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THE EPISTLE

Greetings Faithful!

I pray as the summer winds up that you had a chance to get away and enjoy some of your favorite spots, or perhaps you just had a chance to relax and enjoy some time off. Our students that we house in the Hornback Disciple's House have returned and settled in, and our attendance is starting to increase and church activities are winding up again. Yes, these are all signs that summer is coming to an end and we are ramping up our active season serving the Lord.

Much is on the agenda. We have restarted our weekly Sunday school program for children, and we are starting a Chi-Rho group for middle school youth beginning in a few weeks (led by UA students Maggie O'Keefe and Flynn Woods). We have launched our regional Miracle Day meetings. Our church has been selected for cosmetic facilities and grounds renovation by the region. The "day" is June 7th, 2014 when about 200 volunteers from our region will descend upon our church and work all day on assigned projects. We still need willing hands from members of our church...with or without specific skills or talents! This will be a great opportunity to volunteer and support your church.

We will also be celebrating a "Back to Church" campaign. This is an opportunity for members (or non-members!) who have not been to church in a while to return and reconnect with your faith family. The Lord wants us to remember the Sabbath, and I know it would be a great way to honor the Lord by reconnecting with your faith family on Sundays. We may even throw in a surprise or two during this celebration . . . you never know with this pastor!

I pray you will step-up and support your church by reconnecting if you have been away, or invite a member to return or a non-member to join us, or perhaps even volunteer in one of the many programs of this faithful and

loving church.

Blessings, Tom



September 1 *Robert Gibson*
Dona Sulzmann
***Pat Coleman**
***Ken Largin**
 Mike Largin
 Kate Matheny

September 8 *Robert Gibson*
Dona Sulzmann
***Alice Gibson**
***Cindy Harris**
 Brenda Tanner
 Gary Tanner

September 15 *Robert Gibson*
Dona Sulzmann
***Joe Duncan**
***Brinley Hocutt**
 Chris Largin
 Kenny Sulzmann

September 22 *Robert Gibson*
Dona Sulzmann
***Jon Atkinson**
***Kim Farish**
 Rosa Jennings
 Steve Jennings

September 29 *Robert Gibson*
Dona Sulzmann
***Rosa Jennings**
 Steve Jennings
***Casey Largin**
 Will Largin

Liturgist: Amy Montgomery



Serendipity Circle will meet at
5:30 pm on **September 9th** at
 the church.

Circle I will meet at **11:00**
am on **September 10th** at the
 church.


CMF Breakfast
8:00 am
September 8th



Coleman Berryhill
 Wiley Hales
 Nelda Williams
 Joan Woody
 David Bailey

MIRACLE DAY UPDATE

The Miracle Day Committee met on August 20th. Committee members from our church are Randi Coleman, Mike Largin, Ken Largin, Polly Bailey, Dona Sulzmann, Sandra Brennan, and Jon Atkinson. Regional Minister Rev. John Mobley appointed the remaining members from nearby congregations. A walk-through will be October 15th to figure out what projects will be included on Miracle Day. You will be kept informed will as we learn more about the process, and everyone's help will be needed as

 we move toward this exciting event
 June 7th of next year!

Game Days

Our first home game will be Colorado State September 21st, Ole Miss September 28th, and Georgia State (homecoming) October 5th. Please help us by making desserts to sell, and come and help out meeting and greeting old and new friends. If you can't come for the whole time, come for as long as you can.

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There are five students living in the Hornback Disciple House this semester: Flynn Woods, David Wright, Maggie O'Keefe, Jenae Yarbrough, and Edrieh Williams.



Take time to introduce yourself to

them on Sunday. They will be recognized on Sunday, September 15th, at the covered dish dinner after worship.

September 15th is National Back to Church Sunday. If you haven't been to church in a while, that would be a good day to attend. If you know of anyone who hasn't been in a while, invite them to come. There will be a covered dish lunch on that day after worship. Live entertainment will be provided.

Children's



Church will
 resume
 Sunday,

September 1st on a
 weekly basis.

Please keep the Payne family in your prayers. Louis's mother, Mary Lou Payne, passed away August 21



at the age of 105! What a wonderful, full, and long life she enjoyed! She will be missed by her loved ones and all

those who knew her.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Children's Message Children's Church	2 Suzanna Gibson	3 Gabriel DeJesus Sue Goebel	4 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Dona Sulzmann	5 Brian Gibson	6 Bailey Farish Buddy Harris	7 Sue/Tom Goebel
8 8:00 CMF Breakfast 6:00 Mission Council	9 5:30 Serendipity Karen Barger Steve Jennings	10 11:00 Circle I	11 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Andrea Minear	12	13 Michael Gibson	14 @ TX A&M 2:30 (CBS)
15 National Back to Church Sunday Fellowship Dinner	16 10:00 Merrill Gardens	17	18 9:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Mike Minear	19	20 Jackson Hall	21  GAME DAY Colorado State
22 Robert Gibson Rosa/Steve Jennings	23	24	25 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	26	27	28 
29	30					