

Third Word News & Notes



SEPTEMBER 2012

Pastor's Message

September is a beautiful month of transitions. The heat and humidity of July and August is receding and being replaced by the cooler evenings and mornings of September. To most of us this is a welcome change. The trees are already giving us a hint of the fall colors that will burst forth in full splendor in October. September is a time of transition in the life of our congregation too. Board and Committee meetings are once again on our calendar. Our Church Officers and Committee chairs are beginning to reacquaint themselves with agenda items that must now be attended to for our Fall and Winter Programs. Once again they will be called upon to demonstrate their commitment and leadership qualities as we conduct our routine business and face new challenges.

Our leaders have promised to fulfill their responsibilities, and to do their very best in service to the congregation. But they need our help to succeed. They need our prayer support, our cooperation, and feedback. Doing church the Congregational Way is a team effort. Here are some guidelines, which if we all commit to, and abide by them, will help us achieve our goals together:

We promise to respect and care for each other.

We promise to treat our time on our boards or committees as an opportunity to make an important gift to our church.

We promise to try to discover what is best for our church as a whole, not what might be best for us or for some small group in the church.

We promise to listen with an open mind to the ideas of others.

We promise to discuss and disagree openly and honestly, so the board understands our point of view.

We promise to support the final decision of the board whether it reflects our view or not.

If we embrace these principles as spiritual disciplines we will grow in the values of our faith, and our church will be blessed in its work and ministries.

*Blessings,
Pastor Norm*

Missions Military Whist



Missions is planning their annual Military Whist for October 11th beginning at 6:30pm. Mike Welch will be the host for the evening. There will be a \$5.00 fee at the door and all are welcome. There will be light refreshments, prizes and plenty of card play.



Rally Sunday BBQ A Success!

With Sunny skies and great weather, the BBQ was held on Sunday, October 9th. PFS cooked our hamburgers and hot dogs, Reception Committee coordinated the side dishes, salads and desserts. The Missions group set up the tables, chairs and other items, Deacons helped to clean up.

Music committee put together a great set of music that included solos and groups. BCE put together some games for the event. Bible Quiz, pie eating contests for kids and adults, balloon toss and three legged



race. Thanks to **Total Jump** for providing a bounce house once again for our children. There were lawn games that entertained our youngest members. It was a great day and a wonderful event put together by many committees. Thanks to all who contributed, helped and attended.



PFS Harvest Dinner

The annual Harvest Dinner on October 13th from 5:00 to 7:00pm includes an all-you-can-eat Pork Roast dinner and dessert. It is a delicious way to start off the fall season. Adults are \$10.00 and children under ten years are \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the Partnership For Sharing group.

Beautifying The Garden

The Green Thumb committee has been hard at work in the butterfly garden. Many plants have been pruned, mulch spread and weeds are now gone.



There has been a new garden area created with a backdrop of evergreen shrubs. Future plans include colorful shrubs and an arbor or gazebo in the foreground. Our hope is that it will serve as a beautiful location for an outdoor wedding or other celebration. A heartfelt thanks to all who have donated their time, talents and treasure to accomplish this wonderful enhancement of our church grounds.

Upcoming Events

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| 9/23 | Guest Speaker, Rick Odess |
| 10/11 | Missions Military Whist |
| 10/13 | PFS Harvest Dinner |
| 10/27 | Ladies Aid Holiday Bazaar 9Am to 2PM |