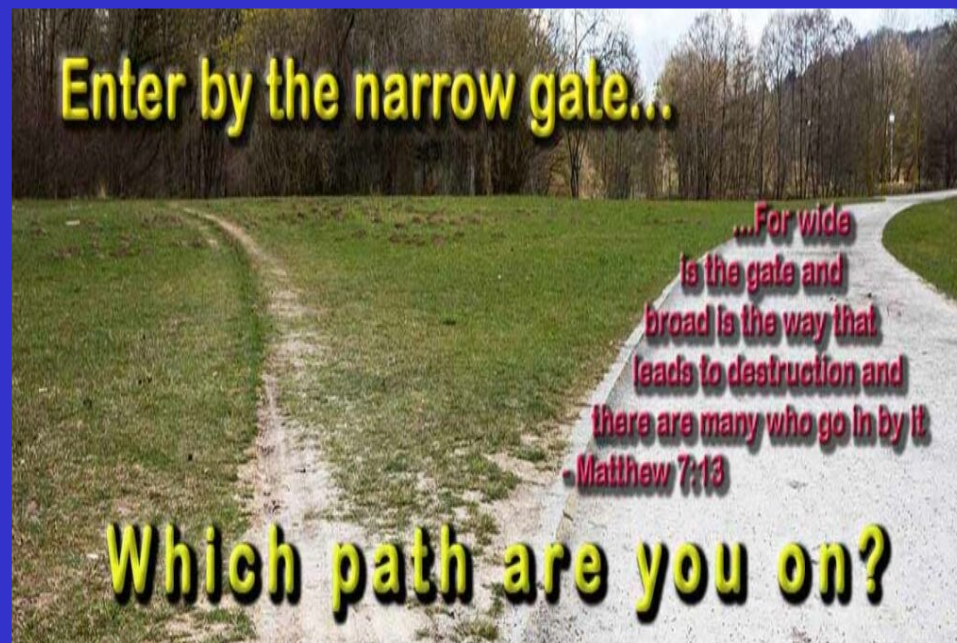




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"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Matthew 7:13-14

Most of our praying should involve sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to his strong words with a humble heart and open eyes.

When Jesus described the life of a follower, he described a risky adventure down a narrow and difficult path that only a relatively few will take. The Jesus I know and preach about is unsettling. He is countercultural in an uncool way. And he loves you so much that he tells you the truth even when it is hard to hear. It's because he loves you that he talks more about repentance than forgiveness, more about surrender than salvation, more about sacrifice than happiness, and more about death than life. Following Jesus is anything but easy. When we read in the Gospels about Jesus' inviting people to follow him, we see that some people signed up, but many decided to take the easy way out and walk away.

Welcome
TO
OUR CHURCH

Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School
(Classes for all ages)
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm Kids & Youth Meetings
will resume on Sept. 10th.

Mondays - 5:30 pm

Bible Studies will resume on Sept 11th

Wednesdays

6:00 pm—Prayer Group
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

September 4—Labor Day
Church Office Will be Closed
No Soup Kitchen

Sept 5—1st Day of Preschool

Sept 6—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

Sept 12—Paper Pals Resume @ 10 am

Sept. 12—Women on Mission @ 11 am

Sept. 18- Deacon Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sept 20—Baptist Heritage Class
by Pastor Kevin at 6:00 pm

Sept. 20—Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

Sept. 21 —Loss Support Group @ 11:30

Sept 23—First Day of Autumn



So how about you: Are you ready to follow this Jesus? It is the road less traveled, but it's not a road we walk alone. He is with us every step of the way, giving us exactly the grace and the strength we need as we follow hard after him.

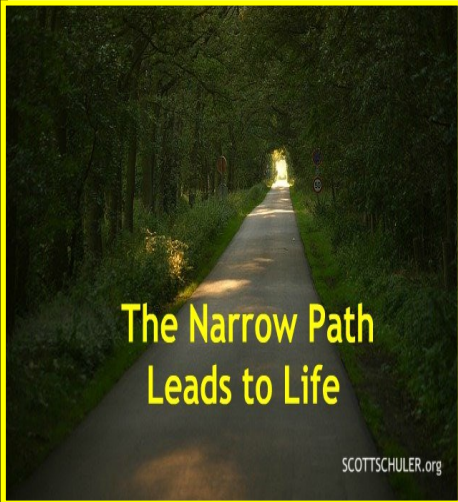
Idleman, Kyle. Not a Fan Daily Devotional (p. 16-17). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

I have shared excerpts from Kyle Idleman's book and want to challenge all of us in our pursuit of following Jesus at greater levels and depths. Let me leave you with this question:

How is Jesus specifically challenging you to follow him in a more uncomfortable way?

