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PASTOR'S LETTER

Greetings, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church Family and Friends. Wow! I cannot believe it's September already! Summer is over and life for most of us is back to its normal rhythm. Rhythm has a deep significance for human beings. Regularity is important. We all have regular meal times, regular bed times, and regular daily tasks. It's being said that rhythm is the backbone of a healthy and productive life. I believe this is true for our life in general and certainly vey true for our spiritual life.

About 10 years ago, I had a class at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, NJ, on "Spirituality of Howard Thurman". Howard Thurman (1899-1981) is the person who has most influenced African American meditative and contemplative spirituality. Thurman is brilliant and deep. He was used by God to influence many people, including Martin Luther King, Jr, during MLK's study at Boston University. In that class, the Professor underscored the importance of "spiritual rhythms" as an important tool for our spiritual formation.



I still vividly remember the Professor saying that the church is like a lazy river. The more I think about it, the more I feel our instructor was right. There are two things here. First, people can step away from the church for a while, and like the river that runs around the

water park, the church keeps moving. This can be hard at times, and even sad, watching people exit the flow of congregational life and God's movement in the world.

For a variety of reasons people may decide to exit the flow: spiritual fatigue, growing complacent or lukewarm, the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth or a desire for other things.

Second, people can re-enter after a while, and like the river that runs around the water park, the church doesn't ask them to swim back upstream to make up for lost time. There is no make-up work in the life of the local congregation, only the invitation to get back in and ride along. There is grace in that river.

So, as we embark on this New Church Year, God's invitation to His people at LCPC is renewed once more. Get back and ride along. Get back to the rhythm. The Lord has so much in store for us. Plan to join us for one of our two worship service on Sundays, plan to join our weekly PEAK gathering, be a part of a small weekly Bible Study group, serve the Lord, practice hospitality, join a Team/Committee this year. Let's use our time, treasure, and talent to build the Kingdom of Christ.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef
Senior Pastor & Head of Staff



BISTRO 50+

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10
12 NOON IN
KOOPMANS

BISTRO 50+ IS BACK!

Our first Bistro of the school year is September 10. This is a monthly luncheon for people 50+ years young, but we don't turn anyone away! The meal starts at Noon is only \$5.

The Cruisers are pleased to extend an invitation to all to attend their meeting after lunch. Our guest speaker will be DOUG GIVEN, and his subject will be "Everything you need, but do not want, to know about EARTHQUAKES." I am sure we will all find this extremely informative and fun. If you have any questions, please call Isabel at 818 424-8373.

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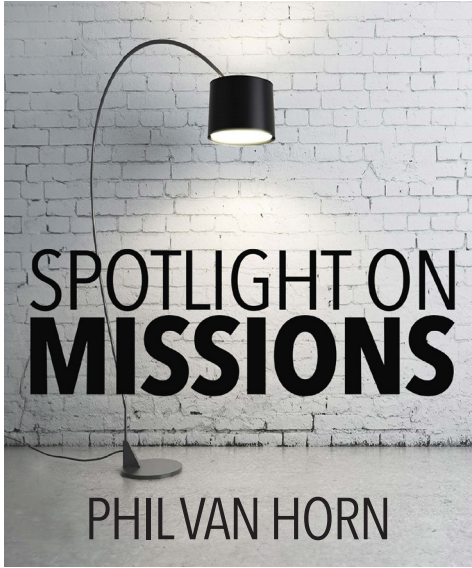
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:00 AM SHARP

Messenger articles and corrections should be emailed to shawndraws@gmail.com. Please put the word "Messenger" in the subject line. Materials submitted after the deadline may be omitted at the discretion of the editor.



PEAK (Praise and Education for Adults and Kids), starts up again September 18. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, followed by classes for all at 6:15 PM. Adults will be focusing

on the book *The Intercultural Church*, and books will be on sale soon. Start planning your fall schedule to include joining us each Wednesday evening for study and fellowship.



men meeting Jesus at these events. Pat T (not his real name) is six months free of a 30-year meth addiction while in prison. He asked me to help him give his life to Christ at Souly last March.

