

The Ivy Vine

2021 October



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Rooted in God's Love

Christ is calling. The invitation of our Savior Jesus Christ is relentless. Within the four Gospels, we discover a wide array of settings where Jesus of Nazareth "calls" people to become his followers. This calling never occurs the same way twice. Each occasion on which Christ extends someone his calling, "Follow me; Come after me; Take after me," is highly personal. This reflects the total intimacy with which God knows each one of us. It is a serene, comforting gift being thoroughly known by God and loved by God. Psalm 139 celebrates this spectacular blessing!

In his writings on fruitful, Christian living, Rev. Robert Schnase poses some questions: "What is God inviting me to do, challenging me to learn, or calling me to change?" Later in the same book ([Five Practices of Fruitful Living](#), Abingdon Press, 2010); Rev. Schnase expounds, "How do we live so that our life speaks a clear witness that we are part of Christ, even when we are away from the church? Some congregations develop such a rich sense of community, identity, and witness, that even when you meet individual members far away from the church, their distinctive depth of commitment and compassion shines through. Christ is not only evident in the community, but in each member of the community in beautiful ways.... No other community besides the church has as its purpose

the deepening of such elements of the human soul as hope, forgiveness, generosity, service, joy, peace, justice, gentleness. Love is the key to unlocking the door to ultimate reality, and in the community of Christ we intentionally practice receiving God's love, loving God in return, and loving others. We invite people into a life of love, surround them with the everlasting arms of God, and encourage them to do the same for others." Rev. Schnase is leading us to examine what is the foundation of our character. What makes us tick? Of course, the opinionated Apostle Paul has strong views concerning this: "According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:10-11) Surely, this is the principal Christian foundation! It is up to each of us to determine whether or not we ourselves are basing our lives on Christ.

At times, we human beings mistakenly base our lives on things other than the Holy One. "Fools root their worth in wealth and power and fame, things that pass like a shadow, a fleeting rumor, a passing

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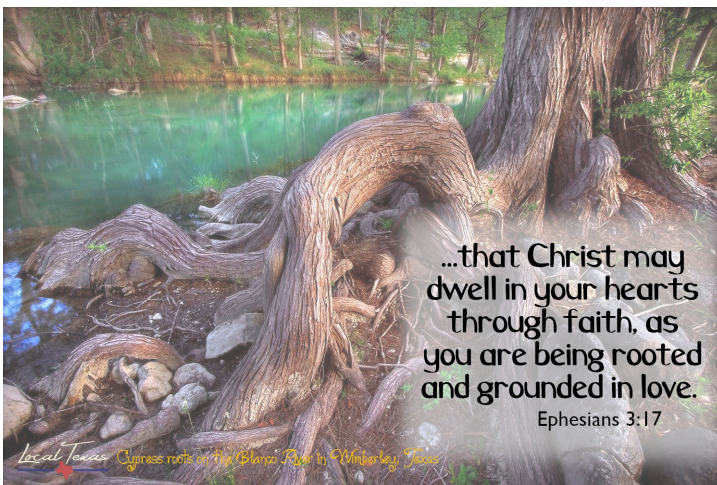
keel that leaves no crease behind. Birds' wings whip the air in a whirring rush, yet in a moment there is no sign they were ever there. The air behind the arrow seals itself again and goes about its business unimpressed. And so with us, born astride a grave—light flashes a moment and all is dark again. The hope of the godless is dandelion down, borne on the wind like a passing memory, a one-night guest who seemed to be important, for a while. But the wise root their worth in the God who lives forever." (Wisdom of Solomon 5:8-17) Yes, wise humans recognize that the genuine root of our being is God.



Jesus Christ summons us to lead lives which truly are "*Rooted in Love*." This theme is our Ivy Chapel UCC stewardship emphasis this autumn. Christ's faithful followers receive God's love and, in turn, give away God's love. May our thoughts, prayers, words and actions be ***Rooted in God's Love***.

During this month of October, may we examine what actually is functioning as the source of our character. When we look closely, we may see ways that our lifestyle is misguided. When we do see our flaws, let's respond faithfully. Let's change. You and I know Who the ground of our being is! You and I are baptized in the sacred name of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Through honest self-examination, reflection, and prayer; let us devote ourselves anew to becoming loving and giving Christian disciples. God in Christ Jesus gives without limit, and God longs for us to give without limit. Won't you give?

Strive to give "***Rooted in God's Love!***"
Pastor Dan



Thank You...

