



The Cornerstone Connection

Building lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

September 2026

Little Rockers' Night of Worship

Solid Rock's Little Rockers Praise Team will host a Night of Worship on October 17, 2026, preceded by a baked potato bar. Doors will open and the meal will start at 5:30 p.m. Worship will start at 6:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted. (Dinner service will end at 6:30.) Come join us!



Faith Circles

Following is the schedule for the Faith Circles small group:

- September 14: Goodness (Revised Standard Version)
- October 26: Faithfulness (Good News Translation)
- November 2: Gentleness (Holy Bible Easy to read version)
- November 16: Self Control (Berean Standard Bible)

Financial Update

To fully fund our 2026 budget, Solid Rock needs a weekly offering averaging \$3,966. A previous report to the congregation, covering the period from January through May, showed weekly offerings averaging \$2,553, for a weekly shortfall of \$1,413.

Following that report, weekly offerings increased. For the period of June 7 through August 9, weekly offerings averaged \$3,616, reducing the weekly shortfall during that period to \$350.

Looking at the whole year to date (January 4 through August 9), weekly offerings have averaged \$2,885, for an average weekly shortfall of \$1,081, and a year-to-date total shortfall of \$34,589.

As you can see, we have made improvement, but still have a ways to go. I want to thank all of you for your tithes and offerings to Solid Rock. With these offerings we have the programming and the ministries that we have and are blessed to have because of you. Without your generosity we would have very limited programming.

Our general budget goes for the needs of the church, such as insurance, utilities, salaries, supplies, lawn care, snow removal, repair and maintenance, and more, and this is the area where we are falling short.

So I ask you to pray about what you can give according to what God puts on your heart. This is between you and God. It's up to you what and how you give.

We will get through this with God's help, but it will take each and every one of us, so please have a conversation with God and listen to what He puts on your heart.

Bruce Preston,
Finance Committee Chair

From the Archives

Let's take a brief journey into events in Solid Rock's history as recorded in previous newsletters.

Pledges exceed capital campaign goal (January 2010)

Solid Rock's capital campaign, "One Rock, One Church, One Challenge," exceeded its \$400,000 goal by over \$100,000. Campaign chair Steve Holmes announced on Celebration Sunday, December 6, that \$502,573 had been pledged by 73 families. Since that



time, four more pledges have been received, and the

total now stands at \$529,073. Now that a funding figure has been established, the Building Committee will move forward with the planning process.

Picnic at building site, August 22, 2010

Solid Rock to sponsor park concessions (May 2010)

Solid Rock is excited to announce its newest ministry, the concession booth at Warren Tower Park. This thrilling ministry will allow us to interact with youth and their

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families in the community.

It is not too late to become a part of this ministry as there are still openings to work in the booth. Don't worry about experience as training will be furnished by the committee members in charge.

Currently the committee is planning on designating the profits for the church building fund. However, if another opportunity arises we could divert part of the profits to other projects.

Congregation enjoys picnic at building site (September 2010)

Solid Rock enjoyed a picnic at the new church site at noon on August 22. Eighty-six members enjoyed the carry-in meal. Jerry Walter and Jay Shaw provided riding tours of the property. The campaign completion team wants to thank everyone for their attendance and help to make the picnic a success.



Henderson Settlement Mission Trip (October 2011)

The week of July 29, 2012, is the date chosen for the Solid Rock mission trip to Henderson Settlement. Mike Tribolet, Huntington, will spend the summer building a home at the Henderson Settlement in the Appalachian region of southeastern Kentucky. Henderson Settlement is a mighty ministry meeting the needs of many in that area.

Our church is planning to send work crews and help is needed, even if you are not a talented dry-waller or painter.

Building Update (November 2011)

The Solid Rock congregation, in a Church Conference on October 16, approved by a vote of 87 to 0 plans for the new church building. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for October 30 at the building site. Plans for the new building may be viewed at a link on the church website.