On September 7-8, we'll host the free M24 Campout with 1500 guys in Tehachapi. There's

BBQ, fishing and paintball, and a chance to experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Our next LCPC Man Night is Monday Sept 30th, at the home of Mark and Cindy Williams. Last spring, we hosted it in Doug and Diana's backyard. Doug and Dan Blessinger led worship music. Jon Weingarten and Craig Carlson manned the grill for 25 well-fed guys.

On Sundays, starting this summer, I began hosting virtual Chapel for a National Youth Sports Organization. We explore with the boys and parents, topics such as faith, gratitude and making good decisions. On potluck Sundays (yummy), I host it on zoom from inside the church office's supply room before heading downstairs.

One last thought. It comes from *The Toxic War on Masculinity*, by Christian thought leader Nancy Pearcey: "Christian men who are authentically committed, and attend church regularly, are actually the most loving and engaged husbands and fathers." ("Authentically committed" is defined as



attending a Sunday church service or a mid-week class three times a month or more.) Wives of these men report the highest levels of happiness. They spend more time with their children – 3.5 hours more than secular men weekly. They have the lowest divorce rate – 35% lower than secular men – with the lowest rate of domestic abuse and violence of any major group in America.

Ministering to men is rewarding. I'm very grateful for the missionary support my church family provides.

Prayer Requests: Courage for effective fundraising and ministry. Excellent physical and spiritual health and protection for both Lecia and me.

For more information on the ministry of Influencers, check it out here: <https://www.influencersbakersfield.org/>

I'm a missionary who ministers to men.

Most of my work is through Influencers discipleship ministry and Souly Business men's retreats. The discipleship work is a nine-month process in small groups in person and on zoom. The intent is to be a disciple and make a disciple that replicates.

The Bible uses the word Abide in John 15, which means get close to Jesus and stay connected. The Journey discipleship process helps men and women Abide. That often leads to transformation of marriages and families.

August is the beginning of the nine-month process. I usually host two weekly groups. Two years ago, Diana and Doug Given teamed up with Lecia and me in a couples group. Last year, Steven Anderson and Evan O'Meara joined a Journey group for guys. About a dozen other LCPC men have done the same over the past decade.

You likely hear Steven, Mark Williams and I talk about the M6 monthly BBQ in Bakersfield and the three Souly Business retreats each year, in nearby Frazier Park.

Here's just one of many, many stories of



This month we are highlighting another important service provided by the LCPC Deacons—distribution of “Grief Booklets.”

Grief and loss are a part of the cycle of life. Whether it is a sudden or expected death, coping with grief can be very challenging for many people, especially if there is a lack of support of family or friends. Some years ago, the Stephen Ministry developed a series of four booklets, “Journeying through Grief.” They are sent at four crucial times during the first year after losing a loved one. The booklets provide comfort and help to normalize the grief process. If someone in our church family has experienced a loss and you believe they would benefit from these booklets, please contact Ann Wetzel at:



annpmw44@yahoo.com.

In other Deacon news, our next Red Cross blood drive will be held in Koopmans Hall on SATURDAY (not Sunday), September 14. Hilary Norton, who is managing the blood drive with Alice Hill, reminds me that every pint of blood donated can save three lives! And that every donor in September will receive a t-shirt.

If you would like to sign up, click on this link to see what appointments are still available: [Blood Drive Sign-Ups](#). Hilary would be glad to assist with signup—please look for her at church or contact her by email at: hilarynorton@me.com. Even if you can't donate blood, you can still help by letting your friends know about the opportunity and praying for our successful drive.

Finally, as a reminder, our last Beacon spotlighted the transportation services offered by the Deacons. Please contact Rachel Wolflick if you would like transportation assistance, at rmwolf@earthlink.net.

In Him until next month,
Dave Eagle



As the days grow shorter and we transition into the rhythms of a new school year, I'm excited to share what's ahead for our youth ministry.

Summer has come to an end, and while we may miss the warmth and fun it brought, we are eagerly preparing for the start of PEAK. This year, our focus with the students will be on discipleship—walking alongside them as they deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with Christ. We are planning intentionally to ensure that each student has a clear path for their spiritual growth as we embark on this journey together.

