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Being NICER as Christians at Work

“As working Christians, we are deeply aware of the gap that exists between Sunday and Monday,” writes Roland Heersink, founder of the God & Work Initiative. “Although the two days are next to each other on the calendar, they seem miles apart. On Sunday we hear that we are children of God, saved by grace in Jesus Christ. On Monday, there are endless emails to be answered, spreadsheets to be completed, people to be hired and fired, meetings to attend, and important decisions to be made.”

For a stronger relationship between our roles as faith-filled Christians and employees, Heersink uses the acronym NICER. How well do you live out these five essentials in your work life?

No Compromise (See Daniel 1:8-14.)

Integrity (See Daniel 6:1-5.)

Compassionate in Relationships (Follow Jesus’ example.)

Excellence (“Do your best, and let Jesus do the rest.”)

Responsible to Others (Be a good Samaritan.)

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September

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's house

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 10. Dixie Roberts
- 13. Rosemary Knox
- 14. Michael Newman
- 15. Lettie Terrell
- 16. Emily Poe
- Annsley Smith



TIPS ON PACKING YOUR SHOEBOX

1. Use new items as used clothing and toys will be discarded.
 2. Each box stands alone so don't divide items between two boxes.
 3. Include some fun in each box as this may be the only gift some of these children receive all year.
 4. Remove all wrappings from your items as many sites have no place to put trash.
 5. A tooth brush may be sent but no candy or toothpaste as they have a "use by date."
 6. Include your \$10 check for each box. If you do multiple boxes one check will suffice and place in one of your boxes.
- You may also go online using a credit card where you will receive a tracking number strip which you can print and attach to the shoe box.
7. Place the boy/girl strip at the end of the box. Place a rubber band around the box. Later these boxes will be taped around the middle for shipment.

Boxes will be picked up by
November 15.



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday we will be recapping the last couple of lessons in our series for the month of August, *Living Out Our Faith*. These lessons remind us that things will not always be easy. Sometimes we face difficulties, but we should never quit. We must learn to persevere, learn, and grow from our circumstances.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. For the past few weeks we have been studying lessons from the book of Genesis. Supper will be at 6:15 p.m. and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m. There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month. This schedule will be revealed and begin in September.



Youth Sunday School

Mrs. Carrie Chaney will be leading the Youth Sunday School and is introducing the students to a new study. We are excited to see how this new lesson unfolds.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group are back in full swing. Sunday nights we have been having a great group of youth who continue to show up ready to study God's word. We have made a slight time change for **Sunday's and will be gathering at 5:30 for this semester.** Wednesday Nights we will have supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:40 p.m.

WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. The cost is \$125, and half of the cost (\$75) will be required as a deposit to hold your spot. Sign-up will begin soon. Payment will be due in full by the first week in October.

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Marilyn Burnett
Scripture	Genesis 1:1-8, 26-31
Sermon	“In the Beginning”
Flowers	Robyn and Byron Kelly

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER

10. 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Mark 7:24-37
11. The LORD will provide	Isaiah 4:17-20
12. Encounter at the well	John 4:1-26
13. Fear seized them all	Luke 7:11-23
14. The danger of complacency	Proverbs 1:20-33
15. Wisdom without words	Psalms 19
16. Gentleness born of wisdom	James 3:1-12