Groundbreaking (December 2011)

Solid Rock held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new church building on Sunday, October 30, 2011. After sharing a carry-in lunch, members of the congregation gathered at the site on Bennett Drive. Following a blessing by Northeast District Superintendent Rev. David Michel, ground was broken by pulling a walk-behind plow driven by Bruce Preston, Building Committee Chair, Pastor Kathy Newton, and David Spahr, Trustees Chair.

Christian Symbol: Bread

One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.

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News for the October newsletter is due September 20

July Financial Update

General Fund Contributions\$12,017
General Fund Budgeted Disbursements.....\$13,486

OUR VISION

We seek to be a Christ-centered church family where every person is equipped to discover and to use their God-given gifts to serve and share God's love.

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which the Church would be built. Jesus was having a “come to Jesus” meeting with him.

During their conversation, Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me more than these?” This is in reference to Peter being willing to forsake (give up) all the things familiar or precious to him for the sake of following Jesus Christ and His calling. The next two times, Jesus asks him if he loves Him, seeking Peter’s devotion to fulfill the things he’s called to: leading the Disciples into the Great Commission.

Just to make it clear: Jesus isn’t calling us to hate our families and friends; He’s saying that the love and devotion we claim to have for Him should be so strong that our other relationships should seem like hatred when in comparison with the love we have for Him. God is calling us to have no greater love for anyone but Him – not only does He deserve it, He is trying to get our attention so we pay attention to His leading more than the worldly influences. God is trying His best to keep the FOMO of the blessings He has in store for us because we are choosing to have FOMO in the worldly sense.

Jesus is clearly preparing Peter for great things. His ministry will, as we know, transform our connection with God, drawing us closer to Him through Jesus Christ. What he was once afraid of admitting about knowing Jesus Christ, he now boldly shares with great passion. Do we see this in the world today? Are we any different than he?

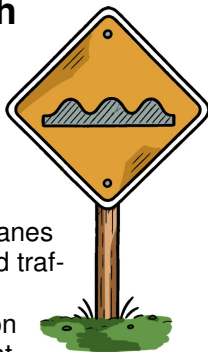
I ask you the same question Jesus asked Peter: “_____, do you love Me more than these?” Do you love the people and things of this world more than Jesus Christ? Does your life give the world the evidence it needs to convict you, should you go to be judged for your faithfulness? As I shared in the sermon, I have more of a FOMO of the blessings from God and my abilities to serve Him more than FOMO on the things of this world.

What is God leading you to do? Attend church services more to meet people God wants to place in your life? Is He calling you to become more disciplined in prayer, Bible studies, giving of yourself, or to be an encourager to someone? Your answer to the question Jesus poses to Peter will be reflected by how you live. Live well!

When the Road Gets Rough

It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, “Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles,” he braced himself.

Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at



a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again.

Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Notice He doesn’t say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard.

Notice that Jesus didn’t say we “might” have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope.

The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.

Our Mind's Storehouse

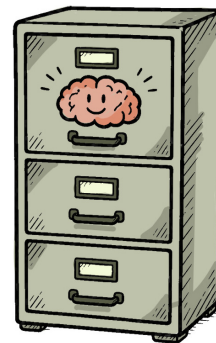
Benjamin Weir, a missionary in the Middle East, was taken captive by terrorists and held in solitary confinement. Blindfolded and cut off from the outside world, he endured deep isolation with no one to speak to and no sense of where he was.

What could he do? In many ways, all he had was a beating heart and a mind still free to think. To endure the long days, he began drawing from what was stored within him. After his release, he reflected, “I called up my memory bank, things that were stored in my mind.”

He recalled Scripture passages he had learned years before. He remembered lines from William Shakespeare, the words of hymns and songs, and the faces of those he loved. He reflected on his work, his family and the steady grace of God throughout his life.

Looking back, he said, “Whatever is in your mind is what you have to draw on.”

That truth lingers. What we place in our minds today shapes what we will lean on tomorrow. It invites a simple but important question: What are we storing away? May we fill our thoughts with what is true, pure and life-giving, with the story of Christ and the hope of His saving grace.



- I have learned that plotting revenge only allows the people who hurt you to hurt you longer.

—Anonymous

- When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a very small package.

—John Ruskin

- Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated.

—Joseph Beaumont

- “Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

—Robert Louis Stevenson



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

Do You Love Me More Than These?

