



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Devotion for September – Enough Faith

Read Mark 7:24-30

Do you have enough faith? Do you have enough faith to pray even when it seems God is not listening? It is not always easy to maintain faithfulness, especially when it seems God is silent to our pleas for help. Just as the Psalmist wrote; “O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest...” (Psalm 22:2).

Many people feel they sometimes experience silence from God. On the night he was handed over, Jesus himself prayed that the cup of suffering might be removed from him, yet he remained faithful. The fact remains that Jesus's crucifixion was God's greatest silence.

We have all experienced this silence of God. We pray for something and the opposite seems to happen. We pray for healing yet still suffer. We pray for companionship, yet we remain lonely. This is where faith enters. Having faith means understanding and believing that Christ was, is, and always will be Emmanuel, God with us. Even as we do not understand God's ways, through faith we are enabled to believe that God's mercy endures. Even as we don't always seem to get what

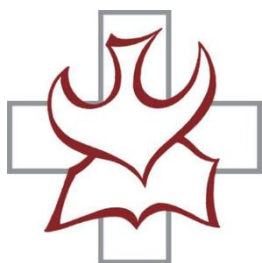
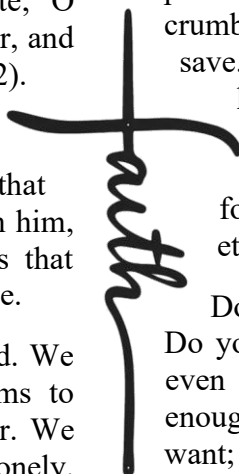
we want, the Holy Spirit leads us through faith to realize God gives us what we need.

In this month's text, the Syrophenician woman pleads for her daughter's healing; she believes the crumbs from the Master's table have the power to save. It is all she needs. Even as we plead, “Lord

have mercy,” Christ reaches out and fills our empty hands with this same bread from heaven. Christ is the only source for forgiveness of our sin and the promise of eternal life. Through faith in him we are saved.

Do you have enough faith? What do you think? Do you believe that God's blessings are for you even if you might have times of doubt? Having enough faith is not hoping we will get what we want; it is knowing Jesus is Lord. Having enough faith is believing that no matter what chaos threatens us, we are not alone in a storm. Having enough faith means knowing Christ is our Lord and our God, and through him only is the way to eternal life.

Prayer: *O Lord God, keep us in faith. Amen.*



Confirmed in Christ

Congratulations to this year's catechetical class upon their confirmation. Samantha Monts, Copeland Peoples, Bryleigh Prosser, and MacKenzie Raines completed the two-year course of instruction with Pastor David and were confirmed on Sunday, August 30th during our worship service. A reception following worship was held in their honor. Well done Bryleigh, Copeland, MacKenzie, and Samantha.

From Your Pastor's Heart

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

The month of September brings with it a bittersweet feeling for me, for the first time in many years I will not have a class of youth members setting out on the course for Confirmation instruction. It is truly a pastor's joy, especially for this pastor, to spend time with our younger members and learn from them as they spend time learning from me.

Over the years, I have learned so much from the many bright and energetic kids I have taught. I've learned that they truly do care about the things going on in our world. They care about the needs of our community and the wellbeing of the members of our congregation. Mostly, I have learned that, though they may be sometimes quiet on the subject, they truly love their Lord Jesus and are thankful for all God has done in their lives.

I remember those long-ago days when I sat in the classroom with my pastor. He was just as hopeful for me and my classmates as I have always been for those whom I have had the pleasure of instructing. Conversations around the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments tend to open up the minds of our youth. Reading the Great Bible Stories of the Old and New Testaments capture their attention and shed light on the mercy and love God has for His people. It's truly a wonder to see the connections that are made as our kids grow in faith.

Yet, in all the marvel of my experiences with the youth of the Lutheran Church, one thing sticks out for me. Most children when they embark on Catechetical instruction do not know much about the Bible or the basics of the Christian faith. For a pastor, it's a lot to pass on in one hour per week for sixteen months. I can't help but wonder, how much faith formation is truly happening in the home? Do parents take the above passage from Proverbs at face value and act upon it?