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



On September 23, long after summer vacation has become a distant memory, and Labor Day has passed, we will celebrate the arrival of Fall. Leaves are already beginning to change into beautiful colors, and the nights are becoming cooler. Even before now, seasonal decorations have been on display in our local shops, and the smell of pumpkin spice is everywhere we turn. Our school children are hard at work with reading, writing, and arithmetic, and we're enjoying "Friday Night Football" with our friends. Here at FBC, we are getting ready to start back our regular weekly activities, and we hope you are planning to get involved. There's something for everyone!! So as time marches on, and our schedules become increasingly busier, let us not forget to **"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise."**
1 Chronicles 16:23-25a NIV

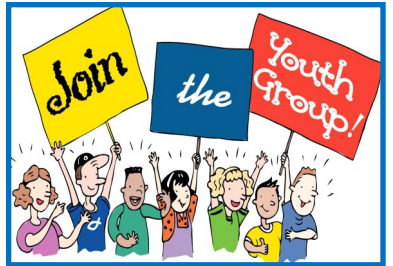
*Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;
Praise Him angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Law which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath He made.*

*Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation
Laud and magnify His name.*

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore Thee.
We would bow before Thy throne;
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.*

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As we say good bye to an amazing summer, we welcome the beautiful Fall season. We are happy to announce that the Kids & Youth Sunday evening meetings will resume on Sunday, September 10th @ 6:00 pm. Some exciting changes have been made and we have added an additional pre-teen group.

Kids Explorers group is for children K—5th grade. This group will be lead by Travis & Elesha Robinson & Nathan & Raquel Lyons. The pre-teen age group has been formed for kids 6th—8th grade and will be led by Robert & Sally Hill. The leaders and kids will have fun coming up with a name for their group. Pastor Kevin will be leading the Tru-North Youth group for 9th-12th grade.

Great Bible study lesson plans and lots of fun activities are being planned. We encourage all of our kids and youth to participate in these Sunday evening meetings and you are welcome to bring a friend.



WE STARTED OFF THE MONTH OF AUGUST WITH OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. WHAT A TIME WE HAD. IT WAS MORE EXCITING THAN WE COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED IT TO BE WITH 25 TO 35 KIDS EACH NIGHT.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR US AS WE STRIVE TO GROW IN FAITH, AS WELL AS OUR CONGREGATION. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE GOOD THINGS HAPPENING. MAY THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

- PASTOR LINO



What is the Alma Hunt Offering?
It is an annual offering for Virginia missions named after Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian known world-wide for her mission service and her dedication to the cause of Christ. The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries, outreach projects and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Since 1976 it has been a joint venture of WMUV and BGAV. Every dollar goes to the support of many ministries. We invite you to give this year to Alma Hunt offering to help spread the love of Christ across as the Commonwealth and with the whole world. This year is Together on Mission. The verse this year is "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit intent on one purpose." (Philippians 2:2)

The Women on Mission want to say a big thank you to all that supported the Tri-Area Pregnancy Center by filling a baby bottle. The total for the year was \$841.20. Thank you for donating this money to help minister to the young women, men, and babies in the community.

We have an up-date on Memory from Africa and how she is doing in nursing school. She has just finished her second-year exam and did well. She will be starting her third year later in the year. She is not sure how much this next year will cost. Please keep Memory in your prayers as she begins this new year and pray that she will receive the tuition fees needed to help her complete the year.

Come join us on Tuesday, September 12th for our monthly meeting at 11:00 am. We look forward to seeing you there.



Kingdom Kids Ministry has enjoyed a blessed Summer with all the children and youth. Despite some health issues that arose within the lives of our volunteers, we praise God for His provision of a faithful group of volunteers for the ministry. In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into his fields."

