



# Weekly Booster

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### **Longing for a Break in this World**

Some days are hard. Some days are so full of stress and anxiety and fear and heartache that you long to get away.

Like we did recently. We went to an all-inclusive resort in a paradise called the Dominican. It seemed as if we had been put down right in the middle of the Garden of Eden. Beautiful beach. Endless buffet of food. Abundant produce.

And nothing but fun. One day my friend Steve and I were assigned the task of reserving some jet skis for the next day. Through a bit of a language barrier, we tried to tell our Dominican friend that we needed two Wave Runners for the four of us. He had a hard time understanding since he only saw the two of us.

So Steve kept saying, "We have two 'chicas.'" Finally, he smiled and pointed towards the village and said he could get us two "chicas." We didn't even try to schedule a massage.

It was a week—and you've had them—where stress was left behind. Despite some translation issues. No bills to pay. No deadlines to meet. Only an opportunity to commune with God, nature, and each other.

But then the week ended. And as soon as we arrived back home you could feel it again. The things that needed to be done. The concern about projects.

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*“You’ve got to stand for something or you’ll fall for anything.”*

*“Do you say, “Good morning, Lord” or “Good Lord, it’s morning?”*

### Reminders

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

After the football game until 11:00

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Sunday

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

Choir – 6:45 p.m.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School begins – all ages

**\*\*Worship Assistants are needed for September 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

*“World peace begins with inner peace.”*

### Hanging On - Continued from page 1

The relational tensions. Back to a world where it seemed as if Satan might be winning. But for a moment we had a tiny taste of what could be.

The Book of Revelation is an authentic taste of what will be. It is the promise that in the end, God wins. Life may be hard now. Life may be unfair now. There may be challenges now. But in the end, God will demonstrate he is the Victor.

And he will give us life in Paradise. And there won’t be language issues. The Apostle John was given a vision of the New Jerusalem that comes down from heaven. It is an immense place. Some get caught up in the dimensions outlined in Scripture. But I believe the purpose we are told of the size of heaven is to assure us that there is room for everyone.

“All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). The end will be much like the beginning. The God who shaped Eden out of chaos will take the chaos of our world and shape it into something new. A New Heaven and a New Earth.

So call on his name and make your reservation. It’s all-inclusive.

\*\*For Those of you who have continued to read the rest of The Story, this is the last article in the series. If you continued to read one chapter for each week this is the final week, Chapter 31.

*Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas. Chapter 31*



Enjoy singing? Here is your chance to join the chancel choir! The first practice of the new choir season will be next Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:45 p.m. downstairs in the choir room. The chancel

choir will sing on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> during the service. The choir warms up at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday morning in the choir room.

*“In autumn, the trees show us how lovely it is to let things go.”*

## Volunteers Needed



First United Methodist Church  
**Please wear your name tag on Sunday mornings**



## Church Office Hours

**\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School 10:15**  
**Questers (Adults) 10:30**

**\*\*Chancel Choir –**  
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

**\*\*Sunday School & Choir only during the school year.**

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

**Monday**  
 9:00-11:00  
 12:00-3:00

**Tuesday**  
 9:00-11:00  
 12:00-3:00

**Wednesday**  
 CLOSED

**Thursday**  
 9:00-11:00  
 12:00-3:00

**Friday**  
 9:00-11:00  
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Who was killed because he didn't stop pursuing Abner?

- a) Asahel
- b) Joab
- c) Shimei
- d) Jotham

Who did Paul hand over to Satan?

- a) Demas & Syntyche
- b) Bar Jesus & Elymas
- c) Sosthenes
- d) Hymenaeus & Alexander

How many horns did prophet Zechariah see when he lifted his eyes?

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 6
- d) 7

**Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jim Brownlee
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Alex McIntosh
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Johnson
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Dixie Major
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Bailey
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Doug McElroy

**\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)**

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Services are now on our Youtube  
channel only. <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: **Terry Stafford**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: O God, You have explored our hearts and know exactly who we are.**

**People: Even when we are far away and wandering.**

**L: You have surrounded us on every side.**

**P: Behind us and before us.**

**L: We are traveling with you, and you have turned to us.**

**P: We will offer our grateful hearts, for we are your unique creation, filled with wonder and awe.**

**“Travel Plans”**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

**New Testament Reading: Philemon 1-21**

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33

**Songs**

**Jesus at the Center (words on the screens)**

**Take My Life, and Let It Be #399 (Hymnal)**

**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #2129 (Black Bo)**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 80**

**Online Worship –No Live Streaming**

**Our Mission:**

**“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”**

**Our Vision:**

**“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”**

**Answers for August 28<sup>th</sup> are b) their eyes b) I have been a sojourner in a foreign land d) 24**

**Quiz Hints – Q1 2 Samuel Q2 1 Timothy Q3 Zechariah**



### **The Beatitudes: Blessings from Jesus**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for, in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.— [Matthew 5:3–12](#)*

#### **What are the beatitudes?**

The Beatitudes are blessings Jesus pronounced on people as the kingdom of God was arriving in his ministry. Kingdom beatitudes occur in [Matthew 5:3–12](#) and [Luke 6:20–22](#). Jesus also speaks general blessings on other occasions such as in [Matthew 11:6](#), [Luke 11:28](#), and [John 20:29](#).

## The content of the blessings focuses on the kingdom

The first and eighth beatitudes in Matthew envelop the others with the promise of the kingdom itself ([Matthew 5:3b,10b](#)). The first beatitude in Luke also promises the kingdom ([Luke 6:20b](#)).