I am constantly amazed and grateful for the ways in which God is actively at work in the lives

of our youth. His presence is evident in their passion, their questions, and their desire to know Him more. As we enter this new season, we are filled with anticipation for how He will continue to move among us, guiding our students to become faithful disciples who live out their faith boldly.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we embark on this journey. Together, we will



help our youth grow in their faith and become the leaders God is calling them to be.

In His service,
Izzy





CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

BY JESIAH BOZICH

Hi all,
Happy
September! I don't know about you, but I really felt like summer flew by!

We had a lot of fun this summer with our Splashing into summer, Vacation Bible School, and Waterpalooza events, as well as our regular Sunday morning lessons focusing on the Holy Spirit, friendship with God, and how God created you and me. As we resume some of our regular programming this fall, we are so excited for the ways the Lord will invite the children to dive deeper into their relationship with Him!

Our Sunday morning programs will be continuing on in high gear this fall! In September, we will take a look at how sin breaks God's wonderful world in a series called "A Good Thing Becomes Broken." We will spend time

each week seeing how Jesus lived the perfect life we never could so that He could save us! We will also continue our habit of children's sermons every Communion Sunday and will be exploring more ways for kids and families to connect on Sundays.

PEAK will also be returning on September 18th! Join us for dinner at 5:30 PM and programs for adults and kids from 6:15-7:15 PM! Our adult offering this fall is a book study led by Pastor Mouris on the book Intercultural Church. Our kids programming, meanwhile, will be a fun and community centered time of learning about the life of faith! We hope to see you there.

I've been so blessed by my continued visits and chapels with the children at CFC! This summer, we've been taking a deep dive into friendship with God. Kids have learned all about David, a wonderful figure from the Bible who helps us see that God is with us when we

feel joy, sadness, fear, or are just in times of waiting. I'm so excited for us to continue our times of worship, laughing, and learning about God as we continue through the fall.

Please join me in praying for the Children's Ministry here at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. The children are so precious to God. I often think of 1 Timothy 2:4, where Paul states that "[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." This is God's dream for all the children at LCPC, CFC, and our wider community. Please join me in praying that we will bear witness to the true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that these kids will know the God who knows them better than they know themselves.

As always, I thank God for what He has done and eagerly await what He will do next.

Grace and Peace,
Jesiah

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Saturday

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10:00 A Combined Service-Sanctuary	LABOR DAY CHURCH & CFC OFFICES CLOSED	7:00 P 7:00 P Men's Group-203 W&M Team-Lib.	6:30 A 7:00 P 7:30 P Men's Ministries-Zoom Choir-Chapel Outreach Team-Lib.	7:00 P 7:00 P Mission Team-Lib.	7:30 A 9:00 A 9:30 A Be Still Pickleball-Basketball Court Cornerstone Crew	7
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While fall might not officially start until later this month and the weather still feels like summer, the kids are all back in school and **LCPC Fall Kickoff** season has begun! Get ready for a month packed with new classes and lots of fun activities!



down in Koopmans. There's always tons of yummy food, so pop in even if you don't have time to make a dish – we'd love to have you!

Pastor Mouris' **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** starts back up Tuesday, September 17 in Koopmans Hall from 11:00

AM-12:00 PM. This series will dig into the Psalms of Ascent, Psalms 120-134. You're sure to learn new things and be inspired by these beautiful passages. Please sign up in the church office or at the Connection Center.



We'll have **two combined** services this month in the Sanctuary. While **Pastor Mouris** takes **Miral** back to college September 1 (We're going to miss you Miral!), **Izzy Cox** will be our guest preacher. **Vision Sunday**, September 8, will kick off Pastor Mouris' new sermon series, he'll share his vision for LCPC, and we'll take Communion together.

Our **Home Again LA** week starts Sunday, September 1. This wonderful ministry supports the unsheltered people in our local community with hot dinners and snack and food items for the pantry at **First Presbyterian Church of Burbank**. Look for the sign-up link in our weekly email, on our website, or contact **Cindy Guenther Williams** at: csguenther50@gmail.com.