This month Pastor Lino and his wife Cindy taught a lesson on staying close to God and using your gifts for God's Kingdom. Our special back-to-school treat was delayed until next month due to the paving of the church parking lot.

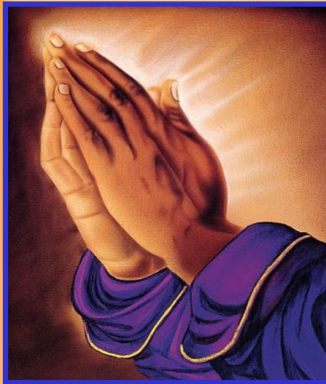
August 2023
Attendance Records

| | |
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| | 08/06/23 |
| Sunday School | 82 |
| 11 am Worship | 146 |
| Evening Attendance | 70 |
| Hispanic Worship | 44 |
| | 342 |

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| | 08/13/23 |
| Sunday School | 106 |
| 11 am Worship | 174 |
| Evening Attendance | 46 |
| Hispanic Worship | 39 |
| | 365 |

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| | 08/20/23 |
| Sunday School | 99 |
| 11 am Worship | 141 |
| Evening Attendance | 12 |
| Hispanic Worship | 62 |
| | 314 |

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| | 08/27/23 |
| Sunday School— | 107 |
| 11 am Worship | 197 |
| Evening Attendance | 41 |
| Hispanic Worship | 46 |
| | 391 |



Mike Coleman, Wanda Rikken Sam & Nancy Blair, Rose Houk, Joe Soles, Betty Parrish, David Peterson, Doris Spangler, Pat Fielder, Amy Vaughan Russell, Frank & Eula Merrill,, Jamey Young, Maya Young, Jacob Holderfield, Ava Rhodes, Debbie Adams, Imogene Frye, Juan & Beverly Rios, Max Brown, Benny & Shirley White, Audrey Merrill, Betty Parks, Steve Conley, Clifford Kempa, Mary Morgan, Betty Fender, David & Rhonda Fender, Joyce Fender, Chuck Thompson, Barbara Sizemore, Tracy Hashbrouck, Bill Dunn, Doris Bedwell, Bill Cox, Donald & Katherine Martin, & Denton Taylor.

Glennis Morris—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 118B
Martha Combs—Hillsville Health & Rehab—Room 116
Judy Hennis—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 103
Charles Larrowe—Waddell Nursing & Rehab—Room 217
Pray for our Country & the U.S. Military & Other Coalition Forces.

Sympathy and love to Penny Adams and Family for the passing of her sister, Betty Walker.
Sympathy and love to the Frank Plichta Family.



CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld.....Senior Pastor

Mrs. Wendi Pemberton.....Minister of Music

Ms. Barbara Bourne.....Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Marie Combs..... Financial Secretary
Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood..... Organist
Mrs. Patty Davis..... Pianist
Ms. Lynn Frank Weekday Preschool Director
Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld..... Preschool/Extended Session
Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld.....Sunday School Director
Mrs. Penny Adams..... Bus Ministry Director
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Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

SEPTEMBER TEAM VOLUNTEERS

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>NURSERY K-2 YEAR</u> | <u>NURSERY 2- 4 Year</u> |
| Sept. 3 | Sally & Robert Hill | Jennifer Shupe |
| Sept. 10 | Erica & Eric Testerman | Jennifer Shupe |
| Sept. 17 | Jennifer & Jay Newman | Jennifer Shupe |
| Sept. 24 | Tara Spurlin | Jennifer Shupe |
| | <u>SECURITY TEAM</u> | |
| Sept. 3 | Cody Edwards & David Rikken | |
| Sept. 10 | Don Houk & Billy Whitaker | |
| Sept. 17 | Mark Burnett & Phil Helms | |
| Sept. 24 | Terry Anders & John Patterson | |
| | <u>WELCOME CENTER</u> | <u>FIRST IMPRESSIONS</u> |
| Sept. 3 | Linda Cooley | Marty & Cathy Parks |
| Sept. 10 | Kathy Cox | Tony & Sonia Truitt |
| Sept. 17 | Patricia Edwards | Patty Boyer & Debi Dixon |
| Sept. 24 | Debbie Harris | Joe & Linda Soles |
| | <u>TECH SOUND</u> | <u>TECH PROJECTION</u> |
| Sept. 3 | Trevor Anders | Bryan Dillon |
| Sept. 10 | Mike Stevens | Jessica Whitaker |
| Sept. 17 | Bryan Dillon | Trevor Anders |
| Sept. 24 | Gary Ballard | Jessica Whitaker |

