



2024

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER – NEWSLETTER – 2024

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### PASTORS PAGE

#### “Looking Towards Advent”

Well, I hope you had a good summer! We are back in school, and it's full steam ahead into the fall. I am not a happy camper as we are looking at the end of summer, however, I am happy about our children returning to school and our preschool starting. I am busy preparing my preaching schedule leading to Advent. While reflecting upon what I would preach the eight weeks before Advent, I came across the following scripture.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is valid for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*

Our children will return to school to learn math, reading, etc. The classes will prepare them for life and living in society. Christians are given the scripture to learn to live in society to the glory and praise of God. Just as teachers in our schools pass on practical and theoretical knowledge for the benefit of our children, so does God provide for the benefit of his people through the teaching of the Word of God.

This Advent, you can study with us on Dec 3, Dec 10, and Dec 17, at six o'clock. We will gather and study under the theme “The Word Became Flesh.” It's a time to go back to school, a time of learning and growth. So, join us, where the Holy Spirit will be our divine guide, teaching us about the profound concept of the Word becoming flesh.

Your Brother Because of Calvary,

Dr. Angel L. De La Cruz

# GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

**IF THE DATE ASSIGNED TO YOU CONFLICTS WITH YOUR SCHEDULE,  
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE ON THE LIST AND INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THIS CHANGE.**

**GREETERS** should be at the door at 10:10 AM; the bell is to be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also take up the offering, get the collection plates before the service begins; they are on the first pew in the back section of the church in the black cloth bag.

**Please lock the front doors of the church at 10:30. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small "key" found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
September 1	Chad and Shawna Taylor	Mia Scrips
September 8	Sharon Aikins and Laurie Pritt	Liam Scrips
September 15	Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh	Cooper Grantz
September 22	Krista and Grant Johnston	Adalyn Quinn
September 29	Mouse and Mary Orr	Emily Johns
October 6	Tom Spencer and Dave Smail	Jonah Scrips



## FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1 and 8 – Nancy Schrecengost  
 September 15 and 22 – open  
 September 29 - open

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or for an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.



## **PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT**

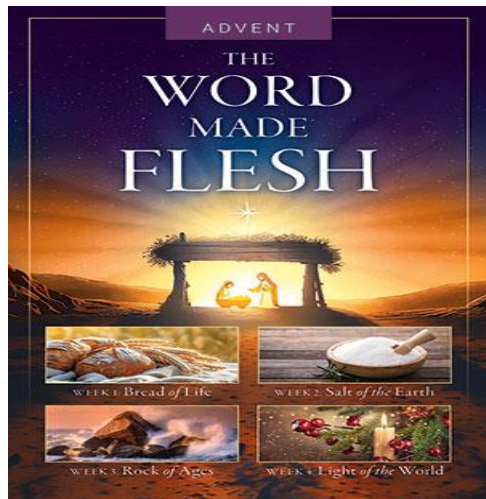
Linda Prugh is the contact person for prayer chain requests.

If you have a prayer request that you would like others to pray for, or if you would like to be added to the email to receive the requests contact Linda

Home - 724-354-4787

Cell - 724-464-8861

Email – larrylee201@comcast.net



Please mark your calendars now to join us for an Advent Bible study.

**December 3, 10 and 17  
6:00 PM**

In this Bible study for Advent, we will explore the biblical background and impact of the earthly substances of bread, salt, rock, and light.

As we welcome the Baby Jesus during this season, our understanding of who he is and what he has done for us will undoubtedly expand through the study of these four earthly substances.

If you plan to attend the Advent Bible study, please contact Susan so that enough study materials can be ordered.

More information will be available in the upcoming months.



### **CHOIR MEMBERS**

Please attend our first practice  
September 15 at 8:30 AM.

Practices will be Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM

Anyone can join the choir;  
we hope to see you there!



**A REMINDER FOR YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR  
OFFICE PRAYER TIME  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM  
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

## **PLASTIC RECYCLING PROJECT**

Thank you for saving your plastic!

We are just about 100 pounds away from reaching our goal of 1000 pounds, so please continue collecting.

However, when we have reached our goal, it is our hope another organization will take over.

If anyone knows of such an organization, please contact Dee Craig.

Dee will help the new organization set it up and understand the ins and outs of the project. Collection sites are already in place so it isn't difficult and it is very worthwhile.





**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNUAL  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

8:30 Breakfast; 9:00 Cornhole Tournament

10:30 AM – During worship service –

Recognition of Sunday School and Butterfly Hill Preschool teachers  
with a blessing on the school year.

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**8:30 AM -BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**CORNHOLE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM**



# HEY KIDS

**We are excited about our new curriculum from  
HeartShaper  
where we can Shape hearts and Change lives.**

**Kids are introduced to the lesson, they will interact with  
scripture passages, develop Bible skills, and discover how the  
Scripture applies to their lives.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
9:30 - 10:15 AM**

Miss Emily will be teaching the Preschool - Early Elementary Class  
the following lessons in September -

- God Helps David Do His Jobs
- God Helps David Be Brave
- Jonathan Is a Good Friend to David
- David Chooses God's Way

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

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## **HELLO – ALL ADULTS!**

(Single, Married, Young or Old)

“The Young at Heart Class”

will be firing back up on

**September 8, 2024**

**9:30 – 10:15 AM**

Charlene De La Cruz is the leader,  
offering a strong Bible-based class that has you coming back for more.

