

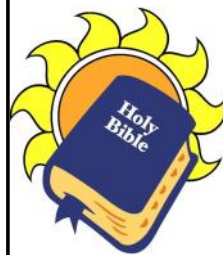


August, 2026

The Reminder Indian Head Church of God

Mission Statement

The Indian Head Church of God exists to glorify God with Christ centered worship, Biblically oriented discipleship and Holy Spirit directed evangelism and mission, in a loving fellowship.



Fifth Sunday
Combined Sunday School
and Worship Service
Sunday, August 30

There will be NO 8:30 a.m. Worship Service.

9:00 a.m. - Combined Sunday School gathering in the Sanctuary. Speakers: Addison Wilders and Braden Bell (ACTS Southwest Mission Trip), Darrin and Cathy McMillen (Brazil Mission Trip).

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (There will be Blessing of the Backpacks and Recognition of our Sunday School Teachers).

11:30 a.m. - A Picnic will follow over in our Pavilion. Please bring a covered dish.



Saturday, August 1

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

in the
Indian Head Church of God
parking lot.

Register online on our website at
www.indianheadchurch.org

Registration is recommended but
not required.

**All students will receive a
backpack and school supplies!**

Any questions, please call the Church at
724-455-2626



Everyone is invited to attend our
Saturday Evening Worship Services
7 p.m. each Saturday night,
especially if you are unable to come to
church on Sunday mornings.



Ad Council notes from July 20...

*A Child Safety Task Force will be led by Hope Dull. This group will create policies and training for child safety and maintain mandatory clearances for all those involved in children's ministries.

*August 30th—Fifth Sunday:

During the Sunday School hour at 9:00 a.m., Braden Bell, Addison Wilders, and Darrin and Cathi McMillen will present their mission trip highlights.

During the worship service at 10:00 a.m., we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks and recognition of our Sunday School teachers.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal: Picnic is being planned by the Discipleship Commission. Games for children and adults are being planned.

*Approximately 45 students was in attendance our VBS. Sherry Hess is stepping down as director and Denise Pritts is stepping down as decorator.

*Fundraisers results:

Yard Sale - \$260 for shoebox shipping.

Bake Sale - \$656 for Mary and Darlene's mission trip.

Family Boutique - \$1,281.25 for Bibles and Carnival supplies.

Puzzle Challenge - \$665 for Shoes that Grow.

Hoagie sale - \$504 for shoebox shipping.

Pie in the Face fundraiser - \$5,642 for Major Repair Fund. 60+ people attended.

*Wi-Fi for the pavilion area and the social room was approved.

*Six more security cameras will be added to our system - the pavilion area, the social room and the area near the church sign.

*The Youth Room basement door is now an exit only door from the inside. You cannot enter from the outside.

*Social room doors will be installed in August and a pin pad.

*All doors of the church will be remained locked, other than during church service hours. Kathleen and Pastor Ben have remote access to open the door from their offices.



The Men's Ministry group meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. All men are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 11.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Taylor and Kelsey Stutzman on the birth of their baby girl, Clara Jane, on July 2, 6 lb. 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Merle and Sandy Stutzman.



The Compassion Team will meet on Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 p.m. in the library.



ICV Food Pantry Collection: The item being collected in August is Juice. There is a container for all items in the Indian Head side foyer.



WCSC Ladies Picnic
Monday, August 31
6 p.m.

In the picnic pavilion.
In case of rain, it will be held in the Social Room.



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We have three options available for your convenience.

1. Text your donation to: 888-788-2914
2. Give online via our webpage and follow the **Donate** link.
3. Donate through the **VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement app** at the **Google Play Store or Apple App Store.**

Thank you to all who are supporting the church through these difficult times with your generous donations. Donations can also be mailed to the church office at:

Indian Head Church of God
PO Box 488
Indian Head PA 15446

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We have a *Hearing Assistant System* if anyone would like to use it. Please see the person who is at the sound board for assistance.



INTERCESSOR PRAYER LIST

Please note that prayer requests under the headings of Illness, Recovery, Cancer, and Extended Care will remain on the Intercessor Prayer list for four weeks. If you would like to continue to have someone on the list beyond the four weeks, please let Kathleen know.

MAKING A PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYER CARDS: There are prayer cards in the prayer card boxes on the podiums in both foyers. If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the cards and put it in the prayer card box, or place in the offering box. Be sure to mark whether or not you want your requests shared in the morning worship services. Please sign your name when submitting a request, as we cannot print the prayer request without a signature.

GLOO: We will also be using GLOO (group text messages) to share a prayer concern. If you would like someone to be prayed or through GLOO, please contact Kathleen or Pastor Ben. Please make sure you have permission from the person, or a member of their family, that you would like to have prayer for.