There are still a few days left for you to register for the free **Men's retreat** - the **M24 Campout**, September 7-8. It's a 24-hour getaway in Tehachapi; "Just Guys, Just God." There will be about 1,500 men attending with activities such as fishing, paintball, and more. Register at InfluencersBakersfield.Org or contact **Phil Van Horn** at: Ballphild@gmail.com for more information.

Bistro 50+ will be Tuesday, September 10, at Noon and you're all invited! After lunch, you won't want to miss **Geologist Doug Given** speaking on "Everything you need, but do not want to know, about Earthquakes," at the 1:00 PM **Cruisers** meeting. Quite timely after the little jolt we felt a few weeks ago!

On **Saturday**, September 14, from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, the **Deacons** are hosting their **Fall American Red Cross Blood Drive** in Koopmans Hall and hope you have a pint to spare for people in dire need! They're trying a **Saturday date** this time so no one will miss worship if the appointments are running behind. If you're 16 years+, in good health and haven't donated in the past 56 days, you can sign up Sundays in the breezeway, or use the link in the weekly email or at lpcp.net. For questions, contact Hilarynorton@me.com.

Our **September potluck** will be Sunday, September 15, right after the worship services,

PEAK starts the next evening, Wednesday, September, at 5:30 PM with a delicious home cooked meal by **John Arangio** for just \$5 for adults/\$3 for kids. At 6:15 PM the kids will go off to their classes and adults are invited to stay in Koopmans for the book study on "**Intercultural Church**," written by Pastor Mouris' good friend **Rev. Dr. Safwat Marzouk**. Adult Ministries will have books available for purchase leading up to the class. We're hoping Dr. Marzouk will be able to join us by Zoom one evening also!

On Saturday September 21, the Ladies of LCPC are meeting at the entrance of **Descanso Gardens** at 10:00 AM for a

morning of walking, talking, or a time of prayer in the Rose Garden Labyrinth. Many ladies have memberships and can get a guest in for free. And save the date of Saturday, October 19, for a **Ladies of LCPC Day Retreat** in Pasadena, featuring one of our favorite speakers, **Dr. Laura Harbert**. Be watching for more details!



The **LCPC Carnival** is back by popular demand, because it was such a huge success last year! It's Saturday September 28, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. The **In-N-Out Truck** will be serving up your favorite burgers; **DJ Ryot**, **Liam Chatham** will be spinning tunes; and **The Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles** featuring our own **Nancy Smith**, with be playing live music along with other musical acts. This year we are excited to welcome **Hiccups the Dodger Clown** (pictured left) for a fun magic show, along with face painting and balloon creations! **Lots of volunteer help** is needed to pull off an event of this magnitude,

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so please sign up for a slot at the Carnival table on Sundays or use the link in the weekly email. Help is needed to man game booths, serve food, sell tickets, donate baked goods, as well as set up and clean up.

To finish off the month, **Man Night** is Monday, September 30, for men of all ages! Men from a few other local churches will join the men of LCPC for an evening of worship, food, fellowship and prayer for our community

and each other. See page 10 for all the details, or contact **Phil Van Horn** at the email above.

For all you **pickleball** fans out there, the LCPC gang has really improved their game over the summer and having a lot of fun! Now that **PEAK** is starting back up, Wednesday September 4 will be the last Wednesday night opportunity, but Saturday morning sign-ups are still going strong! You can find the link in the weekly email or at lcpc.net.

Pastor Mouris is planning to offer a **Fall New Members Class**. If you're interested in learning more and officially joining the LCPC family, send him an email at Mouris@lcpc.net. The class date will be determined on the availability of interested attendees.

Janie Roach and Armineh Manookian are looking for new **Kids Hope Mentors** for the new school year and would love to have you sign up!

Kids Hope is a national non-profit that offers mentoring to at-risk children who could benefit from another caring adult in their life. It's a commitment of one hour a week with one child at La Crescenta Elementary School, and we guarantee you will be just as blessed as your child. Contact Armineh at amanookian@yahoo.com or Janie at: Oakcircle5@aol.com for more information.