The fall lesson plan will revolve around the book  
“The James Code: 52 Scripture Principals for Putting Your Faith into Action”

If you would love to learn more about the Bible  
this is an open invitation to you!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

# Teen Sunday School

Join us for the start  
of Sunday school!

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
9:30 AM

Kathy Jo and Cory Scrips will lead the teens as they study from the books -

“The Armor of God”, “Rock Solid Faith” and  
“Sunday School Lessons for Teens”

You will learn that the “**Armor of God**” is an action plan for putting on your armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory against the enemy.  
Yes. A strategy.

Packed with cool stories, fun games, discussion questions, and awesome Bible activities, “**Rock Solid Faith**” will teach you how to trust God and develop unshakeable faith!  
Covering everything from witnessing and stewardship to faith and service.

In the “**Sunday School Lessons for Teens**,” you will embark on a transformative journey as you explore timeless biblical truths and discover practical wisdom to tackle real-life challenges. From understanding your identity in Christ to navigating relationships, handling peer pressure, and embracing change, this lesson book equips you with the tools and insights you need to thrive in every aspect of your life.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!





## Butterfly Hill Preschool

### **IT'S FINALLY HERE!**

We here at Butterfly Hill Preschool are so excited to begin the 2024-2025 school year with the bright, smiley faces of the children of this community.

We are starting this school year off with some familiar faces, but a few new ones as well.

We all (new or veteran staff) have felt the thoughts, prayers, and support that have been sent to us through this transition. I am blessed to give you the news of a full staff and classroom list that continues to grow every day.

The mission of this preschool is not something that will ever change. We all are here to carry on the purpose that was started 32 years ago. Every child that comes to us will be in a safe, caring, and developmentally appropriate classroom while learning not only what is needed to start their elementary school career but also God's everlasting love for them.

The staff for the 2024-25 school year includes –

Director – Barbara Johns  
Teacher – Emily Spencer  
Teacher - Kayla Shaeffer  
Teacher - Kristy Fender  
Teacher - Alisha Busch  
Teacher - Brianna Sheffler  
Teacher - Cierra Claypool

Have a blessed September, from all of us here at Butterfly Hill Preschool.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cayden Mudd – 1st  
Owen Fleming – 3rd  
Gerry Howard – 4th  
Sophia Pinkerton – 5th  
Cindy Henderson – 6th  
Reese Spencer – 6th  
Dr. Angel De La Cruz – 8th  
Krista Johnston – 9th  
Karen Schall – 11th  
Blair Brown – 12th  
Kylie Meyer – 13th  
Jenny Shultz – 14th  
John Bowser – 15th  
Michael Johnston – 15th  
Charlee Pfeister – 17th  
Mark Clowser – 20th  
Andrew Plavi – 20th  
Haydan Lukehart – 21st  
Matt Cribbs – 22nd  
Tanner Daquilante, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Kyle Uptegraph – 25th  
Connor Lasser – 26th  
Nathan Brumbaugh – 28th  
MaKayla Scrips – 28th  
Loretta Coleman - 29th  
Jason Freeman, Jr. – 30th

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Evan and Emily Hilty – 5th - 2020  
Jerry and Brenda Cribbs – 6th, 1975  
Jon and Kara Boyer – 6th, 1997  
Shawna and Chad Taylor – 16th, 2015  
Dan and Christie Zelenski – 18th, 2010  
Bill and Linda Lynch – 22nd, 2012  
Eric and Susan Schrecengost – 23rd, 1989 -**35 years**  
Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips – 28th, 2002



### **Elderton Presbyterian Foodbank needs the following items –**

pasta, juice, soup, pasta sauce, canned fruit,  
canned vegetables, cereal, and toiletries.

Please bring your donations to the church office or  
put them in the tote on the back porch.

If you have any questions contact Terri Maughan or  
the church office – at 724-354-3117

## September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>2</b> Labor Day	<b>3</b> <b>9:00</b> – Toddler Time BHP Orientation	<b>4</b> <b>9:00</b> – Butterfly BHP Orientation  <b>6:00-8:00</b> – BHP Orientation	<b>5</b> <b>9:00</b> – Caterpillar BHP Orientation	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>8:30</b> - Breakfast <b>9:00</b> - Cornhole Tournament <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>9</b>  Butterfly Hill Preschool – first day of school	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00</b> – Circle meeting at Nancy's house	<b>12</b> <b>6:00</b> – Deacon's meeting <b>6:00</b> – Session Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>8:30</b> – Choir Practice <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8:30</b> – Choir Practice <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:00</b> – Ch Ed meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>8:30</b> – Choir Practice <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>30</b>					