Some of the children whom I've taught over the

years now have children of their own. Some still keep in touch; I've officiated at some of their weddings; and I encourage them (and their parents) however I can; but I'm no longer their pastor. I handed that relationship over years ago, but truly, God has never released me from the promises I made to them when they were baptized. That same truth is for all of us to consider as we baptize the children of St. Jacob's and celebrate with them as they become confirmed in their faith.

My prayer for Bryleigh, Copeland, MacKenzie, and Samantha is that they are thankful for the instruction they have received in Sunday school and Catechetical classes and continue to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus. I'm sure they will, because as members of their church family, we will continue to encourage them as they continue to grow in years. That's the promise we made to them on the day they were baptized, and God has not released us from that promise.

As an ordained pastor of the Church of Christ, it is my vow to continue to teach and instruct the children of God so they too may grow in faith and relationship with Christ. That's all of you. I promise that I will continue to train up the children of God in the way they should go and pray that none will depart from it. God bless us all as we grow in faith and love together. That is what is on your pastor's heart as we begin this new month together.



Grace to you and peace,

Pastor David Nuottila

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Briefs

August 4, 2026

Good Things at St. Jacob's for July

- Successful VBS.
- Attendance has been up for Sunday service.
- Parking lot is still underway but also being able to be used.

Pastor's Report:

- We had a couple of large but successful funerals this past month. Thank you to all that were involved in making sure the families had everything they needed.
- VBS and Bible studies went well.
- Celebration of confirmands will be August 30th.
- Blessing of the backpacks will be August 9th.
- Ellison Hammet baptism will be August 16th.
- Pastor will be on vacation August 19th-27th.

Treasurer's Report:

- As of this month, offerings are behind last year by approximately \$23,000.

Ministry Team Reports

- o Christian Education
 - VBS was Monday, July 13th-Thursday, July 16th with the theme "Illumination Station."
 - Our average attendance each night was 61.
 - VBS total expenses - \$2,625.72 (\$1,562.26- meals; \$1,063.46- materials).
 - Prayers for our program and increasing attendance for Sunday school and for volunteers for both Sunday school and nursery.
- o Congregational Care
 - Assisted with the 250th anniversary meal for our celebration on July 19th.
 - Assisted the Christian Education Team with VBS.
 - Provided finger foods for the family of Mrs. Ramonia Lindler's visitation on July 24th.
 - Provided a meal to the family of Ms. Francis Bowers on July 29th.
- o Discipleship
 - As of July 31st, there was no change in the inventory of the Auxiliary Storm Shed.
 - Donated 24 Mercy Bags to We Care weighing 371 pounds and included 17 dozen fresh eggs.
- o Property
 - Picnic shed was removed.
 - Continued work of the parking lot.
 - Exterior lighting for church office and parking lot to come later.
- o Safety
 - Guided traffic during funerals safely.
 - Continue to monitor church grounds.
 - We have located former military trainers who may re-certify CPR and AED for safety team members.
- o Staff Support
 - Laurie is receiving training and information to begin using Constant Contact for communication (email/newsletter).
 - Need help promoting digital media position.

- o Stewardship
 - AJ to provide a temple talk to focus on “treasures” tithing and giving.
- o Worship and Music
 - Plans for a worship and music meeting at the end of August.
 - Beginning plans for advent season and Christmas.

Old Business:

- Child and Youth Protection Policy:
 - o Council has reviewed the revised policy and suggested a few changes. These will be sent to Judy.
- Property Team to give quotes on exterior lighting for the church office.
- Lexington County landscaping plan.
- Replace signs at intersections – tabled.

New Business:

- Budget items - all council representatives should get budget items for 2027 from their ministry teams. Deadline is September 1st.
- 2027 council member candidates are needed by next council meeting.