PASTOR KEVIN'S SEPTEMBER 2023 SERMON SERIES



September 3
"From Riches to Readiness"
Mark 10:17-25

September 10
"Knowing the Way"
John 1:34-51

September 17
"Hang On, He Is Coming"
Romans 12:9-16



September 24
"Seven Secrets of Serving"
Ephesians Chapter 2

ARE YOU RAPTURE READY?

Wednesday, September 20th @ 6:00 pm
Pastor Kevin will be offering
a class entitled
"Baptist Heritage"

&

Wednesday, October 4th @ 6:00 pm
Pastor Kevin will be offering
a class entitled
"Team Based Ministry at FBC"

Everyone is welcome to attend!
Classes will be held in the Sanctuary

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YOUTH



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EXPLORERS



Youth Ministry
Youth Ministry



FBC offers Sunday School Classes, Sunday evening meetings, and many other activities for kids and youth of all ages!

**Each Sunday morning at 9:45 am
the Kids Quest & Tru-North Sunday School Classes
meet at the church.**

**Awesome Bible lesson plans are taught
along with fun activities for the kids and youth.
Sunday morning classes are also provided for K–4th grade.**

**Kids Explorers (K-5th), Tru-North (9th–12th)
and a newly formed Pre-Teen Youth group (6th-8th)
meet each Sunday night at 6:00 pm at the church.**

**An exciting bible lesson plan is presented &
following the lesson, it is food & fun activity time!
Exciting activities are offered throughout the year!**

Vacation Bible School– Summer Camp–

Easter Jam—Christmas Jingle Jam -

Church Picnics—Fall Festivals–

Kids & Youth Lock-Ins—

Attending Sports Events & Mission Trips

**Sunday Evening meetings will resume on
September 10th @ 6:00 pm**

**We encourage all kids & youth to get
involved and bring a friend!**

PRESCHOOL STARTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

**We are so blessed to have this
amazing FBC Preschool staff
for the 2023-2024 School Year**



Lynn Frank, Director

2 year old class-Jennifer Shupe & Anna Zatarain

3 year old class—Patsy Cox & Penny Adams

3 year old class—Elizabeth Harrison & Elaine Williams

4 year old class—Linda Rosenfeld & Martha Norman

Substitutes:

Patti Holderfield, Tara Spurlin, and Marian Porter



**PAPER PALS
WILL RESUME
ON
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12
AT 10:00 AM**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER TO HELP
WITH CUTTING &
PREPARING ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PRESCHOOL
TEACHERS, PLEASE
COME OUT AND
JOIN THE TEAM
EACH TUESDAY!**



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**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
WILL KICK OFF ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**THE YOUTH WILL BE ASSEMBLING
THE EMPTY SHOE BOXES.
EACH BOX WILL CONTAIN A
BROCHURE WITH INSTRUCTIONS
AND SUGGESTIONS. LET YOUR**

**HEART LEAD THE WAY AS GOD ALREADY KNOWS WHICH
CHILD NEEDS HIS LOVE THROUGH YOUR GIFTS.**

**PLEASE SEE JEFF OR PATTI HOLDERFIELD IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
Thank You!**

Thank You!



Thank you for your recent peanut butter donation. We truly appreciate your kindness. We will be able to add to the food boxes and help our needful community.

- Willing Partners Staff

Jackie Cruz and her family would like to thank everyone for their donations and for everyone's help in making their annual Yard Sale for the Macha Mission in Zambia a huge success. To date a total of \$16,076 has been raised for this mission.

FBC would like to thank Jackie and her family for their dedication and hard work. They are so appreciated!



Pastor Kevin volunteered at the Dr. Mary Bennett Building Hope Bike-A-Thon on August 5th.