The **Roach family** is ecstatic over their

newest tiny member – **James Jozsa** who was born July 27 and will be called “**JJ**”! Parents **Kyle** and **Mackenzie** are thrilled – in fact Mackenzie got released from the hospital at the same time the LCPC picnic was beginning, so they swung by and let a few giddy friends peek in the back seat at **JJ**! Of course, **Grandma Janie** is grinning from ear to ear and will share a photo if you ask!

Many of you know **Brandon** and **Christy Bauer** who attended LCPC prior to their move to Moorpark. They also welcomed a baby boy, **Leland**, born just two weeks after **JJ** on August 13. Big sister **Emery** is loving having a baby



brother! We wish both these special families many blessings on their new babies.

Our resident slugger **Blythe Elmes** sure showed us her power at the **LCPC picnic** when it was piñata time! She whacked that pineapple piñata so hard that she broke the wooden stick and the piece knocked the lens right out of **Craig Carlson's** sunglasses. Craig's eye and glasses are both fine. Next year we'll stand farther back when Blythe is up to bat!

As you know, **Geoff Bryan** wears many hats around LCPC and now he can add a chef's hat to that list! Geoff is the new **CFC chef**. **Pat** is very grateful for his cooking skills, and he's having a fun time feeding all those hungry little mouths.

Whew! That's a lot going on around here this month. I need to go take a nap! Talk to you next month.

Save the Date: LCPC Women's Retreat

Women of LCPC, you are in for a treat. Please join us on Saturday, October 19, for a half-day retreat featuring guest speaker **Laura Harbert**!

We'll gather at the Livery Studio in Pasadena to hear Laura's wise words, grow in Jesus and get to know one other better. Breakfast and lunch will be included. More details will be available soon.

The fall retreat is the latest in a series of community-building opportunities that have brought LCPC women of all generations together this year. We have hiked through Crescenta Valley Park and strolled through Descanso Gardens during tulip season. We've given pickleball a whirl and tried out

the gentle and flowing moves of tai chi.

All of these gatherings came about after a few members of the LCPC sisterhood looked around, recognized the power of deep relationships among women, and were inspired to find more time and space to connect with each other in Christ. The Women of LCPC come from all walks of life and many lead busy lives, so most events are casual, “low-lift,” drop-in experiences.

The LCPC Women's Retreat is a special event that you won't want to miss. For now, mark your calendars for October 19 and stay tuned for information on how to participate!



Director's Corner

Big changes are going to come to the CFC office and we wanted you to know about them. Julie has worked with the CFC since 2008, in both our school age program and in our preschool before she moved to the office. She has been my right hand woman since 2021. You remember what was going on at that time! She jumped right in and got to work helping me get our program back up and running. Julie learned our Curracubby system, not an easy thing to do. She covered graciously for me during Bob's (my husbands) illness and death. For that I will always be grateful. Julie has given her notice of retirement. Her last day with us will be in January 2025. She will be missed more than I can even imagine at this point in time. We will find a way to celebrate her as the time gets closer and I stop denying it is happening.

I am also announcing my retirement for the end of June 2025. (Note to self: Don't work with someone the same age as you!) I will have been the director here for 28 years and on staff for many years before that. I will share over time my feelings about the CFC and

the ministry work that I was privileged to be a part of. But I think you might like information about a time line of what will take place over the next 10 months. In August a committee of the church worked on a job description and financial package to advertise the job opening. In September and October we will be circulating that information widely throughout the region and beyond. In November and December we will be interviewing. Julie will be a part of this committee which will bring a lot of expertise to the interview committee. Finally our hope is that we will bring on the new director between January and March. I will remain on staff and on campus through June.

I ask that you pray for this search, that we would find just the right person to come take this program to new heights and continue the tradition of quality care. Please help us by passing this information along to anyone that might be interested in the position. The job description will be posted on our webpage once it has been approved by the church. I know this is a lot of change, but we have a strong program and CFC will continue that tradition.

As always I appreciate you, the staff, and LCPC.