Addendums:

- On Sunday, July 26th a special called meeting was held immediately following service. Members received a short presentation on the additional cost needed to complete the parking lot project and to use funds from the Sites’ endowment. With the majority in favor, the proposal was approved.
- On July 29th an email motion was made to establish a fund for playground donations using a past donation made in memory of Pepper Ellisor. Council voted unanimously by email and text to establish a Playground Fund. The fund was immediately made available on Vanco and was included as a gift suggestion in memory of Mrs. Ramonia Lindler.
- Council was presented with a request from the Property Team for a new HVAC unit.
 - o Wilson’s performed a 6-month HVAC checkup and filter change on the Church and Office units.
 - o The sanctuary right side (organ side) unit would run but there was no cooling. Essentially no refrigerant (freon) in the system. The cost to put freon in would approach \$3,000 with no guarantees to a 20-year-old unit.
 - o The Property Team received quotes to replace the unit from Wilson's.
 - Option 1: Armstrong 5 Ton 14.3 SEER2 heat pump split system and ecobe Wi-Fi t-sat control for \$10,965. Additional cost would be needed for this option because it requires additional wiring by an electrician.
 - Option 2: Moov-air Side Discharge 5 Ton Ultra High Efficient 17.5 SEER2 heat pump system and ecobe Wi-Fi t-sat control for \$12,950. This unit requires no heat strips due to being efficient down to less than 5 degrees. Current wiring is compatible.
 - Both quotes include installation, disposal of old system, reconnect to existing supply and return ductwork with modifications as needed.
 - o The Property Team recommended that council go with option 2.
 - o The remaining budget does not cover this so Council would need to provide a budget increase if we are to pursue this replacement. Council would need to act on this ASAP so we could move forward with this request if granted.
 - o Council voted unanimously on August 12th to approve option 2 as recommended by the Property Team.

**** Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM in the church office. ****

August Financial and Memorial Information

Financial Report for August 2026

<u>General Fund Donations</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Aug 17-21 – Vanco Donations	1,575		
July 26 – Sunday Donations	<u>4,350</u>		
	\$5,925	\$18,257	\$159,882
Budget Requirement:	\$5,862	\$23,448	\$199,308

Memorials Received July 27 – August 23

GENERAL FUND:

- In Memory of Frances Bowers – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: Daniel and Stephanie McDuffie; Les Sutphin
- In Memory of Mattie Jane Lindler and Frances Bowers – By: Danny and Brenda Shealy

BUILDING FUND:

- In Memory of Frances Bowers – By: Terry and Barbara Metze; Janet Lindler
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: Janet Lindler

CEMETERY FUND:

- In Memory of David Ellisor – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler; Terry and Barbara Metze

MEMORIAL FUND:

- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: David and Tina Kibler; Retha Russell; Ben Pinner; Gary and Gwynne Bedenbaugh; Ricky and Mary Nell Cromer; Phil and Debbie Dooley; Randy and Pam Frick; Maxton and Bobbie King; Carl and Bonnie Derrick;
- In Memory of Mattie Jane Lindler and O’Neal Bickley – By: Henry and Erline Clark
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler and Frances Bowers – By: Janice Shealy

PLAYGROUND FUND:

- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: Kevin and Mandy Kibler; Barry and Alice Rice; Colin and Jeannie Dailey; Carroll and Dinah Pinner; Eddie and Denise Eargle; Eddie and Gail Epting; Don and Judy Dease; Danny and Brenda Shealy;
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler “Aunt Monie” By: Jamey, Julie, Jenna and Jackson Shealy
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler “a very special aunt” By: Henry and Erline Clark
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler and Frances Bowers – By: Todd and Joanie Ballentine; Billy and Sherrie McTeer; Doug, Johanne and Brian Sullivan

MERCY BAGS:

- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: Michael and Ann Corley;
- In Honor of Ann Slice AND In Memory of Ramonia Lindler and Frances Bowers
By: Lynn and Susan Shealy