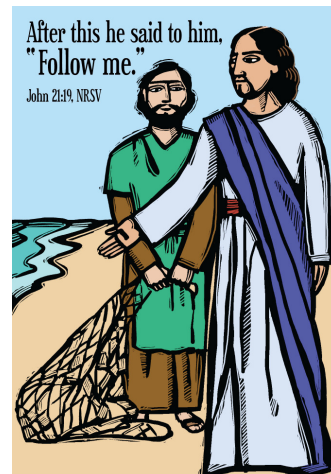
When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." - John

21:15-19; ESV

Yesterday (August 23rd) in my sermon about FOMO (the fear of missing out), and in my message, I shared that many believers are more fixated on the FOMO of worldly things than they are spiritual things. Maybe it's because the worldly things are more real than the spiritual things. Maybe it's because they believe they have more time to be part of the world and will take care of things when they get older. Whatever the reasons are, Christian believers are missing out on many blessings trying to balance between both worlds.

Since that time, I am reminded of the discussion between Peter and Jesus after His Resurrection as they had breakfast. If you recall, Peter had just denied knowing Jesus three times and was very sorrowful for his betrayal. Jesus was there to return Peter back into the calling of his life – being the disciple on

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September Helpers

Liturgist

- 6 Jane Hitzfield
- 13 Billie Horrell-Jackson
- 20 Mindy Rider
- 27 Debb Smitley



Greeter

- 6 Teresa Kriegbaum
- 13 Lana Myers
- 20 John & Susan Mills
- 27 Billie Horrell-Jackson

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 6 LeAnn Buzzard
- 13 Stacy Wiley
- 20 Lana Myers
- 27 Libby Wiley

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 6
- 13
- 20
- 27

Snacks

- 6 Lana Myers
- 13 John-Susan Mills & Marg Bentley
- 20 Dave-Jo Banter
- 27 Ted-Sharon Williams & Jane Hitzfield

Acolytes

- 6 Kodi Craig & Kaley Campbell
- 13 Kalin Elliot & Lily Lichtenberger
- 20 Kerrigan Goodspeed & Blake Craig
- 27 Malcolm Voght & Kinley Goodspeed

Please contact the church office at
375-3873 by Wednesday prior to Sunday, if you are

- 9/1 Dean & Diane Kratzer
Adam & Michelle Schweikhardt
- 9/5 Tony & Donna Benefiel
- 9/6 Nate & Becky Campbell
- 9/29 Randy & Pamela Hensley



- 9/3 Dave Meyers
Jen Plummer
- 9/5 Rosalie Walter
- 9/11 Patty Hensley
- 9/13 Lianna Walter
- 9/14 Carolyn Winters
- 9/15 Malcolm Voght
- 9/16 Jim Howell
- 9/27 Mike Heath
- 9/28 Teresa Kriegbaum
- 9/29 Mary Ellen Plummer
Martina Cocklin

Women's Widow Care & Share
Meeting Sept. 1st & 15th @ 2 p.m.



**CARRY IN
LUNCH
Bring a dish**



Sunday September 20th following Worship
Service. Great fellowship and food,
what more could you ask for?

Eat and leave or stay until 1:30-2 p.m



Stock the shelves in September

Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

Mac & Cheese

Jelly

Cans of fruit

Peanut Butter

Thank you for all you do!

Monetary gifts are always appreciated.



Ladies' Breakfast

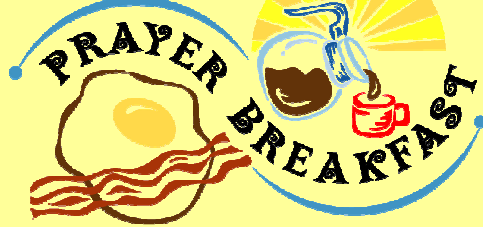
and fellowship

Last Saturday of each month

8:30 a.m. at SonRise Bakery

All women welcome!

MEN'S



and fellowship

2nd Saturday each month 8 a.m.

at Solid Rock Church.

All men welcome!