In all four blessings in Luke and the first four in Matthew, the most unlikely of people are pronounced blessed – the poor, the hungry, the meek. Yet because they have lived to see the day of God’s benevolent rule being established in this world, Jesus pronounces them blessed. As God comes to reign, he will right all wrongs, and everyone who lives to see and welcome his rule—even and especially the downtrodden—will be blessed.

## The beatitudes are characterized by a sense of reversal of expectation and of circumstance

The second four beatitudes in Matthew 5 focus on those who join in God’s great restoration and reversal work of mercy and justice. Jesus pronounces blessings on those who enact mercy, integrity, peace, and righteousness or justice ([Matthew 5:7–10](#)).

The pronouncements or promises express reversals of expectation – those who are hungry will be satisfied, those who mourn will be comforted and laugh, and those who are meek will inherit the whole earth. As God’s reign is established in this world, its effects will be life-changing for those who most need mercy and justice and for all those who share in Jesus’ ministry.

## Reflect

God wants you to be blessed. Take a moment to meditate on Jesus’ pronouncement of blessings and its application in your life today.

Content drawn from the [NIV Study Bible, Fully Revised Edition](#).



Elementary and Jr./Sr. High (7-12), will begin one week later than originally announced. Now starting September 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Questers Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> after church service. Bring a friend and learn & grow together.



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Today's date

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Name

I'm NEW here!

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Address

\_\_\_\_ City      State      ZIP

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Email Address

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Preferred Phone Number

We'd love to chat! How would you prefer to be contacted?

- Give me a call
- Text me
- Drop me an email
- Visit me at home

Please place completed cards in the offering plate.



- I am a first time guest
- I am a returning guest.
- I am a regular attendee.
- I am a member.

*I am interested in...*

- Accepting Jesus Christ as my savior.
- Deepening my faith.
- Experiencing baptism.
- Joining the church.
- Learning more about the Methodist church.
- Joining a Bible Study or other small group.
- Youth programming.
- Musical opportunities.
- Church leadership.

*Dear Pastor,*

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Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

### Connection Cards

In each pew, you will find a connection card. We encourage you to fill this card out and drop it in the collection boxes on your way out after church service. You can write a note to the pastor, indicate how you would like to be contacted, what your interest might be (for example joining the church), is someone a guest that you brought with you. We want to keep in touch! Maybe you have just simply changed your address, phone number, or email address and want to have it updated.

If you are a subscriber to OneChurch you can update your information at any time. You log in and make the changes. Do we have your address, phone number, birthday, or anniversary date? If you have changes and need help updating the information, please feel free to call the office.

### Prayer Request Card

Do you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the congregation or pastor? Have you had an answer to prayer? Have you or a family member had an accomplishment you would like to share? If you have answered yes to any of these, you are encouraged to fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering box. The cards are either green or yellow and can be located on top of the offering boxes, in the pews, on the Welcome Center table, or by asking an usher. There is power in prayer!

<p><b>Prayer Request</b></p> <p>Name of the person for whom you are requesting prayer:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>My prayer concern/prayer of thanks is:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please check one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please keep this confidential.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You may share this person's name in our prayer listing in the worship service</p> <p>Name of the person requesting prayer (optional):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please place this card in the offering plate, place it in the wooden giving boxes, or to an usher.</p>	<p><b>Answered Prayer(s)</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Member, Family, &amp; Friends Accomplishments</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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The church office will be open on Labor Day normal hours, 9-11 and Noon to 3:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Wednesday as normal and on Friday. I will be gone from Friday-Sunday and reopen again on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding. Jeff



Thanks to one of our members we will continue to use One Call Now for another year. One Call Now is a software program designed for sending mass messaging to our members. It provides easy access to text messages, emails, and voice messages. Many of you are already enrolled in this program and received messages about special events in the church. If you are not signed up for this service please contact Jeff and he will help you get started. You have the choice of how you receive your messages, either by text, email, or phone call. This system is designed to help keep you updated and informed of events in the church (for example a church luncheon, or a prayer request). If you are enrolled you can also be assigned to groups and receive messages specifically for that group (men's and women's group, prayer team, choir member). You may opt out of this program at any time that you wish.



The United Faith Church of Sidney will be hosting the Divinity Trio in concert on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They want to extend an invitation to anyone that might have an interest in coming to the concert. The church is located at 1975 U.S. Hwy 275. This is a free-will offering. If you should have further questions you may call 712-374-2521. If you would like to know more about the Divinity Trio go to [www.divinitytrio.com](http://www.divinitytrio.com).

***This should wake us up.*** One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, " I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat down A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was some...what distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still, He said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place.." Once you read this, say a prayer. This is so powerful. maybe, just maybe, we can get the world to start thinking of WHO took our place!



## TRAVEL PLANS

*Luke 14:25-33*

SEPTEMBER 4

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them . . .



For the last couple of months, we have explored what it is like to be in the wilderness; learning what it looks like to follow God when you don't know where you are going. We are now entering into a new season this Sunday. Luke 14:25 marks a transition point in the gospel and it also marks a transition point for us as a church. The gospel writer says, "Now large crowds were traveling with him [Jesus], and he turned and said to them . . ." What follows for us

is a series of teachings on discipleship in the way of Jesus. Together as a church, we are traveling with Jesus. Have you made your travel plans yet?

Grace and Peace  
Pastor David B. Clark



This week you may join us live through the church's Facebook page. We still have some streaming issues that are being addressed. The Facebook link is located on page 4 of the booster or you can go to the church website, [shen.church](http://shen.church), and click on the icon located on the front page on the right.



This Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> the Mustangs play Nodaway Valley. The church will once again host the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) after the game in Fellowship Hall until 11:00 p.m. If you attend you must sign in when you arrive and once you leave you may not return the rest of the evening. Come and enjoy food, games, and hanging out with your friends.