I'd like to thank you for all the cards, phone calls, wishes and prayers for my recent shoulder surgery. All went well and my range of motion is getting better by the day. Thank you again. **Gary Lindhorst**

Fall Fellowship Time

Sunday, October 3rd, after morning worship service.

We'll celebrate again
on the parking lot
with
apple cider, apple
snacks fun and
fellowship!



Sep. Council Lifted Up:

- ♥ Don Wolff for performing Financial Secretary responsibilities while Peter LaSalle was on vacation for two weeks.
- ♥ Nancy Litzinger, Dottie Foster and Valerie Waterman for organizing the outdoor celebration of Anna DiVesta as Ivy Chapel's Minister of Music.



Youth News



Trunk or Treat!

We are going to hold Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 24th, 3:30-5:30 pm.

We will do things a little differently this year, to be as safe as possible during the pandemic. Those giving out treats will set up tables near their cars. The kids will pick up their treats from the tables, while we all maintain social distancing. We will share snacks in the pavilion after the trunk or treating time.

Adults are invited!

We need adults to hand out treats to our youngest members. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with our young people. Come to share fun and fellowship with Ivy members and friends of all ages.

Invite Your Friends and Neighbors!

Come one, come all! The more the merrier!



Help Us Find a new Youth Ministry Coordinator

We need help getting the word out about our open position at Ivy Chapel. The job posting is on ivychapel.org and on Ivy Chapel's Facebook page.

Word-of-mouth is always a great way to help us advertise – tell your friends, family and neighbors about our Youth Ministry Coordinator job opening.

Sunday School on Pause We have decided to hold off on in-person Sunday school due to the surge in covid cases in recent weeks. We look forward to a time when we can gather together again safely in the future.



In the meantime, there are ways we can connect with our young people:

Share the Children's Message

A small, but mighty, group has been offering children's messages since last fall. We are looking for a little more help. The children love to hear a message just for them. You can share a book, a favorite Bible story or explain a Bible verse to our young ones. Please contact Sarah Heend if you can help.



Plan Sunday School Lessons

A few people have been sending Sunday school lessons to the families of our church. We can always use more help. You can do online lessons or use some of our many lesson books to make copies and mail packets to the kids. Please contact Sarah Heend if you can help.

☞ Please contact Sarah Heend at 314-283-5215 or by email: skheend@gmail.com if you can help.

Thank you for
wearing your
masks!



Children under 12 are not able to receive vaccines against Covid-19 at this time. We hope that will change in the future. Until that happens, we can all help protect the young ones of our congregation by continuing to wear face masks when in the church building. Thank you for keeping our church safe for all ages!

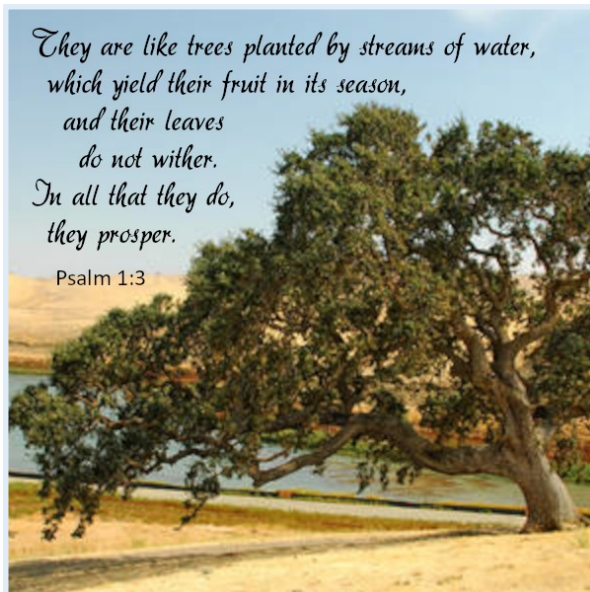


SAVE THE DATE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2:30-6:30pm

Impact Life (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) will be joining us for our biannual blood drive in Fellowship Hall.

Roll up your sleeves and join us for Ivy Chapel UCC's blood drive.

Visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org or contact **Sue Wilson** at (314) 324-3765 for an appointment time.



HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Please consider helping picking up trash along the designated section of North Woods Mill Rd on **November 7th 10am** (last one for 2021).

Contact **Bruce Wilking**, 314-640-4902, to

let him know you want to help.



Trustee News

A large group turned out early on August 28 to beat the heat and clean up the Church grounds and pavilion in preparation for Rally Day and the picnic. Trash was picked up along Woods Mill Road in record time. Memorial Garden has also been cleaned up and looks great.

