



September Newsletter 2026

Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter into the month of September, the cooler weather has already visited us. For some this is welcome news, for others, not so much. In other words, some, by personality, would love things to stay just how they are, whereas others enjoy a little variety. Furthermore, some are more rigid and “set in their ways,” whereas others are more flexible. The thing about it is there is plenty of room for both kinds of people. In fact, there is plenty of room for all kinds of people. There is a time and a place for consistency and there is a time and a place for living outside the box. In fact, just think how boring and mundane life would be if we were all the same. Just think if we were all the same size, shape, color or all had the same interest. Rather than noticing the differences we have in a negative way, let the challenge be that we enjoy the fact that God likes variety. Also, let us consider how our differences complete and accomplish all that God desires in and through the life of the church.

For Example, we read from Ephesians 4:11-12

“And He Himself gave some to the apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

My friends, change is part of life as is variety. May we be thankful and may we embrace one another and value the differences we have in each other.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

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SESSION DIGEST

The Session met for its stated meeting on August 23, 2026, in the Session Room. The next stated meeting is scheduled for September 27.

Pastoral Concerns:

Ron Blevins, Shirley Cavender, Alex Dunford, Colleen Dunford, Eli Dunford, Marion Griffin, Pastor John Langham, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Ernie Williams.

Motions approved by the Session:

- Approved the use of Hatcher Hall on Friday, October 9, 6 pm-9 pm, by the American Legion Post 9.
- Approved the use of Hatcher Hall on Monday, December 14, 5 pm – 9:30 pm, by the Kiwanis Club.
- Accepted the financial reports for July 2026.

Review of Calendar of Events for September:

7 – *Labor Day, Office Closed*
13 – Rally Day
20– Cove Service
24 – Alternative Service
27 – Stated Session Meeting
28 – Fun Bunch Outing

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Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:

Circle 1 Presbyterian Women have scheduled their first meeting of the Fall 2026 Season on the second Monday in September due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 14th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, please bring a bag lunch.

Circle 3 Presbyterian Women have not yet announced the date they will resume a Fall meeting schedule. Please watch your next newsletter and weekly announcements for current updates.

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Sunday School News:

On **September 13th**, the Don Wysor Sunday School will resume its sessions on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 A.M. in the Children's Classroom across from the Choir Room.

Our Study until Advent will be Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The video supported sessions are presented by Pastor and Author J.D. Greear who challenges us to live out the gospel and share it with those around us. Our group encourages everyone to join us. The discussion makes for interesting and educational gatherings. If you have not been to Sunday School for a while, please give this a try.

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Choir:

The chancel choir will resume weekly Wednesday practices starting September 16th at 5:30 p.m. The bell choir is on hiatus until further notice.

Anyone interested in joining the chancel choir can contact Becky Absher (276 620 8852)

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Monthly Meetings:

Tuesday, September 8th:
Tuesday, September 15th:
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Sunday, September 27th

Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Session Meeting, Following the Worship Service

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5- Cents a Meal:

Please remember the **5 Cents-A-Meal offering on Sunday, September 20th**. You may bring it to the church or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check and notate on the memo line. Many thanks for your giving.

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Cove Service:

The next **Cove Service will be Sunday, September 20th! Please plan to join us at 7:30 p.m.!** Invite friends and family to join us for an evening of fellowship, hymn singing, and an inspirational message within the walls of one of Wythe County's most historic remaining "rural churches". Hope to see you there!

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Hope Packs:

Assembly of the HOPE PACKS resumed commensurate to the fall reopening of Wythe and Bland County Schools. We welcome anyone who is available to come to THE OPEN-DOOR CAFÉ at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month, which is designated to WPC, to help assemble food bags for the children of our community who don't always have access to food. The process only requires about an hour of your time, one afternoon per month. It's such a small sacrifice that can change the life of a child. Please consider joining us to help.

