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Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, August 9, 2020:
(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 16, 2020:
(Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

A Prayer For Our State and Local Leaders

Virtually every aspect of our daily lives is affected in some way by the officials we elect to govern our cities, states, and nation. These leaders carry a lot of responsibility and they need strength and wisdom every day. But do we spend time praying for them? This is our second set of prayers for our leaders developed by World Vision. Please take to join in prayer!

Pastor Zane

A prayer for our state leaders

Heavenly Father, just as you gave wisdom to Moses to appoint elders among the Israelites, you blessed our founders with the wisdom to divide our country into individual states. You have empowered our governors and state legislatures to make laws and decrees which manage our daily lives, make our lives safe, and protect us from federal government overreach. We pray for our governors and our state legislatures. Please give strength and wisdom to them and guide their decisions and may they always put love first. Surround them with people from all walks of life and many backgrounds. Bring to them people of high moral character and spiritual maturity. Among the many voices which cry out to them every day, may they hear your voice above all others. As we look to our governors for assurance and guidance, especially at times of crisis, inspire them and speak through them by the power of your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer for our local leaders

Jesus, you were born in a little town. You grew up under the authority of local leaders and officials who managed the majority of your daily life. We lift up our local leaders today. We pray for our mayors, city councils, county commissioners, police chiefs, judges, and all who serve our local communities. Strengthen them with wisdom and grace for the heavy burdens they carry. May they manage their teams and projects with love. Keep their hearts pure and their eyes turned toward your face as they work in the best interests of the people they are called to serve.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

We are grateful to live in a country where we can openly pray for our leaders. One of Paul's very first instructions to his protégé, Timothy was to pray "for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" ([1 Timothy 2:2 NIV](#)). Paul's message is as relevant now as it was when the Church was first formed: Your prayers can move mountains!



Mary Cockelreas
Ed & Carol Hines (S)

S) indicates Scholarship fund



We are delighted to welcome several new members to our church. Russell and Julie Stephens joined July 12th. John and Jamie Precht joined July 19th. Please greet them with your congratulations and warmest wishes.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF
AUGUST 3, 2020:**

Total income year to date:	<u>\$124,240</u>
Total expenses year to date:	<u>\$120,005</u>
Income vs expenses:	<u>\$4,235</u>
Budget needs Weekly:	<u>\$4,334</u>
Average weekly income:	<u>\$4,007</u>

Bright Spots!



It is not too late to join us at Vacation Bible School Focus 2020 on Sunday evenings from 7-8pm. All families are invited to join us for a safe social distancing VBS. We had a great time last week with music, skits, stories, and games for the whole family. All ages are welcomed to join us during this time of fun!

Be on the lookout for youth and children groups to start back up in September.

Sara Bright—Youth Director

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