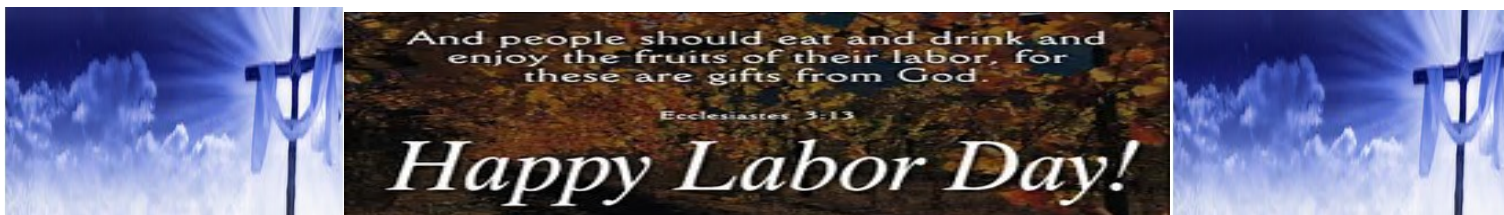


From the Pastor's Desk

Are you ambitious? Do you have drive? Is there anything you are passionately pursuing? I hope you can answer yes. We should all be striving for something. Life should be lived with purpose. Christians are to be ambitious. In 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 God commands us to be ambitious for love's sake. In writing to the new converts at Thessalonica, Paul compliments them on how well they are doing in the matter of loving one another. He speaks of their labor of love, yet encourages them to do even better. Isn't that the way a good coach does? An athlete can win an Olympic gold medal but what does the coach want? The coach wants the athlete to do even better. The coach sees potential. The coach realizing that the athlete who is excelling in a particular sport can excel even more. That is what God wants from you. You may already be a gold medal caliber of Christian in the matter of love. That just means that by God's enabling grace you can excel even more. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they could do better in this matter of love if they would be ambitious in doing three things, three things which are all related: lead a quiet life, attend to their own business, and work with their hands. Is this descriptive of your life? If not, there is work to do. There is an ambition to be owned for the sake of love. The end result will be a good testimony lived before an unbelieving world and having our own needs met through the means of good ol' fashion work. May the labor of love always be a part of our lives.

Goodbye (God be with ye),

Bro. Dave



SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
3.	4. 	5.	6. 5:45 Supper 6:30 Bible Study, Children's Worship, Women on Missions	7. 6:00 Church Council Mtg. Open Gym 19 & under 6:00-7:30 20 & over 7:30-9:00	8.	9.
10. 2:30 Executive Board Mtg @ Big Springs	11. 7:00 Association Sunday School Mtg. Zion Grove	12. 7:00 Association Budget Mtg. 551 Lawrence St	13. 5:45 Supper 6:30 Bible Study, Children's Worship 7:45 Missions & Evangelism Meeting	14. 11:00 Bucca- neers Outing Open Gym 19 & under 6:00-7:30 20 & over 7:30-9:00	15.	16. 2:00-4:00 Youth @ Clothes Closet
17.	18. Fellowship Hall Kitchen Closed	19. Fellowship Hall Kitchen Closed	20. Fellowship Hall Kitchen Closed 5:45 Supper 6:30 Bible Study, Children's Worship	21. Fellowship Hall Kitchen Closed Open Gym 19 & under 6:00-7:30 20 & over 7:30-9:00	22. Fellowship Hall Kitchen Closed	23.
24. 5:00 Deacon's Mtg 6:00 Vine	25.	26.	27. 5:45 Supper 6:30 Bible Study, Children's Worship	28. Open Gym 19 & under 6:00-7:30 20 & over 7:30-9:00	29.	30.



**Tuna, Cereal, Soup, Potted Meats,
Small bag/box powdered milk**

Super Saturday

Matt is organizing a group to go to the KBC's Super Saturday event in Louisville on Sept. 16th. All are welcome to come; please confirm with Matt your intention to participate so he can register our group.

Training in areas of church ministry offered that day include: Finance, Revitalization, Collegiate, Discipleship, Evangelism, Pre-school/Children, Sunday School, Women, WMU, Worship/Music, and Youth.

We will leave the church together that morning at 7:15 and return around 2. The event is being held at Highview Baptist on Fegenbush Lane.

If you would like to bring money, we will be stopping for a quick late lunch on the way back to the church.



Youth Breakfast

3 Rebecca Thompson
10 Maryann Blanchard
17 Mandy Stout
24 Hannah Matthews

First Friday

September 1st 7:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.
You are welcome to bring snacks and friends

Clothes Closet

Youth will meet at 2:00 at the Clothes Closet. The kids are usually finished about 4:00. We do this event quarterly to help reset the store for the next month. Please encourage your youth to come out this is a great way to give back to our community.



Congratulations

James & Eliene Shacklett
Welcome

Emmie Eliene Shacklett

born, Aug. 1st
weighing 9 lb 7 oz and 22 in. long.
Grandparents:
Jack & Rose Shacklett

Congratulations

Colonel Carter L. Price
Commander,

Recruiting and Retention School,
Fort Knox, KY

We are so glad to have Carter, Tricia, Magnolia & Travis back with us here at Buck Grove! We wish you all the best in your new assignment.

Shoe Boxes for Christmas

It's not too early! The Salem Association has a new trailer for the Shoe Boxes for Christmas, thanks to the KBC. Let's help fill it up!

A few weeks ago labels were included in your bulletins. If you have misplaced yours there are more on the table in the foyer or in the church office. A label is needed on the end of every box, game or toy.

The Stiles' will pick up the boxes and deliver them to children who otherwise might not have a Christmas. Please drop off in the foyer at any time; the deadline is the first week in November. If you have any questions please see Linda Linder. Thank you for your support of this wonderful program.

Buccaneers

The Buccaneers will be heading to Spring Mill State Resort Park in Mitchell, Indiana on Friday, September 15th. Please meet here at the church @ 9:45 so that we can leave promptly at 10:00.

We will be touring the Pioneer Village and the working Grist Mill at the park. Lunch will consist of a buffet meal served in the dining room of the resort. The cost for the meal is \$12.28 plus taxes and tip.

There is a small virgin stand of trees in the park and we will visit some of the giants as well. This is sure to be a beautiful outing, a great time with friends and full of fellowship. If you should have any questions please call Joe Hager at 270-422-3668.