Pat Chambers

Save the Date

October 5th will be our parent work day. We hope to get some parents, children welcome as well, to help us with some maintenance around our facility. This year we will concentrate on our kitchen. We need to replace the hinges so we need people with drills! We will also be touching up the play structure on the playground by Room 105. This will be from 8:00 AM – Noon. Thank you for helping us out.

Paperwork and Our Phone Number

It is very important that you keep your paperwork up to date. With your paperwork on Curracubby it is easy to update any information. Additionally please put both the CFC phone numbers in your cell phone so that if we call you can see it's us! Our numbers are: (818) 249-8124 and (818) 249-8946.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be taken on September 26. If your child does not come on that day we will let you know what time to be here for his/her class so that they can be in the class photo. Only class photos will be taken with our school age classrooms as you will have individual photos taken at the elementary school. You will be given information closer to the 26th about how to pay and sign up for pictures.



Carnival!

On Saturday, September 28, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, LCPC is hosting a community carnival right here on our campus. There will be carnival booths, entertainment, and an In and Out Food Truck. All activities are free, the only cost is food. Have your kids invite friends, the more the merrier! I will see you there. This was a lot of fun last year so don't miss this family friendly event.

The Messenger

The newsletter you are reading is called *The Messenger*. It is produced from La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. The Center for Children page is called the Heartbeat. We of course want you to read our page, every word, but we also want you to check out all the things happening at LCPC. We would love to see your entire family join us for any number of events. Your children, of all ages, can find groups and fellowship opportunities offered right here on campus. If you have any questions about church activities, stop by the CFC office and ask.

School Age Program

Please be sure to call us if your child does not need a pickup. Our van runs are very tight this year and if we wait for a child that was not at school or didn't need pickup it throws off our van schedule. As your contract says you can be charged up to \$10 for not calling. Please do not email changes in pick up times, absences, or change of schedule. An email may go to someone that isn't in for the day. Our message machine (818) 249-8124 is ready to take your call at anytime during the day or night. Our vans leave around noon to start picking up, please call before noon with changes. If your child wants to participate in after school activities at the elementary school, please remember to fill out our late pick up form so we can arrange a pick up. We cannot pick up any later than 4:00 PM. We hope your school year has gotten off to a great start.

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LCPC MAN NIGHT

We consider ourselves lucky to have several thriving and active men's discipleship groups at LCPC. Not many other churches in our Presbytery can say the same. That's why we want to celebrate our Jesus-loving men by inviting them to a special "Man Night" event on Monday, September 30, for some good food and drink from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We'll fellowship, sing praise songs, pray for each other, and hear from one of our brothers about his walk. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in (and feel free to bring a friend), reach out to Mark Williams (m_e_williams@sbcglobal.net, (818) 333-6327) or Phil Van Horn (ballphild@gmail.com, (818) 517-5880) and we can get you more details.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 BOTH SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

NEW SERMON SERIES; "WE ARE THE CHURCH!"

During the months of September and October 2024, we will be looking at Acts chapter 2 as we kick off our New Sermon Series, "We Are the Church!" We will be going back to the very beginnings of the Christian Church. We are looking at what were the things, the distinctions, that really anchored this movement that changed the course of history. Against many odds, this marginalized movement,

mocked by the Romans and the Jews, would eventually spread through the entire Roman Empire in a way that no other religion or philosophy or political movement had ever done. How in the world did that happen? Join us as we explore together in the next 8 weeks how the newly Christian faith transformed the most powerful empire in the world.

SEPTEMBER 1

"In the Garden!"

Psalm 37:23-28; John 20:11-18

Preacher: Israel Cox

SEPTEMBER 15

"We Are the Church: A Community Cut to the Heart!"

Joel 2:12-13; Acts 2:29-41

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

SEPTEMBER 8

"VISION SUNDAY"

COMMUNION SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

"We Are the Church:

A Community from ALL Nations!"

Psalm 86:6-10; Acts 2:1-13

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

SEPTEMBER 22

"We Are the Church: A Community Devoted to Scripture!"

Psalm 119:33-40; Acts 2:42

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SEPTEMBER 29

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Psalm 133; Acts 2:42 & 46

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