

September 2, 2015



The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down as the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

- Hebrews 1:3

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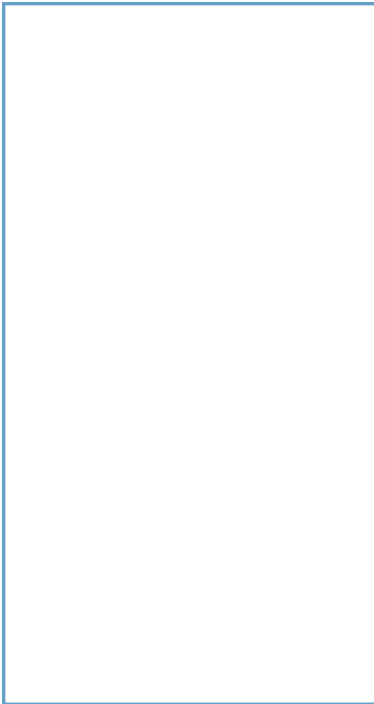
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Newest Prayer Requests

- *The family of **Shelly Anderson**
- * Safe travels for the **Talley's** as they head to see Tim & the **Embry's** as they leave for vacation.
- * **Jess & Julia** as their kitty cat passed away.
- * **Ramona** (a woman in Shaunna's building) has MRSA in her legs and she may lose them due to gangrene. Pray that Shaunna can be a comfort and good witness to her.
- * Pray for all the **unspoken prayers** that are in each others hearts.
- * **Shaunna's** surgery has been moved to the 9th of Sept.
- * Pray for **the lost** in our communities around here.
- ***Violet Stephens** for comfort for her & her family.

Long Term Illness

Marilyn Tjarks, Marilyn Hadden, Cynthia Minor, Bonnie Hill, Lou Prosser, Rick Marlow, Janice Harden, Dennis Kampen, & Tommy Pruett

PRAISES

- * He is doing great things today & every day!
- * **Noah** is doing well enough to start practice. Pray for his strength.
- * **Linda Beatty** is recovering well from her surgery.
- * **Marilyn Moore** is recovering well from her procedure as well.

Upcoming Events

- +**Sept 6:** Deadline: ICTC registration.
- +**Sept. 8: WCS** will start at 7PM.
They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month from September through April with a short business meeting & Bible Study.
Bring a Friend & fellowship with us!
- +**Sept 8 : Grief Recovery Support Group** at Gibson City Bible Church will begin on Tuesdays at 6:30. For more information call Bonnie Arends 217-784-5702.
- +**Sept. 12:** Red Cross Blood Drive 8-12, see Linda Beatty for appt.
- +**Sept 13:** Stock the Pantry Potluck & Shower for Vince & Alisha. Select a post it from the board, buy the item or items and bring it to the potluck after church.
- +**Sept. 27:** Celebration Sunday @ Moraine View State Park

Weekly

Sunday School 9-10 AM
Worship 10:15
HIN Wednesdays from 6-7:45 all ages welcome

Monthly

Leadership - 7 PM 1st Monday
Area Men's Meeting - 7 PM 1st Tuesday
WCS Meeting - 7 pm 2nd Tuesday
Food Pantry open from 9 to 10 AM on 3rd Saturday

Laughter Is the Best Medicine



I remember when I was younger I used to read my mom's Readers Digest, especially the section titled, "Laughter is the Best Medicine." And yes, the corny jokes and the silly stories made me laugh. Laughter always made me feel better even when life wasn't going great. When I laugh it seems like the worries and fears fade away. When I go to visit people in the hospital, Nursing Home or at home one thing I like to do is laugh with them. No matter the condition we are in, we usually can laugh over something silly. Gentle laughter makes old eyes sparkle again and when I am down and out, its infectious sound lifts me up. I praise my Lord and Savior for the gift of laughter; yes it is a gift from our Lord. I pray daily for a good reason to laugh at something or even at myself. Today I pray that I can laugh in order to smooth out the rough areas of my life. I pray that today I can laugh with unrestrained joy. Lord, help me laugh so my soul can heal!

"When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."" (Psalm 126:1-2, ESV)

"And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh." (Luke 6:20-21, ESV)

Live *life*
Laugh *lots*
Love *love*

So today, do not be afraid to laugh, do not be afraid to smile no matter how bad you think things are. Rejoice and be glad, for this is the day that the Lord has made!!!!

September Special Dates

Birthdays

1 Arthur Johnson
4 Jean Hudson
5 Gene Talley
6 Shaun Windle
8 Levi Kern
11 Brenda Sommer
15 Violet Stephens
17 Mickey Bein
20 Ryan Embry
22 Randy Wissmiller
24 Sharon Carrell
27 Albert Tjarks

Anniversaries

2 Dave & Vickie Zehr
8 Bob & Marilyn Moore
11 Ed & Nancy Knittel
15 Dick & Judy Kelly
23 Larry & Angie Miller
27 Bob & Linda Beatty