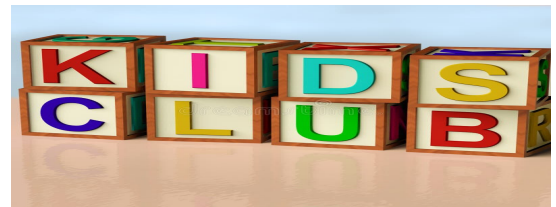


CARD MINISTRY

BOGO Sale

buy one - get one free

Stock up !



Sept. 13, 4-6 p.m.

Ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Invite your friends!

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE KIDS

Send them a note of
encouragement periodically!

Libby Wiley.....(attending I.U. Ft Wayne)
1505 Etna Rd
Huntington IN 46750

Jazmine Plummer...(attending Hgtn Univ.)
2303 College Ave
Huntington IN 46750

Taylor Rogers.....(attending Ball State Univ.)
Dehority Complex - Room 367
1500 W Riverside
Muncie IN 47306

Weekly Bible Study Groups

Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

led by Marsha Boyanowski

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Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

studying the book of Hebrews

led by Pastor John

SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion	7 Labor Day	8 Sign Language 10 a.m. Mission Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	9 Bible Study 6 p.m. (Book of Hebrews)	10 S.O.S. 7 p.m.	11	12 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.
13 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Kids Club 4-6 p.m. Rock Solid Youth 6:30-8:30 p.m.	14 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. Faith Circle 7 p.m.	15 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. SPP Mtg. 6 p.m. Ad Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	16 Bible Study 6 p.m. (Book of Hebrews)	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Carry-in Lunch Newsletter Due to Gary	21 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	22 Sign Language 10 a.m.	23 Bible Study 6 p.m. (Book of Hebrews)	24	25	26 Ladies Breakfast at SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m.
27 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. October Birthdays & Anniversaries Rock Solid Youth Fall Party 5-8:30	28 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	29 Sign Language 10 a.m.	30 Solid Rock works at the Food Pantry Bible Study 6 p.m. (Book of Hebrews)			

SOLID ROCK PRAYER REQUESTS

Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries
Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

Cluster Churches and Pastors

Liberty Center Community/Rev. Diane Samuels - Bluffton First UMC/Rev. Sherrie Drake - Markle Riverside John 3:16/Pastor Dan First
Epworth UMC Bluffton/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Ossian UMC/Rev. David Herr - Lancaster Chapel UMC/Pastor Dewey Miller - Boehmer UMC/Pastor Steve Nevius
Petroleum Community/Rev. Greg Andrews - Poneto Faith Community/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

Prayers for Health & Healing

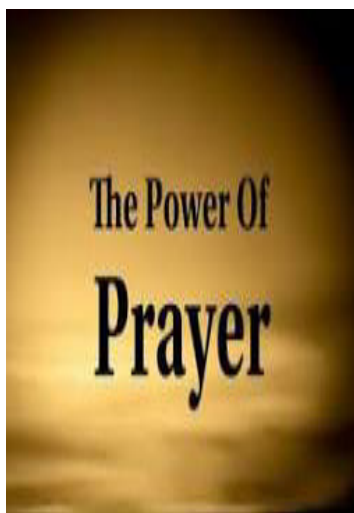
Dave Amstutz	Sue Carpenter	Brent Lucky	Tom Tallman
Tiffany Booher	Matthew Carpenter	Ted Oiler	Lou Ellen Vctor
Consuelo Botello	Steve Cress	Harold Plasterer	Ron Wartzok
Gene Boyer's wife	LaTishia Horrell	Mandy Ramsey	Kyle Williams
Phil Brown	Mary Ann Jackson	Eric Snively	Ted Williams
Mike Carey	George Keplinger	Rick Swope	

All Unspoken

Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be moved to prayers answered or if someone needs added for prayers of health and healing.

