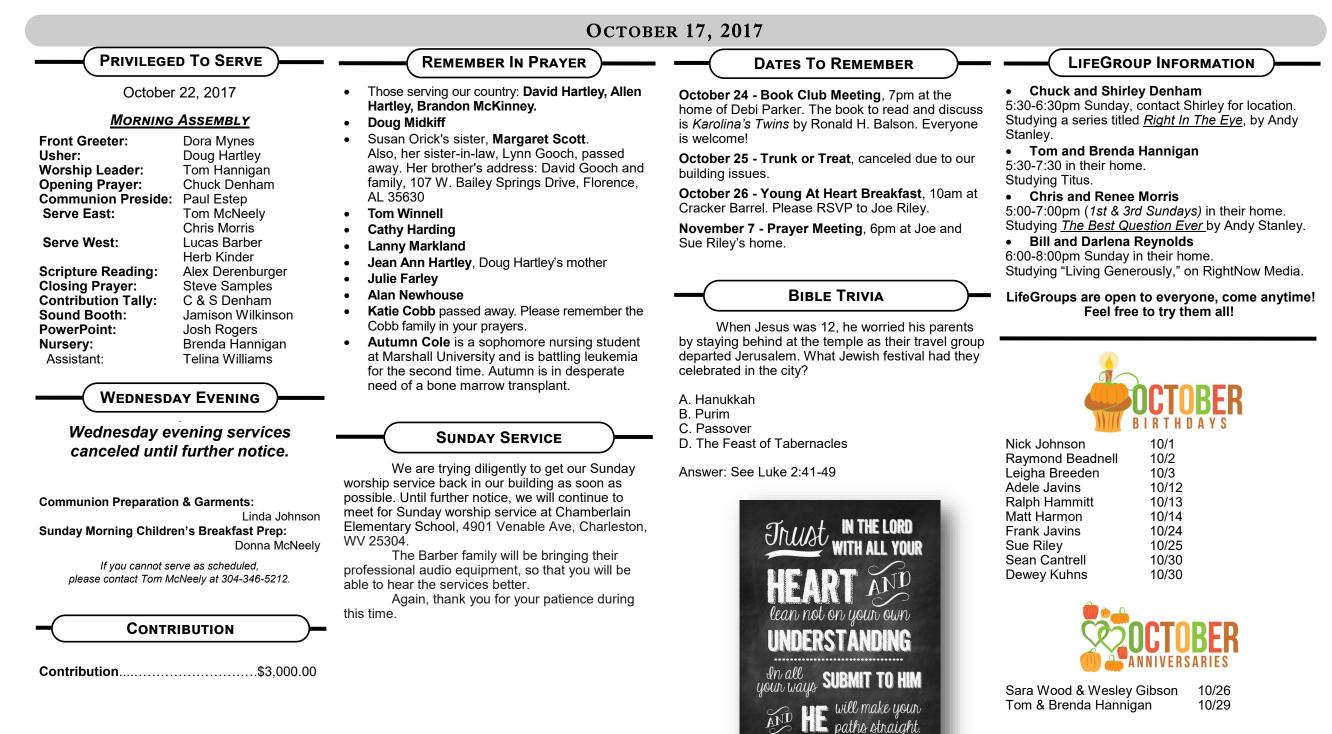
The elders have been, and continue to be, prayerful that God will give us success. We appreciated Chris Morris's communion reflections last Sunday, which served to focus our collective vision on eternity, and reminded us that peace is possible amid worldly concerns. It is with that spirit that we conducted a congregational meeting following last Sunday's services to bring the congregation up to date on the building issues facing us. In order to adhere to the necessary laws pertaining to the issues, another meeting will follow the services this Sunday, October 22, for a second reading of the proposal.

#### Here's an overview of what has happened, and what is planned:

- Sept. 27-Oct. 3- Mold was detected in building, Mold USA collected samples, conducted testing, and generated reports of findings
- Oct. 3-10 Elders solicited and received quotes from mold mitigation experts, and sought information related to financing. Congregation met at Coonskin.
- Oct. 13 Roof project (a previously planned project) started.
- Oct. 15 Congregation met at Chamberlain School. There was a meeting afterward, with a handout describing planned projects, discussion of financing, and a vote showing overwhelming support of the plan to move forward.
- Oct. 16 Mold remediation began on auditorium section. Roof installation continued on the other part of building.
- Oct. 15-22 Elders continue to monitor projects, pursue financing, and prepare for another congregational meeting following the services at Chamberlain School, Sunday, Oct. 22.

Thank you for your constant prayer and faith in us as we cling to the words of Christ in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

In Christian love, Bill Reynolds



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