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August



August 26 – 5:30pm Bible Study –
via ZOOM

August 30 –
9:30am Worship Outside
11am Traveler's Sunday
School viz Zoom

September 1 –
1:30pm Caring Ministries on
ZOOM

6:30pm - Elders' Meeting on
ZOOM

September 2 –
Bible Study cancelled this
evening, to resume September
9.

September 8 –
6:30pm – Council via Zoom

... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his
caregivers and medical staff.
... for **Margaret Ann Sandberg** and
Mary Bangert who are both on Hospice
and are both in their homes. They would
both love hearing from you. Their
addresses are in the directory.
...for **Christina Griswold**, who is
undergoing chemotherapy.
...for **Rosemary Humphrey** who has a
severe UTI and is at home.
...for **Sally Allen's** friend, Joy, who has
been diagnosed with leukemia.
...for **Patty Cooley**, who has been
diagnosed with Covid19.
...for **Earlene Crouse**, whose sister
Juanita, passed away on August 15.
... for **Shannon Edwards and her son
Daniel**, going through a difficult time.
... for **Pastor MJ** who will have a
surgical procedure of a ganglion block on
September 2 for neuralgia in ears.



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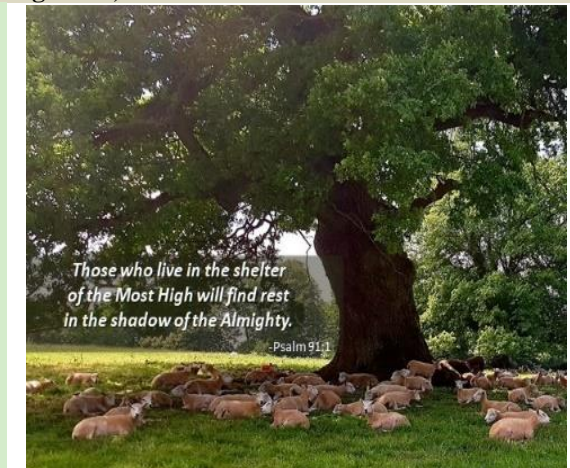
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August 30, 2020
Message by Pastor Greg Fitch
“Shelter – in the Most High God”
Scripture: Psalm 91

*Worshiping on the lawn at 9:30am.
Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or sit in
your car and listen to the
service on FM 88.1.*

*The service will be recorded and then
uploaded on Facebook page, and Webpage
(fccgalesburg.org) by Sunday afternoon.*



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our Adult Bible Study class on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**, via Zoom. We are beginning a new study by Rick Warren called “Unshakable”, which is based on the book of Daniel. *“The Unshakeable series follows the life of Daniel and offers This study will last 8 weeks. Contact Pastor MJ if interested in attending, please call/text/email Pastor MJ and she will give you the invite to join us on Zoom.*

HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Disciple Women are again inviting the congregation to join with them in making hygiene kits to be sent to CWS. These kits are sent to devastated areas where people have lost their homes in tornadoes, hurricanes, wild-fires and other devastated areas. They are also sent globally where the need exists.

We are asking each member to assemble their own kit by following these instructions. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag.

- * one hand towel measuring 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber)
- * one washcloth
- * one wide-tooth comb removed from package
- * one fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package
- * one bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- * one toothbrush in the package
- * ten standard size bandaids

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration dated toothpaste will be added to each kit prior to its mailing by CWS. Do not enclose money inside the kit. If you would prefer not to shop for the items, you can make a donation of \$15.00 to CWS by giving it to our new treasurer Carolyn Spratt and she will send one check for all of the donations to CWS.

If you have any questions, please call Earlene Crouse at 343-6445.

Thank
You

Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes! My church family means so much to me. You sure know how to make me feel special!

Lynda White



Psalm 46:8 – Come and see the wonderful works of the Lord!

I have been reflecting on the words of verse 8 in Psalm 46 since I studied it last week for my sermon of August 23. I have wondered – “Have I had my eyes open to see the wonderful works of God? Have I been seeing more weeds than I have seen flowers? Or are my eyes only seeing what is bad going on in our world and not seeing His wonderful creations around me?”

Just a couple of brief examples. I went to Chicago yesterday and I have heard all the stories about how “bad” it is up there – with all sorts of negative reports about people and the city. Well, I was so pleasantly blessed by all the folks and conditions I encountered there. One was a cab driver named Lenox who was just a delight. He got me to Rush Hospital in record time and even made a point to come back and get me when I was done. He was very polite and friendly. He was from Ghana and had been in the USA for 15 years. As we talked, I discovered that he was a fellow believer. He quoted Romans 12:5, speaking about how we are all a part of Christ’s body and we all belong to each other. I truly felt like I had met a new brother in Christ. I then went to a restaurant in the hospital for lunch and was checked out by a woman I have seen many times before. Even with her mask on, I could tell she was smiling. I told her that she was always so friendly and cheerful, and she said, “Oh, you are too!” Well, I can’t imagine she really remembered me...but I walked away from her just smiling and feeling blessed to see her.

What is my point? I think there are all sorts of good people that are all around us if you just open your eyes up and look for them! Proverbs 11:27 says: *“If you search for good, you will find favor, but if you search for evil, it will find you!”* Another way of saying it is: *“You can look for the good or you can look for the bad. Either way, it is certain you will see what you are looking for.”* (how’syourgood.com)

We are in such a negative, judgmental, divided time in our country. I have heard so many negative comments made about people lately...judgments made about a person, depending upon what political party you belong to – or what news broadcast you watch – or even views on racial injustice and views on other various topics in the news. We make over-generalized statements like “Well, you know *those* kind of people are...” or “*They* are just wrong or *they* are just evil...”

I truly believe God wants us to look for the good, even if we disagree about a subject matter or a political candidate or party. And the more we look for the good, we will find good and be less negative ourselves. And the more we look for good, the more we will reflect the light of Christ to those we meet!!!

This week, I challenge you to open your eyes and see the wonderful works of God in all people. Listen and look for the good. Reflect the goodness of God to the people you meet or talk to or about! You’ll be uplifted and blessed. Pastor MJ