LUTHERAN WOMEN:

- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: Earline Shealy; Kathy Boland; Brian and Sandra Dietrich;
- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler and Mattie Jane Lindler – By: Buddy and Phyllis Bickley
- In Memory of Mattie Jane Lindler, Ramonia Lindler and Frances Bowers
By: Joe and Eileen Richardson; Patricia Woodard

UP & GOING:

- In Memory of Ramonia Lindler – By: Leon and Helen Lindler

WE CARE:

- In Memory of Frances Bowers – By: David and Tina Kibler

Worship Assistants

September 06

Ushers: James Kibler, Don Dease,
David Kibler, Robert Wessinger
Lector: Tina Kibler
Communion: Lynn Shealy and Sherrie McTeer
Acolyte: Samantha Monts
Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

September 13

Ushers: Tracy Eargle, Gerald Lindler,
John Riser, Arthur Langley
Lector: Susan Shealy
Communion: Patricia Woodard and AJ Peeples
Acolyte: MacKenzie Raines
Crucifer: David Kibler

September 20

Ushers: Helen Lindler, Leon Lindler,
Lynn Shealy, Sherrie McTeer
Lector: Tracy Riser
Communion: Judy Dease and David Kibler
Acolyte: Johnathan Corn
Crucifer: AJ Peeples

September 27

Ushers: Lutheran Men
Lector: Lutheran Men
Communion: Lutheran Men
Acolyte: Lutheran Men
Crucifer: Lutheran Men

Children's Sunday School Assistants

September 06: Eddie Eargle
September 13: Joanie Ballentine
September 20: Denise Eargle
September 27: Jo Sullivan

Nursery Assistants

September 06: Kayla Pharis
September 13: Sherrie McTeer
September 20: Nicki and Izzy Peeples
September 27: Sandra Brown

Safety Teams

September 06 — Barry Rice, Tina Kibler
September 13 — Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler
September 20 — Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley
September 27 — Barry Rice, Tina Kibler

Grounds Crew

Billy McTeer (co-chair), Lynn Shealy (co-chair), Walt Shealy, Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Donald Turner, Jeff Kleckley, Arthur Langley, AJ Peeples, Josh Monts, Jason Wicker, Bryan Metze, David Kibler, Adrian Meetze

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Altar Flowers for September

September 06 — Kevin and Kayla Pharis
September 13 — Todd and Joanie Ballentine
September 20 — *Available*
September 27 — Albert and Elvia Lindler



September Birthdays

01 – Stephanie McDuffie
01 – Nicki Peebles
03 – Phyllis Bickley
03 – Susan S. Shealy
04 – Caleb Meetze
05 – Lia Clark
05 – Evan Riser
06 – Les Sutphin
07 – Gracie Moore
09 – Erline Clark
09 – Jason Jones
10 – Melissa Lindler
11 – Rachel Boland
11 – Barbara Metze
12 – Easton Amick



12 – Taylor Monts	13 – Julie Stuck
13 – Jeff Kleckley	14 – Parker Turney
	15 – Lynne Amick
	17 – Anita Dye
	18 – Kayleigh Eargle
	19 – Dawn Lindler
	19 – Frances Slice
	20 – Judy Turner
	22 – Jill Lindler
	22 – Walt Shealy
	22 – Renee Shields
	23 – Earline Shealy
	23 – Danny Shealy
	23 – Melissa Wicker
	25 – Kayla Pharis
	28 – Lily Wallace

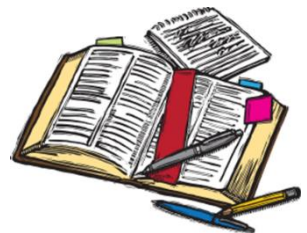
Pastor's Classes for New Members and Everyone



During September, Pastor David will host Sunday morning classes for our newest members, visitors, and anyone who would like to know more about St. Jacob's, the South Carolina Mission District, and the North American Lutheran Church. Classes will meet in one of the Sunday school rooms in the Christian Education Hall downstairs from the church sanctuary. Dates for our classes will be September 13th, 20th, and 27th. Please let Pastor David know if you are interested.

