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"Serving others as we serve Jesus."

**Scott McFarland**  
Minister

**Keith Jones**  
Family Life Minister

**Sunday**

**Wednesday**

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Elders**

**Deacons**

Jeff Bettinger  
Bob Burrow  
Keith Jones  
Duane Landefeld  
Brian Rose

Ronnie Beardmore  
Eric Carothers  
Dan Christman  
Shawn Howell

Brent McConnell  
Jeff Seidler  
Howard Spengler  
Jesse Stalder

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jo Ellen Seidler, hip replacement surgery recovery; Kevin Weckbacher, back surgery recovery; Brian Cline (Bonnie Cline's son) broken leg; Angie Sexton (friend of Sue Dearth) surgery recovery; Kylee Jones post-surgery therapy; Duane Landefeld, carpal tunnel surgery on hold; Dave Matz; Karen Ault; Dan Fussell; Sandy Resecker; widows and widowers of the congregation.

**Those battling cancer**—Sue Hooper, colon cancer; Lisa Jones (stage 3 lung cancer); Logann Kehrer (a friend of Bob Burrow's co-worker), diagnosed with terminal cancer; Marion Gorrell stage 4 cancer (former coworker of Carla Rose); Andy Copley (surgery in November); Patty Norris (friend of Keith Coss); Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Nina Christman; Misty Robinson, friend of Grace Miles.

Linda Workman is finishing her cancer treatments.

Parker Miley, who is in grade school, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Parker's grandmother is a former coworker of Kevin Rose.

**Pregnancies**

Please keep Amanda Antill in your prayers—for her health and the health of the baby she is carrying.

\* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

**Elders & Deacons Meeting**

The Elder meeting will be today, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

The Deacons meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship building.

**Office Hours**

The offices will be closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## The Old Man and the Gulls

It is gratitude that prompted an old man to visit an old broken pier on the eastern seacoast of Florida. Every Friday night until his death in 1973 he would return, walking slowly and slightly stooped with a large bucket of shrimp. The sea gulls would flock to this old man, and he would feed them from his bucket. Many years before, in October, 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was on a mission in a B-17 to deliver an important message to General Douglas MacArthur in New Guinea. But there was an unexpected detour which would hurl Captain Eddie into the most harrowing adventure of his life.

Somewhere over the South Pacific the Flying Fortress became lost beyond the reach of radio. Fuel ran dangerously low, so the men ditched their plane in the ocean. For nearly a month Captain Eddie and his companions would fight the water, and the weather, and the scorching sun. They spent many sleepless nights recoiling as giant sharks rammed their rafts. The largest raft was nine by five. The biggest shark...ten feet long.

But of all their enemies at sea, one proved most formidable: starvation. Eight days out, their rations were long gone or destroyed by the salt water. It would take a miracle to sustain them. And a miracle occurred. In Captain Eddie's own words, "Cherry"—that was the B-17 pilot, Captain William Cherry—"read the service that afternoon, and we finished with a prayer for deliverance and a hymn of praise. There was some talk, but it tapered off in the oppressive heat. With my hat pulled down over my eyes to keep out some of the glare, I dozed off. Something landed on my head. I knew that it was a sea gull. I don't know how I knew, I just knew. Everyone else knew too. No one said a word, but peering out from under my hat brim without moving my head, I could see the expression on their faces. They were staring at that gull. The gull meant food...if I could catch it."

And the rest, as they say, is history. Captain Eddie caught the gull. Its flesh was eaten. Its intestines were used for bait to catch fish. The survivors were sustained and their hopes renewed because a lone sea gull, uncharacteristically hundreds of miles from land, offered itself as a sacrifice. You know that Captain Eddie made it. And now you also know...that he never forgot. Because every Friday evening, about sunset...on a lonely stretch along the eastern Florida seacoast...you could see an old man walking...white-haired, bushy-eyebrowed, slightly bent. His bucket filled with shrimp was to feed the gulls...to remember that one which, on a day long past, gave itself without a struggle...like manna in the wilderness.

—Paul Aurandt, "The Old Man and the Gulls", Paul Harvey's *The Rest of the Story*, 1977, quoted in *Heaven Bound Living*, Knofel Stanton, Standard, 1989, p. 79-80.

**November 12, 2023**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

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Sunday Morning Bible Classes	92	Sunday morning Live feed views	17
Attendance at the building	162	Post-Sunday sermon online views	22
Bible Hour Attendance	23		
Sunday night Bible Class	69	J.O.Y. Bus Attendance	
		2 Riders	4 Workers
Wednesday night Bible Class	56		
Budget	\$ 5,100		
Contribution	\$ 4,689	<b>*Orphans Lifeline Special Contribution</b>	<b>\$4,211</b>



Thank you so much for partnership with Walk4Water this year! Because of your support clean water will change everything for a community in need.

In Him, Gillian  
Healing Hands International

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:4-5

