



*"For as many as the promises of God are, in Him they are yes; therefore through Him also is our Amen to the glory of God through us."*

- 2 Corinthians 1:20

Dear Friends,

So we begin yet another cycle of the school year as young minds grow and flourish under the guidance of wise educators. I fondly recall my days of teaching, especially the magical energy of that first day of school. Equally fondly, I remember kids on my bus on those Day One's: excited, expectant, a little fearful perhaps,... particularly those tiny kindergartners. So precious!

So much of life revolves in cycles. In science, we have the water cycle, the Krebs's Cycle, cycles of weather and seasons. Your body cycles blood, food, air, and countless biochemicals. Birth and death are cycles too. I think of that old song by the Byrds "Turn, Turn, Turn." Quoting from the book of Ecclesiastes: To everything, there is a season!

Yet the most important cycle is a *spiritual* one. It's the cycle of death and resurrection, shown so clearly by Jesus. You see, how Jesus traveled through Good Friday to Easter morning is more than a single act in history (as important as that is). God, through Jesus, was telling us about the nature of Reality itself. For us personally and practically, when we experience life as as a dark, oppressive, closed-in space that deals death to our dreams, livelihoods, and bodies, somewhere there is also the life-giving hope of something new being born. Or to put it more simply, when Life gives you a loud NO!, Jesus is there whispering an unstoppable YES! That's His gift of love for you. Don't forget to look for it.

Claiming His Promises with you,

*Scott*

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Potluck!** 6 pm, Friday, Sept. 22, John & Diane Grefer's house (35641 S. Charles Rd., D.I. Questions? John 513-379-9962 or Diane 513-850-8712). Bring a dish to share. Spread the word!
- Make some friends at the **Women's Bible Study** "Women of the Bible", Wednesdays @ 3, Church Library. All women are welcome!
- Discussion around the popular series "The Chosen" continues on **Thursdays, 6:30 pm**. Drop by & bring a friend!



Our **third quarter mission's giving** is directed to *Local Outreach*. We offer assistance to individuals, families, and organizations in the love of Jesus. For example, we recently helped two individuals with medical expenses, one with utilities, and again was a Gold Sponsor in the D.I. Elementary Parent Group's Fun Run fundraiser. Supporting our community with the outrageous love of Jesus! The Sunday ingathering is **Sept. 24th**.

**2024 MISSIONS TRIP!** A program of outreach to the Romanian people, Oct. 3-17, 2024. Check out the details on our website [www.LighthouseChurchDrummondIsland.com](http://www.LighthouseChurchDrummondIsland.com) and check out the program's website: <https://perspectivedanes.ro/>. Contact Shirley Hollister with questions or interest. Thanks, (517-425-2836 or [ahappyheart46@yahoo.com](mailto:ahappyheart46@yahoo.com))



*"And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking*

*sad." (Luke 24:17)*

Sometimes it's hard to say goodbye, and farewells are not always happy occasions.

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They make us sad as things are never the same again, but **with endings come new beginnings**. This short devotional offers hope when you face the finality of separation or lost opportunity.

Nostalgia and bitter-sweetness are normal emotions associated with endings. You feel a sense of regret for what you've lost even if the conclusion is a happy one. It can be heartbreaking when someone leaves, or a door closes.

The above Scripture passage is an example of the ending two of Jesus' disciples experienced immediately after His death. The finality of it all was so acute that they looked sad as they walked and talked on the road to Emmaus. Something had ended. A treasured relationship was over. They did not understand until later that with endings come new beginnings.

Everyone loves to start over and refresh. Each day welcomes a host of blessings and new beginnings at work, home or play. The two men on the road to Emmaus received a fresh start when they finally recognized the Risen Christ! Their grief immediately turned into gladness. The relationship had not ended but was now on a new level! (Luke 24:31-32) Stop looking at your endings as all bad. Instead see them as crosswalks to new prospects full of blessing, possibilities, and fruitfulness. Remember, beginnings are great "Do-Overs" that give you a chance to wipe-the-slate-clean and start anew.

*How can God help you move through the endings you are facing to the new beginnings He has planned for you?*

(From: <https://freedailydevotionals.com/with-endings-come-new-beginnings-a-short-devotional/> )

## September Birthdays

- 4. Poo Wilson
- 6. Ann Method-Green

- 14. Julie Klop
- 12. Lynn Flannigan

## September Anniversaries

- 5. Jon & Judy Laing
- 11. Eldon & Vivienne Seaman

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

## **Pearls Of Wisdom "Who I Am In Christ"**

*I am healed by the wounds of Jesus.  
See: 1 Peter 2:24*

- Ruth Wise



*If you'd like to be a part of the **Prayer Team**, contact Sue Tyler, 906-493-6283*

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