Below are prayer requests on our Intercessor Prayer List. If you have a prayer request, please call the Church Office, or fill out one of the prayer cards, located at the prayer box on the podium in both foyers. Be sure to mark whether or not you want your requests shared in the morning worship services. Please sign your name when submitting a request, as we cannot print the prayer request without a signature.



Compassion Team Ministry

This ministry is ready to help you thru challenges and tough situations. Too often, congregation members are hesitant to ask for help when the ministry's purpose is to assist the church members in providing care and compassion for one another. For assistance, contact either Jim O'Donnell, 724-557-0521 or Kathleen at the church office, 724-455-2626.



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

PLACE: Indian Head Church of God
Social Room

WHEN: Thursday, August 13

TIME: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

This is sponsored by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Our church is the only facility in Fayette County that provides these meetings. The meetings are held here the second Thursday of each month. Our church is the only facility in Fayette County that provides these meetings.

There will be a speaker from the Southwestern Pa. Area on Aging. This group provides support and education for people who are providing care to a loved one or for anyone interested in caregiving issues. This is open to the public, and if you know of anyone who may be interested in attending, please let them know about this next meeting. Light refreshments are served.

If you have any questions, please call Jim O'Donnell at 724-557-0521.



REMEMBER

The Dementia Patient
IS NOT GIVING YOU
A HARD TIME
The Dementia Patient
IS HAVING A
HARD TIME



★ Kids' Club and Youth Group ★

Wednesday nights, Starting September 2

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

****A simple supper is available for participants at 5:30 p.m.****



Kids in Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Come learn about Jesus through singing, Bible lessons, and crafts. For more information contact Hope Dull at hopeforthekids@gmail.com or 724-880-1579.



Youth 6th Grade & Up

Enjoy games and activities as well as study the book of John. For more information contact Becky Ritenour at beckyritenour@gmail.com or 724-322-0564.



W.C.S.C. Calendar Party

Thursday, September 10

6:00 p.m.

In the Social Room

Cost is \$25.00 ... With the monies going to the W.C.S.C. Ladies Group to support various Ministries throughout the year.

Please see a W.C.S.C. member for a ticket.

A limited number of tickets are available.

(Contact person is Becky Dix at 724-455-2564)

Major Repair Fund Update

Envelope Fundraiser - \$10,000.00 +
Audrey's Dinner - \$1,400.00
Pie in the Face - \$5,462.00
Total - \$16,862.00

We have reached and exceeded our goal in replenishing the Major Repair Fund! When there is a need, our church family *steps up...* and did you ever *step up* in a BIG WAY! *Thank you* to all who helped with these recent fundraisers. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. *Thank you* to all who generously donated to this fund. *Thank you* to our Trustees & helpers who maintain and beautify our church and property.

God is Good!

Join Gloo!



The Church Office is using a service **Gloo** to send out group text messages and prayer request. If you have not been added to our list, and would like to be added, text the message **"I want to join"** to 844-804-2335. You will get a response asking for your full name, and when you send it you will be automatically added to the list. Please send another message if you want to be added to the **"Prayer Warriors"** list.

BACK TO SCHOOL... BACK TO SCHOOL... BACK TO SCHOOL... BACK TO SCHOOL



Sunday, August 30th
during the
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Lessons from Joshua



To celebrate our 35th Anniversary last month, Sherri and I had the opportunity to visit the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, and we were blessed to see their production of “Joshua.” It was an amazing experience! We watched the exodus from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the journey through the wilderness, and then the entrance into the Promised Land. (You can read about all these events in the books of Exodus and Joshua.)

There are many significant moments in Joshua’s story, but the two I want to focus on are at the beginning of his leadership of Israel, and his final words at the end of the book that bears his name.

In Joshua 1:9, after God has given him instructions to conquer the Promised Land, God says to him: ***“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*** This is an incredibly important promise from the Lord in Joshua’s life, and it should encourage us as well. Whatever you do in the Lord’s name (which is comprehensive for your whole life), remember you can trust Him to be with you and that He will empower you to carry out His commands. Whatever God has commanded you to do – whether it’s dealing with temptation or engaging in ministry – remember **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**. Joshua clearly felt overwhelmed with the idea of stepping into Moses’ shoes (or sandals) and leading the nation in his place. But God did not want him to give in to fear. Neither should we. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, as you obey your Lord.

The second lesson I want to focus on occurs at the end of the Book of Joshua, toward the end of Joshua’s life. In chapters 23 and 24, we read how Joshua – by now a very old man – summons all the leaders of Israel and gives them instructions to follow after his death. He reminds them of all God had done for them and says in Joshua 24:14-15: ***“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”***



Like the Israelites, we all have a choice to make in our lives. Who will we worship? The Lord who has saved us by sending His Son Jesus? Or the false gods of this world – money, success, “stuff” and entertainment? This isn’t a one-time decision; we make it every day we live. May we all agree with Joshua and affirm: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

God bless you as you obey the Lord and choose Him every day of your life.

-Pastor Ben