



2026 Newsletter

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Arkansas Ramblings

Exodus 33:14

“The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.””

I was challenged recently to add one thing to my daily routine to bring God closer in my life. My first thought was, “Where am I going to fit in one more thing?” But this was easy and practical, and I want to challenge you to try it as well. When you first wake up, before your feet even hit the floor, take a moment and simply ask God to be with you today. I have found this to be a wonderful way to put Jesus first each day. It also leads me into gratitude for all I have now, all I have enjoyed in the past, and all I have yet to discover.

The verse I chose to start with this month comes from Exodus. These words were given to Moses even after the sins and unfaithfulness of the Israelites. God NEVER gave up on them. And He will NEVER give up on us. He continues to pursue us. Even when we walk through dark times and don't necessarily feel His presence, He is with us. I hope each of you can find courage and peace to face whatever earthly challenges come your way, knowing that God is with us.

In the second half of this verse, it alludes to God giving us rest. Have you heard the phrase “gospel rest”? Have you ever really thought about what it means? Gospel rest, loosely defined, is the rest we are given when we have a deep understanding of the salvation given to us through the blood of Jesus Christ. Nothing we can do, nothing we can earn, no goals, to-do lists, or good deeds can get us there. Salvation is a gift from God, received through Jesus Christ. What a beautiful thing to rest in!

I could write a lot more, but instead, I encourage you to think about this verse for a while. Start each day fresh and simply ask God to be with you. Enjoy the rest that God gives us. Not necessarily rest from our tasks, but rest in knowing that He is with us and that we have the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

So, tomorrow morning, before your feet even hit the floor, take a moment.

God is already there.

Andrea

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sundays in October

Adult Sunday School starts at 9am

"Jesus You May Not Know" is the study discussion with video

Please Come Join Us



October 8

WOF meeting 10:30



October 12

Ad Board/ Finance 4:30



October 21

WOF Delivery of Meals



Church News

Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen & Family, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Bettina Perkins, Tracy Lewis, Barb Madsen, Sally & Lyle Schram, Evelyn & Larry Dicks, Mark Nelson, Betty Nelson, Brad Harbaugh, and to the Family of Roger Nelson.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Be A Part: If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church, just send us your name and email.



Tithes and Offerings

Sept. 6 \$ 762.68 Sept. 13 \$1,712.00

Sept. 20 \$ 445.00 Sept. 27 \$1,361.00



Our Life Together



Each year the church likes to recognize members who have volunteered their time and effort help keep the church running smoothly with a mission pin.

This year we recognized Mike Kerns and Mark Meister. *

Thank you gentlemen for everything that you have done.



During National Assisted Living Week,
Kim from Sidekick Caricatures went to The
Gardens Assisted Living Center in Cherokee IA
and drew caricatures of the residents.

Here is a picture of Eleanor Lewis.

It resembles Eleanor quite well.

Our Life Together

Mission Project for Fall

We are collecting new or gently used blankets for the Warming Shelter and Gospel Mission.

If you don't have time to shop, you can give your money to Marilyn and she will do the shopping for you.



Hot or Cold

The church has you covered either way! In August we had an air conditioning unit go down. The unit on the west side of the church under the kitchen window had decided it had enough, it was ready to retire.

That unit had been working for 20 years. It has served the church well. We had a couple of options on fixing it. We could get a new condenser and hope the rest of the parts would work fine for a few more years or install a new unit. Upon discussion it was decided to install a new unit which would include a new air handler, the unit, and wiring. Everything has now been installed with the hopes it will last another 20 years!



Sunday School Teachers Need

We are in need of Sunday school teachers for pre school and kindergarten.

We will provide material. If you would like to teach or team teach with a friend, we welcome you to give our little ones a start in learning the stories of the Bible, singing, crafting and looking forward to be in church on Sunday. Please contact Shirley.

Church News

Anthion Community Methodist Church Minutes

Monday, 14 Sept 2026

The Administrative Board met in the church library at 4:30 p.m. with seven members present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Roger, Marilyn, Deanna, JoLynne, Mark and Joan.

We paid for the Cokesbury "Faith We Sing" CD but will have the entire amount paid back. Everything looks good. Will be getting the heat pump bill later.

JoLynne moved we call the Ad Board meeting to order, 2nd by Roger, all in favor, motion passed.

Deanna brought the Ad Board meeting to order.

Pastor's Report: Missed three weeks as I've been up with Roger in the hospital.

Worship: Pam Briese will be preaching next Sunday. We have Erin and Kathy also lined up for October. Tim Hoy also helps out. We will need two speakers for October and 1 or 2 in November. We are also looking at other possibilities for speakers.

Finance: All is going well. We have \$53,923.54 in the bank. Will need to buy a new air conditioner outside the kitchen window.

Trustees: New spot-light bulbs have been installed over the altar.

Johnson Propane people came and looked at both units and said they were "dead". Said they would call back with a quote but never called back. Called Mark Demarest who came right away. He checked the unit by the alley and the unit that is under the kitchen window and said both are "dead". Decided it best to put in new air conditioning unit which will cost \$6800-7000. Mark said he will be here to install when it comes in, which should be this week.

Teaching: Adult Sunday School has started again, and Tim will teach. We will be watching videos on the life of Moses. We also have books which further explain what we will be watching.

Missions: We will be collecting blankets this month and next.

SPRC: Received a letter from Connie Swearingen from the Mapleton Food Pantry asking for our help. Since we are already committed to Sioux City organizations we tabled this until November.

Women of Faith: Had great fellowship last Thursday which was enjoyed by all. Talked about having more of these get togethers.

Old Business: Nothing new to report.

New Business: Becky is coming back and will do Focus and bulletins.

Next meeting October 12th at 4:30

Deanna will do devotions

Shirley ended the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Meister, Board Secretary

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October Liturgist Responsibilities

Oct. 4-Marilyn Hladik

Oct. 11-JoLynne Reimert

Oct. 18-Erin Baird

Oct. 25-Duane Brandt

***If you are unable to attend,
please find your
Replacement and let the church know
by email.**

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Daron & Holly Petersen	1
Carol Davis	2
Ed & Carol Davis	3
Richard Petersen	3
Whitney Steinhoff	5
Eileen Klindt	5
Cory Brown	8
Wade Nelson	16
Daron Petersen	16
Cody Randall	21
Jeff & Jacque Gothier	22
Holly Petersen	23

