



Are you needing someone to drive you to a scheduled doctor appointment OR needing a prescription picked up? Are you unable to go to the grocery store? The Compassion Ministry is ready to help with situations like this....and much more. This ministry's purpose is to assist church members in need. For assistance, contact either Jim O'Donnell at 724-557-0521 or Kathleen in the church office, 724-455-2626. We're here to help!

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. 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 for 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.

Worship Service

October 18, 2026

Invitation to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message by Pastor Ben Tobias

“Thank God for the Church!”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The church in Thessalonica was having a hard time. The city was filled with idolatry, and there was constant pressure to worship Caesar as a god. Those who refused faced persecution and even death, so Paul wrote this letter to encourage them. As we listen to his message, let's focus on cultivating “work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope.”

I. **Blessing and Prayer for the Church** (vv. 1-3)

- Paul reminds the Thessalonians of their "work from faith," "labor from love," and "endurance from hope". Which of these three elements do you feel is most visible in your life right now? Which one needs intentional cultivation?

II. **Proof of Authenticity** (v. 4-5)

- The Gospel message is both verbal – the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection - and Spirit-empowered. What does God want to do in YOUR life as a result of the message you hear?

III. **Imitators and Models** (vv. 6–10)

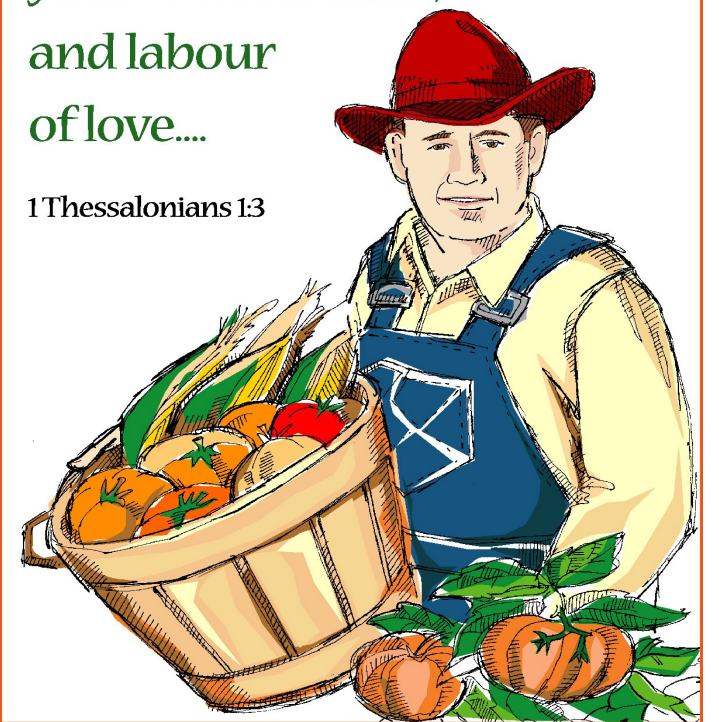
- Who has been a Christian model for you to follow? For whom are YOU a model?
- What idols must we turn away from in order to serve the living and true God?

Take it home:

- Pray for yourself and others regarding work from faith, labor from love, and endurance from hope. Ask God to increase these in all our lives.
- Identify the models you follow, as well as those who look to you. Pray for Christlikeness!
- Does the gospel work *in* you, and does it ring *from* you? What is God saying to you, and what will you do about it?

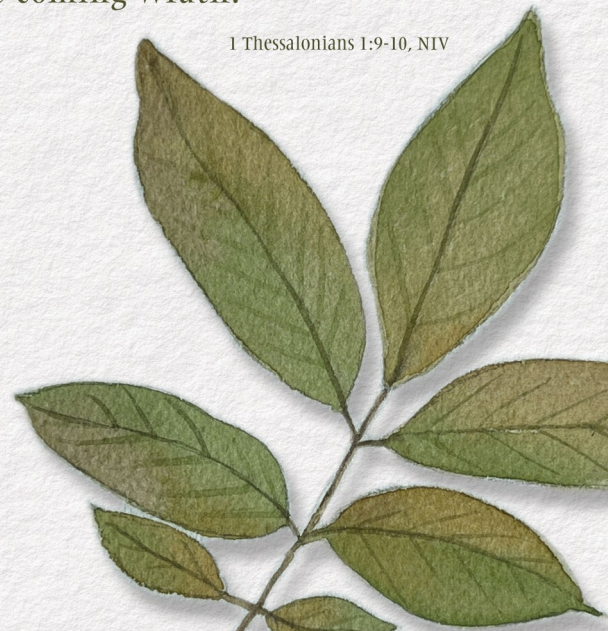
Remembering
without ceasing
your work of faith,
and labour
of love....

