



October Calendar

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wednesdays	5:30 PM	Family Meal
	6-7:00 PM	KidZone/YouthZone Chosen Study
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Monday, Oct. 7	5:30 PM	Deacons & Worship
Tuesday, Oct. 8	5:30 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	M & E Board/CE Board
Tuesday, Oct. 15	1:00 PM	Maxine Bates Circle
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 16	NOON	SALT
Thursday, Oct. 17	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox Lapidary Club
Sunday, Oct. 20	After worship	Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 27	2-4:00 PM	Bisgard Anv. Party

\$	August Finances	\$
	Giving: \$14,610.80	
\$	Expenses: \$15,833.40	\$



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Fall Group Study Beginning Wed. Oct. 2nd

*But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel,
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are Mine!"
(Isaiah 43:1)*

The very first episode of *The Chosen* TV series opens with this verse from Isaiah, quoting God the Father, "I have called you by name; you are mine!" This opening sets the theme and the tone of the whole series. What an awesome truth! God calls people to Himself!

But you might have noticed that in this verse God, the Creator, is specifically speaking to Israel. We know that the Bible refers to the Jewish people as "God's chosen people",

and this brings up several questions. In what sense is the nation of Israel chosen? Is anyone else “chosen”? Who, exactly, does God call? How can someone know if God has chosen them?

These are the kinds of questions that we’ll discuss in this season’s Group Bible Study. While the study will use the episodes from Season 1 of *The Chosen* TV series, the focus of the study, published by David C. Cook, is on Isaiah 43. The introduction describes it this way:

“This is the official companion study to season 1 of *The Chosen*, the groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus. *What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand-new way. It includes:

- A deeper look at Isaiah 43 and its fulfillment in Jesus and the lives of His followers (including us!)
- Script excerpts, quotes, and illustrations from the show.
- Guiding questions for groups or individuals.

Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than the choosees. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because He is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God’s chosen people.

What does it actually mean to be Chosen? To answer that question, we’re going Old school—Testament that is—which leads us back to the New. **Which always leads us directly to Jesus.**”

I hope you’ll join in for our discussions on Wednesday nights, beginning at 6:00. Better yet, come early and enjoy our Wednesday Night Church Family Meal at 5:30 and stay for the discussion!

Getting to Know Jesus Better, Together,
- John

PRAYER LIST

The family of Harold Munson, Family of Dan Symmonds, Cameron Symmonds, Sharie Leazer, Rod Ryan, David Wilson, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Ralph Paulding, Ray Woody, Dick and June Workman, Lisa Greenig’s niece, Alyssa.



SALT Group (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) are now meeting on the third WEDNESDAY of each month. Please join us on October 16th. Everyone 55 and over is welcome! Please bring a dish to pass.

“The Chosen” Bible Study.

Beginning **Wednesday, October 2nd** at 6:00, join in as we watch and discuss the scriptures highlighted in the hit TV Series, *The Chosen*. We will also offer a **Sunday morning** session beginning **October 6th** during the Sunday School hour, in the youth room. Books are available in the Narthex. If you can add \$9 to your offering to help cover the cost, that will help us to continue to offer these kinds of studies.



Spoil Your Lunch

Sunday, October 6th, after worship
Plan to stay for Ice Cream and Cookies!
Provided by your Deacons.

Save the Date! Darrel and Brenda Bisgard are celebrating 50 years of marriage in October. Everyone is invited to a reception On Sunday, **October 27** from 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall.





- 6. Sue Harris
- 9. Lisa Crandall
- 13. Kandi Diers
- 18. Marco Baerg
- 25. Amy Kermott
- 26. Tom Baerg

Happy Anniversary



- 4. Darrel & Brenda Bisgard
- 26. Tom & Jill Baerg

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is this month, but is not listed, please call the church office with that information.

HEAD USHERS		KIDZONE LEADERS	
6	Greg Fritz	6	Diane & Amy VanWinkle
13	Dick Workman	13	Lisa Greenig & Cameron Worley
20	Jim Wotherspoon	20	Tom & Aizen Baerg
27	Roger Wright	27	Sarah Stiemsma & Ashley Worley

COMMUNION SERVERS October 6: Virgil Symmonds, Margaret Stephens, John Rathbun, Bob Keller, Lisa Greenig



FFFBC Christmas Store

Our Annual Christmas Store will be Friday, December 6th, with setup on Thursday, December 5th. Please start setting aside any unwanted (gently used) gift items to donate to our store. This is always a huge blessing to our community, and allows kids to "shop" for gifts for their family that they would otherwise be unable to afford. In addition to gifts, we will take donations of gift wrap, gift bags, tape, ribbon, and boxes! No clothing please. (unused gift socks, winter hats, scarves, slippers are ok). Books, toys, games, gift items, pictures, holiday décor, toiletries, jewelry, electronics, mugs, etc....all will help kids in Fairfield experience the joy of giving this Christmas Season!

Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. It will take all of us working together to help the store run smoothly and serve as many families as we can. More information to come! Any questions, talk to Lisa Greenig. Thank you in advance for all your help!