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Expression of Thanks:

Don and Letty Nance wish to thank the members of the congregation for their prayers for the crew aboard the USS Gerald Ford who served abroad for 11 months, mental and physical health being threatened. The ship sailed into Virginia on May 16. Now the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln is

suffering the same plight. Continue to pray for our men and women who give of themselves for our military.

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Stewardship Message:

Simplify! Matthew 7: 7-11

“Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father” (James 1:17 NLT).

It’s a beautiful truth. Every good thing in our lives comes from God—every single thing. Promotions and pancakes. Rain showers and relationships. Songs and sunsets. The astounding blessings God gives, and also the things He does so faithfully that we take them for granted.

And since all good things are from the Father’s hand, it is also true that our very existence depends on hearts that pump at a God-guided rhythm, lungs that breathe a recipe of air He created, brains that think thoughts through channels He wired. We can no more will our hearts to beat than we can move the moon. And we live, every second, because of this orchestrated ordinariness. Every single day.

That’s not to say life is or even should be without adversity or problems. But amid the highs and lows, it is good to remember God’s sustaining provision: He commanded rain to fall, guided sunbeams, and designed vegetation to replenish. All of this happens on a planet He holds in infinite space, in perfect position for each of these things to occur. And on this held planet, He endowed talents, granted mental aptitude, and bestowed physical abilities, according to His purposes.

The word *from* in James 1:17 makes this truth very personal: it implies a Giver of these good things. They are not simply *of* God, mere overspills of His goodness. They’re *from* Him—invented, given, and sent from your Father in Heaven to you. And good Father that He is, His gifts are always thoughtful, meaningful, purposeful. He gave you each provision, each ability, each heartbeat with beautiful intent.

When we start to see every good thing for the gracious gift it truly is, we will loosen our grip on life. There is no need to hoard money or belongings. They’re all bestowed by a gracious Father who can provide more if we were to give them away. Every ability and talent we have is a God-sent blessing. There’s no room for arrogance; we can rest in who the Lord made us to be. And we can enjoy the “little things”—the sunshine, the rain, those pancakes on Saturday morning. Because all things, even the “minor” ones, come from Him. And that means we are deeply loved, down to the most minute detail, with our lives resting on a foundation of God’s goodness.

As you unclench your hands on your possessions and talents and increasingly use them to glorify their Giver, you will discover the beauty and freedom that come with simplicity. Pressures will fade; joy will remain. So, respond in kind, and let your life be read simply as a thank-You note to the Author of generosity.

Lauren Greco



Newsletter & Office Information: The Church Office will be closed on Monday September 7th in observation of the Labor Day holiday but will reopen the following morning at 9:00 A.M. for business as usual.

Please submit your information for the **October 2026 Newsletter** to the church office by **Friday, September 18th**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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(The September Calendar is printed on the back)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy Birthday! Kathleen Crockett	2 Happy Birthday! T.J. Pulliam	3 Happy Birthday! Rhonda Langham	4	5
6 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service	7 Labor Day (Office Closed)	8 Finance Comm. 4:00	9	10 Happy Birthday! Chuck Lacy	11 Happy Birthday! Delores Durham	12 Happy Birthday! Sonnie Campbell
13 16 th Sunday after Pentecost Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service Happy Birthday! Ann Harrison	14 Circle 1 meeting 11:00 am Fellowship Hall	15 Worship Comm 10: 00 Church Growth 4:00 pm F.H.	16	17	18	19
20 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service 5-Cents-A-Meal offering COVE Service 7:30pm	21	22	23 HOPE PACKS Assembly	24 Happy Birthday! Linda DiYorio Alternative Service 6:00pm	25	26
27 18 th Sunday after Pentecost Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 am Worship Service World Communion Offering SESSION Meeting Happy Birthday! Savanna DiYorio	28 Fun Bunch Outing	29	30 Happy Birthday! Connor Lavallee and Shirley Brogan			