1 Thessalonians 1:3



... you turned to God from idols to serve
**THE LIVING
and TRUE GOD,**
and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead —
Jesus, who rescues us from
the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, NIV



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Worship:
Saturday evening: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday morning: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00-10:45 a.m.



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.

Vision Statement

Our vision as the Indian Head Church of God is to multiply as devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.



9:30-10:00 a.m. - Coffee House Fellowship - This is a time for fellowship, with coffee and tea. The Coffee House Fellowship is located in the Normalville foyer.



There will be an Adult Senior's Day Out Luncheon on Monday, October 19, 11:30 a.m. in the Social Room (this is the last one for this year)

This is open to any senior citizen in the mountain communities of Saltlick and Springfield Townships, and those seniors who attend the Indian Head Church of God. Please bring an Antique for Show and Tell. If you plan to attend, please call Brenda Miller, 724-455-2363 or Lesia Cramer, 724-366-2039.



Ad Council will meet on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room.



Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day for the church is on Saturday, October 24 at 9 a.m. All help would be greatly appreciated. Rain date is Nov. 14 or 21.



NEXT weekend we have the privilege of hearing several guests. Saturday evening we'll be blessed to hear Pastor Nathan share about his family's upcoming mission to a closed, Muslim country. Sunday morning we'll hear the message from Pastor Mark Martin (from McMechen, WV) at both services. In addition, we'll hear a young man named Will Sullivan share his call to serve the Lord full-time. Those who want to hear his full presentation are invited to the sanctuary during Sunday School.



Do you help with children's or youth ministry but need help knowing how to get your clearances? Meet at the church library on Wednesday, October 21 at 10 a.m. and we can work on them together. Contact Hope Dull for more information.



The W.C.S.C. Ladies Group will meet on October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. Patty Bruner will have devotions. Our Bible Study time will be on Noah and led by Sherry Hess. Refreshments will be provided by Patty Bruner and Sherry Hess.



On Sunday evening, November 2, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our Prayer and Ordinance Service of Holy Communion and Feet Washing, which is held yearly on the first Sunday of November. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Candy is needed for our Community Truck or Treat event on Saturday, October 31. The candy is needed by next Sunday, October 25, and can be placed in the bin marked "Trunk or Treat Candy" in the Indian Head side foyer.



Our yearly Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room. This meeting is to approve the 2027 proposed budget, have election of Ad Council members, and any other church business.



If you are packing your own shoebox, please have it to the church by **Sunday, November 15**. Be sure to include \$10.00 for shipping in the shoebox, or you may pay your donation online and you can track your shoebox.



The OCC shoebox processing center in Baltimore, MD, will be processing shoeboxes on November 27, 1-5 p.m., and on November 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Denise Pritts if you are interested in going.



We are in need of a VBS Director as well as a Scenery Coordinator for VBS 2027. We need to have these positions filled by early 2027 for planning purposes. If these positions are not filled by January 1, 2027, VBS will be cancelled.

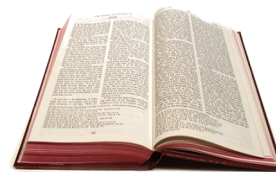


Kathy Foor has a Bible Study on Ephesians. It is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. Let Kathy know if you are interested so she can have materials for you. Dates: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16.



Sponsored by the following Churches:

- *Indian Head Church of God
- *County Line Church of the Brethren
- *Calvary on the Mountain
- *Critchfield Christian & Missionary Alliance



If you would like to read ahead...
Scriptures for next Sunday, October 25

Psalm 1
Matthew 22:34-46
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

★ Kids' Club and Youth Group ★

Wednesday nights
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.



The **Youth Group** is still needing someone to help Becky Ritenour. If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to Becky.



Camp Sonrise Mountain Junior High and Senior High Fall Retreats:

***Junior High Fall Retreat** will be October 23-25 for youth in grades 6-8.

***Senior High Fall Retreat** will be November 6-8 for youth in grades 9-12.

Registration is now open for both retreats. Registration cost is \$115.00, as the church will pay \$75.00 of the fee and each youth will pay \$40.00.

Register at campsonrisemountain.org/retreats

The code needed to register for our church is **fr26ihcog**.



ICV Food Pantry Collection: The item being collected for October is Crackers. There are containers in the Indian Head side Foyer for the collections.



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

Online Giving is available for the Indian Head Church of God - 1 of 3 ways

1. VANCO 844-788-2914

2. VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement app

(Google Play Store or Apple App Store)

3. Through our website:

Indianheadchurch.org

and click on the **Donate** button

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