Midweek Bible Studies Return

Our midweek Bible studies will resume according to our regular schedule for September and the months following. Wednesday morning Bible study will meet in the church office Conference Room beginning on September 2nd at 9:30 AM each week. The topic for our study will be centered upon your favorite Bible stories, Bible verses, and traditional hymns. We will read each one in its fuller context and discuss the attributes that give them so much meaning for God's people.



On September 8th, our Tuesday evening Bible study will begin meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 PM in the church office conference room. Our topic for study will be a close look at how the architecture of churches and the symbolism inside our church nave shapes our identity as Christians who are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Please plan to attend one or both of these studies. There are no special materials needed. Friends and neighbors are also welcome to attend.



St. Jacob's 250th Anniversary Year-long Celebration

In August we welcomed our final special guest preacher when we hosted Pastor Dave Tholstrup and his wife Janice. Throughout the year it has been a joy to welcome several of the shepherds from our recent past and we look forward to the culmination of our celebration in October when we welcome our NALC Bishop Dan Selbo.

Before that happens, we have one more opportunity to celebrate. This month we will have a congregational outreach event distributing St. Jacob's 250th Anniversary blankets to several of our friends and shut in members. We are so thankful for God's blessing our congregation with a long history and loving church family throughout the many generations of worshipers who have called this place home. Below is a list of our remaining planned events.

- September 20th – Congregational Outreach Event; blankets for residents at Generations.
- October 25th – Homecoming and Anniversary Sunday, guest preacher NALC Presiding Bishop Dan Selbo; special catered congregational dinner following worship.
- November TBD – Golden Agers Recognition and Celebration.

Up and Going

Thursday, August 20th was the Annual 4 Churches Meeting hosted this year by Macedonia Lutheran Church in Prosperity. Upon arrival each person was given a bright green bulletin and a prize number ticket. We entered the beautifully red, white and blue decorated Fellowship Hall with matching clothed favors on each table for each person attending.

We were welcomed by Sandy Bennett, President of Macedonia's Goldies. She introduced each of the four churches. Forty persons attended and nine were from St. Jacob's.

Betty Garren gave the devotions entitled *The Tree of Life – Jesus Christ our Lord*. We sang together the hymn "Tree of Life" by Marty Haugen. Devotions concluded with prayer. Beautiful piano music was provided by a Newberry College Music Minister. After the blessing for the meal, we enjoyed a bountiful and delicious meal. Macedonia provided the meats (BBQ and fried chicken) and everyone else brought a side dish or dessert. Food

brings out the very best in us as we enjoyed the food and laughed and talked with everyone around us.



Dorothy Longshore presided over the prize drawings. Many unique and special gifts were given and joyfully received. The closing prayer was given by Dorothy Longshore. Much conversation and many hugs transpired as we said goodbye and planned to see each other next year. St. Jacob's will host the 2027 meeting.

The Up and Going's Annual Apple Run to Hendersonville, NC is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th. We will meet at 8:30 AM in the bus shed parking lot. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Up and Going bulletin board. Please plan to join us.

Helen (O'Neal) Lindler
Team Leader for
Up and Going





Music Notes

We need your help. Our choir is going through a period of rebuilding as several of our members are no longer with us. We will continue to assist in leading worship weekly as we are able, but we are asking you to help us with the anthem. We will plan a hymn for the anthem twice a month. The Sundays we are singing will be published in the newsletter along with hymns we are singing.

Please come join us to sing our praise to God. We will meet at 9:15 AM in the choir room to run through the anthem with everyone, then just come join the choir during the passing of the peace and return to your seat after the anthem. Of course, you are welcome to sit in the choir throughout to help lead worship if you would like.

September 13th

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

If you are unfamiliar with the hymn, here is a link to listen to. I'm sure you will know the tune.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZIybA5NoTY>

September 27th is Men's Sunday and they will provide the anthem.