Heritage Pointe

Darrell Blair	Dee Pattison
Jackie Blinn	Norma Smith
Bill Boxell	Doris Souers
Pat Boxell	Wanda Spahr
Mary Clark	Alyce Tinkle
Rochelle DeHaven	Carolyn Winters
Don Douglas	



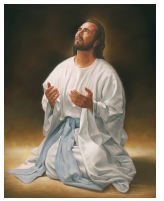
Prayers Answered

Jessica Bendorf
Jerry Brown
Pam Cloud
Sadie McIntire
Julie Prout
Thea Rose
Kim Shaw
Carlie Thompson

Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for September 2026

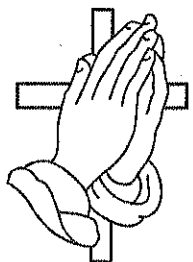
Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:

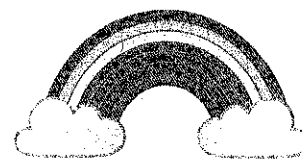


- Father God, As the season changes and brings beauty and vivid colors, let our spiritual season bring us to witness the beauty of a changed life found in You. You never change and Your love remains consistent. May our love and dedication to You be like that. Help us to see the beauty of serving You and seeing the changes in our lives and the lives of others our main focus. Help us to love in the same manner You love so we might bring others to You. Thank You for the beauty You grant each of us, Amen.
- Precious Jesus, remove from us anything that distracts us from knowing You and Your will for our lives. May we see the beauty within everyone, just like what You see in us. Teach us to see the urgency of the day to live daily the life we find in You alone. We pray that others will be drawn to You by what our lives reflect. We adore You and give You praise and glory. Holy, holy, holy is Your Name! Blessed is the Lord God Almighty! Amen.
- Sweet Holy Spirit, You are the Great Comforter. You led us and guide us to know God and His Son and You reveal Yourself to us. Please continue to do this all the days of our lives. Ignite the passion to burn within us as You did on the day of Pentecost. Let Your Spirit embolden us to service at any cost. Blessings and honors are Yours forevermore. Amen.
- Blessed Trinity, to You alone do we pledge ourselves in service and devotion to Your callings. Empower us to serve, to love, to forgive, to extend mercy and grace, and to bring the lost into Your loving arms. We acknowledge that we can only do this by Your power and might. Gift us now to carry out your will. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Bible Word Search



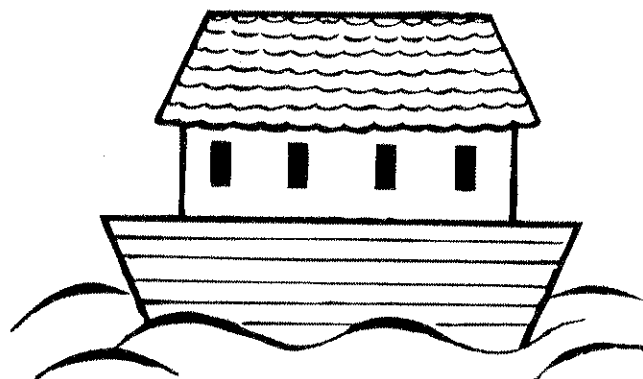
Noah and the Ark



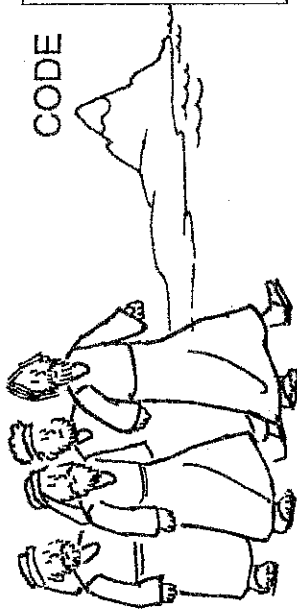
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Word list:

ANIMALS	LAND
ARK	MOUNTAIN
BELIEVE	NOAH
BUILD	PAIRS
CREATURES	PROMISE
DOVE	RAIN
EVIL	RAINBOW
FLOOD	TWO
FORTY	WATER
GOOD	WOOD



Jesus warned the disciples about something!
Use the code to fill the blanks.



CODE		
ABC	DEF	GHI
JKL	MNO	PQR
STU	VWX	YZ

"W"



No matter what happens,
we are safe because of ...

Find the letters on this billboard that are not covered
by any other letter. Unscramble them to spell a name.