The Lucent telephone system installed in the 1980s was starting to break down and was briefly interrupting conversations. Since Lucent is no longer in business, a new system branded by AT&T was installed. The new system is much more compact and eliminates the PBX switching board that was in the church's lower level. It has a base unit located in the church office which connects wirelessly with four other extensions and has answering and call transferring functions.

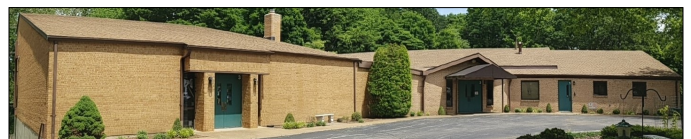
An inspection by the Chesterfield Fire Marshall on September 2nd resulted in a Safety Report with a list of 12 items that needed to be addressed. The items included replacing light bulbs in exit signs, clearing hallways of items that could block exits, adding a K-class fire extinguisher to the kitchen area, and covering holes in the mechanical room ceiling. The Trustees divided up the jobs and it is expected that they will be completed in time for a re-inspection in late September.

Fund the Facility

JUST a reminder that this is year three of IVY CHAPEL's Fund the Facility campaign.

Fund the Facility monies are used to cover significant building and grounds and related costs such as repairs to a broken sewer pipe this summer, parking lot water pipe repair last winter; the roof repair and audio/visual improvements in the Sanctuary that were accomplished the past two years.

If you are able, please consider helping us meet our goal through contributions.



Scripture Worship

3 OCT 2021, NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8,
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

10 OCT 2021, 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Amos 5:6-7, 10-15,
Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

17 OCT 2021, 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 38:1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Isaiah 53:4-12,
Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

24 OCT 2021, 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9*,
Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

31 OCT 2021, 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Deuteronomy 6:1-9,
Psalm 119:1-8, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

*Exiles Return from Persia

The September issue of The Ivy Vine, we learned about how Esther became queen of Persia.

In Jeremiah 30:3 God promised that they would, after a time, be freed.

“For the days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will restore the fortunes of my people,
Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring
them back to the land that I gave to their
ancestors and they shall take possession of it.”

In Jeremiah 31:7-9 the God’s promise is fulfilled and we read of the joy...

“For thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the
north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the
earth, among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

TOTENFEST

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

You will recall one of the traditions of our forebears in Christian faith is the celebration of “Totenfest” (German for ‘The Festival of the Dead’). Ivy Chapel will share together in this sacred ritual. We’ll observe “Totenfest” during worship on November 7th. You are invited and encouraged to submit the names of those you love who have died within this past year. Please provide the name(s) IN PRINT to our church office by Sunday, October 24th. A printed list will be posted just outside Pastor Dan’s study. As the date approaches, please verify that the name of each person you would like recognized is on the list. The names will be read aloud during our worship on Sunday, November 7th. *Thank you.*

➤ **Please return by Sunday, October 24th at the church office or mail to:**

**Dan Wilson
595 McBride Pointe Drive,
Wildwood, MO 63011**

OR email him: pastordan@ivychapel.org

PLEASE PROVIDE:

(1) The NAME OF LOVED ONE:

(2) YOUR RELATIONSHIP to the loved one:

DIAPER DRIVE



Babies require up to 12 diapers a day!



You can't buy diapers with food stamps or get them through WIC.



Diapers cost an average of \$75-\$100 per month!
(That's nearly 10% of the yearly income of a person living at the poverty line.)

Ivy Chapel is helping the **St. Louis Area Diaper Bank**
FILL THE WAREHOUSE!

Now through October 10th, please donate **size 5 and 6** diapers.
(Look for the diaper pail in the narthex!)

THANK YOU for Taking Action!



Halloween Word Search

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With God's Blessings

Happy Anniversary to... 

10/20 1985 Thom and Kathryn Kuntzman

Happy Birthday to... 

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kevin Wilking | 12 Russel Washburn |
| 4 Evelyn Stecher | 13 Rudolf "Rudi" Lauer |
| Celeste Tichy | 19 Adam Durham |
| 8 Rose Share | 20 Don Wolff |
| 10 Jennifer Faust | |
| Mark Moody | |

Serving God's People

God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry. If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at 314-434-4991.