Please help us fill the church with song.



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

We Care continues to be incredibly grateful for all the amazing ways God shows Himself faithful to those struggling in our community, especially through gifts like yours! Thank you so much for "not forgetting to share with others" through your generous donation!

Temperatures have been soaring, and clients struggle to keep up with the resulting utility bills. In addition to high electric costs, clients also are juggling the extra needs that summer presents in having children home all day, meaning that families do not have access to school feeding programs that provide daily breakfast and lunch. We also are experiencing a significant increase in new clients coming to us for help. We are committed to help everyone who comes to us!

At the same time that needs are increasing, we also are seeing a decrease in donations. We have been praying for provision, especially for our most needed items, including toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. Keep up with all our most pressing needs by subscribing to our monthly newsletter on our website www.ChapinWeCare.org or following us on Facebook.

You are making a difference in the lives of our clients! Your kindness to remember their struggle is such a blessing to us as we seek to meet their needs and let them know that they are seen and loved.

How I would love for you to see the love you are giving! Know that every dollar counts and we could not be more appreciative! May we all remember that our sacrifices to share with others are pleasing to God. Be richly blessed in knowing the difference you are making! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Alecia Klauk

Alecia Klauk
Executive Director

Donation Receipt

Date: 7/13/2026
Donation: \$375.00
Check Number: 975137

August 2026

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
(Matthew 6:21)*



Dear Friends of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$250.00.

You have blessed our hearts with your support of our ministry to provide solid, biblical resources for use in preaching and teaching God's Word. Because of your gifts, we are able to keep the cost of our materials low for those churches struggling to keep their ministries viable.

We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,

Steven King

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

thank you

The family of Ramonia Lindler would like to thank the congregation for the outpouring of love you've shown during our time of grief. These acts of kindness and your continuing prayers for healing have been a great comfort to all of us. We are so blessed to have a kind, loving and caring church family here at St. Jacob's.

In Christian Love,
Robert, June, Gerald, Robin
and the entire Lindler Family

Remembering In Our Prayers

ST. JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Paul Lindler, Sr.	Gary Marco	O'Neal Lindler
Janet Lindler	Glenn Shealy	Earline Shealy
Arthur Langley		Bryan Bowers

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Michael Lindler	Alice Morefield	Faye Wessinger
Eddie Epting		Dan Frick

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE FACILITES

Generations of Chapin: Shirley Nuottila, Lucy Slice
Fairforest Grove Senior Living: Frances Slice
Colonial Garden Memory Care: Joe Richardson
National Health Care in Lexington: Janet Lindler

FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

Jessica Mack	Zachary Slice	Andy Wessinger
Charlotte Simmons	Damon Lindler	Patrick Parada

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 7th.



St. Jacob's encourages you to use our online giving platform for your regular offering and/or to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone. Simply open the camera on your phone, point it at the QR code and then tap the website that appears on your camera screen. The website will provide clear instructions for how to donate using this secure platform.



A separate fund has been established for those who wish to support the new playground. You can give to this special fund online by using this QR code.





September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Church Council 6:30pm (CO)	2 Bible Study 9:30am (CO)	3	4	5
6 Generations 1:00pm	7 Church Office Closed	8 Bible Study 6:30pm (CO)	9 Bible Study 9:30am (CO)	10 Up and Going Apple Run 8:30am (Bus Shed)	11	12
13 Pastor's Class 9:00am	14	15	16 Bible Study 9:30am (CO)	17	18	19
20 Pastor's Class 9:00am Guest pastor Rev. Dave Tholstrup/ Congregational dinner after service Generations 1:00pm LW 4:00pm (FH) LM 6:00pm (FH)	21	22 Bible Study 6:30pm (CO)	23 Bible Study 9:30am (CO)	24	25	26
27 Pastor's Class 9:00am	28	29	30 Bible Study 9:30am (CO)	