The current amount raised is \$14,125.00.

For more than four decades, Dr. Mary Bennett has been providing care for children in need at the Sonshine Children's Center in the Appalachian Mountains near Linefork, Kentucky. Her work continues through the Foundation, which serves adoptive and foster families, distributes food and clothing, and serves as a base for mission teams. Those participating in the bike-a-thon or making a donation helps provide much needed resources such as food, clothing, and supplies on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, the money raise will help families and communities recover from the devastating flood that occurred during the summer of 2022.

Dr. Mary Bennett
Foundation
Building Hope Bike-a-Thon





**AN EXCITING
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
WAS HELD IN
AUGUST
AT THE
HISPANIC
CHURCH
WITH 25 TO 35
KIDS ATTENDING
EACH NIGHT**





| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNEDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 Shirley White | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Glennis Morris | 6 | 7 Guyda Hennis Elaine Widner | 8 | 9 Duane Alexander Mary Ann Dotson |
| 10 Maggie Vaughan | 11 Ruth Lyon | 12 | 13 Basil Carpenter | 14 Beth Ballard | 15 | 16 Pam Burnette Steven Archer |
| 17 Mandy Archer Nancy Hazelwood Adrian Hernandez Jeff Holderfield Sue Holt Trace Lumpkin | 18 Jack Bryant | 19 | 20 | 21 Mike Stevens | 22 Debbie Patterson Charlie Quesenberry | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Frank Plichta | 26 Debra Cone | 27 Faye Cox Jack Edwards Wanda Harris | 28 Joe Sizemore | 29 Patty Boyer | 30 |

| <div>  <div> September 2023 Services & Activities </div> </div> | | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | 3 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 4 Church Office Closed NO Soup Kitchen <div>LABOR Day</div> | 5 First Day of Preschool <div>PRESCHOOL</div> | 6 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | 10 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 11 5:30 Pastor Kevin's Monday Evening Bible Study Resumes on the Book of Revelation | 12 10:00 am Paper Pals 11:00 am Women on Mission <div>Women on Mission</div> | 13 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 14 | 15 | 16 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Baby Shower 12 noon—4 pm |
| | | 17 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 18 5:30 pm Pastor Kevin's Bible Study 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting In the Church Parlor | 19 10:00 am Paper Pals | 20 6:00 pm Pastor Kevin will Provide a class on Baptist Heritage 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids | 21 11:00 am Loss Support Group <div>Grieve, not Alone</div> | 22 | 23 <div>First Day Of Autumn</div> |
| | | 24 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 25 5:30 pm Pastor Kevin's Bible Study | 26 10:00 am Paper Pals | 27 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 28 | 29 | 30 |



**There will be NO
Soup Kitchen
On Monday,
September 4**

**Bible
Study**



**PASTOR KEVIN'S
MONDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
@ 5:30 PM**

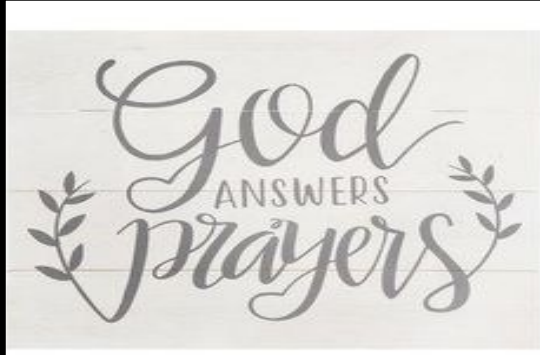


**September 12
@ 11:00 am
Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
Sept. 21 @ 11:30 am
For More Information
Please Contact
Bruce Thomas or
Call the Church Office**



PRAYER TIME
LED BY PASTOR KEVIN
EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 PM
Sept. 20th—Baptist Heritage Class
& October 4th—FBC
Team Based Ministry Class



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

CHOIR REHEARSAL
EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM
If you would like to join the choir,
please see Wendi Pemberton.



Kingdom Kids
September 6 & 20
@ 5:30 pm



Kids, Pre-Teen &
High School Youth
Sunday Evening Meetings
Resume on
September 10th @ 6 pm



PAPER PALS
Resume Meeting on
September 12 @ 10 am