Pastor Dan Wilson: pastordan@ivy-chapel.org 314-580-4564

Office Manager—Frieda Clark: ivy-chapelucc@ivy-chapel.org

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➤ **GIVING STATEMENTS:** Peter LaSalle 636-519-0823

➤ **BORROWING** Chairs/Tables: Ralph Weiland 314-878-3230

OCT Care Corps LDR-Nancy Litzinger 314-434-4162

NOV Care Corps LDR-Sue Wilson 314-324-3465

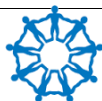
CO-LDR-Nancy Marston 314-878-1317

CO-LDR-Ashton Wilson 314-956-6919

| ASSISTING IN LAY MINISTRY | | Please find YOUR Name. | | Reminders are sent each Tuesday. | | |
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| DATE | NURSERY | ACOLYTE/ | GREETERS | USHERS | LITURGIST | COFFEE |
|  | | <p>All are welcome to join us. Masks and social distancing still required to protect our young and unvaccinated members. Or worship on YouTube Sunday at 10 a.m. Visit our YouTube channel</p> | | | | |
| | | <p>For daily spiritual nourishment; we invite you to subscribe free of charge to our United Church of Christ Still Speaking Daily Devotional at</p> | | | | |
| | | <p>www.ucc.org/daily_devotional  DAILY DEVOTIONAL <small>Created by the StillSpeaking Writers' Group</small></p> | | | | |
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Charities we serve: Please place items on the designated shelves in the cloak room or otherwise designated.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN—Shopping and monthly needs List is on FH bulletin board. Place on **TOP SHELF**.
636-861-2623 <https://www.circleofconcern.org/>



RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY: Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. <https://www.rccfoodpantry.org/>

Isaiah 58 Ministries Bag of Blessings list on FH bulletin board. Place on **3rd-4th SHELVES**: food, egg cartons, clothing, plastic bags, glass cases.
<https://i58ministries.org/>



Every Child's Hope <https://everychildshope.org>
Lydia's House <https://www.lydiashouse.org>
UP—Unleashing Potential <https://upstl.org>

INSTITUTO EL REY: Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams. www.ierschool.org



LIONS CLUB recycles old eyeglasses: Place frames and lenses (**no cases**) in the orange collection basket in the office or in the wall pocket next to the office door.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | | 1 | 2 AA 10:30am |
| 3 19th S aft Pentecost-gn 10am Worship w/LS Fall Fellowship pg 2 | 4 AA 1pm | 5 AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm | 6 | 7 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am Christian Ed. Mtg 7pm | 8 | 9 AA 10:30am |
| 10 20th S aft Pentecost-gn CONSECRATION GUEST SPEAKER 10am Worship Diaper Drive ends pg 6 Shannon Farrell-Girls Scouts camping 8-10 no other reservations | 11 AA 1pm COUNCIL MTG 7PM | 12 AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm | 13 | 14 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am | 15 The Ivy Vine articles due | 16 AA 10:30am |
| 17 21st S aft Pentecost-gn CONSECRATION SUNDAY 10am Worship | 18 AA 1pm | 19 AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm | 20 Men's Lunch 11:30am Duffy's Pub and Grill 1024 Schnucks Woods Mill Plaza | 21 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am | 22 | 23 AA 10:30am |
| 24 22d S aft Pentecost-gn TRUNK OR TREAT pg 3 10am Worship Totenfest forms due pg 5 Shannon Farrell-Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm -no other groups | 25 AA 1pm | 26 AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm | 27 | 28 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am | 29 | 30 AA 10:30am |
| 31 Reformation Day-red 10am Worship | 1 November AA 1pm | 2 November AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm | 3 November CC Rehearsal 7pm no other reservations | 4 November AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am Christian Ed. Mtg 7pm | 5 November | 6 November AA 10:30am |

In November: Sun., 7th Totenfest pg 5,
 Last Highway Clean-up of the year pg 4
 Sat., 27th Prep for Hanging of the Greens

Tue., 16 Blood Drive 2:30-6:30pm pg 4

Sun., 28th First Day of Advent/Hanging of the Greens

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| AA=Alcoholics Anonymous | CA=Christian Action | FH = Fellowship Hall | KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED | JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND SCHOOL |
| CC=Chancel Choir | CE=Christian Education | LL=LOWER LEVEL | LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER | NURSERY=NY |
| EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion | | M&M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP | | PP=PURPLE PAGES |
| | | | | SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| | Monday JRWS 8:30-3:30 | Tuesday JRWS 8:30-3:30 | Wednesday JRWS 8:30-3:30 | Thursday JRWS 8:30-3:30 |
| | | | | Friday JRWS 8:30-3:30 |