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!

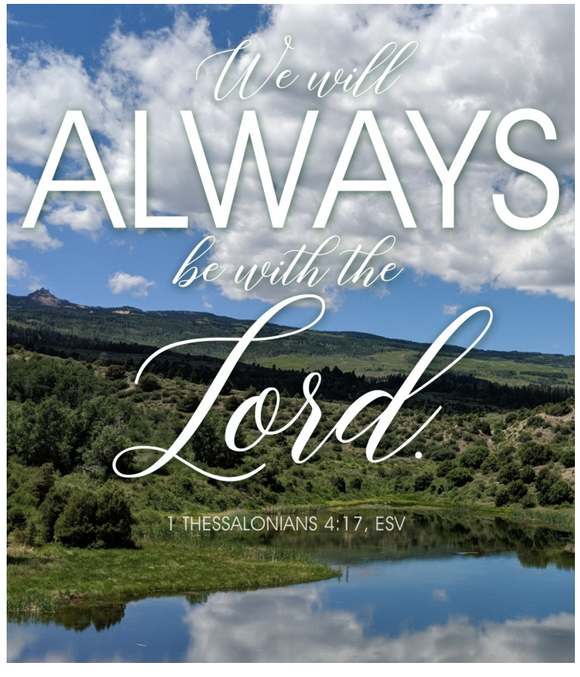
INTERCESSOR PRAYER LIST

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

November 8, 2026

Invitation to Worship: Psalm 78:1-7

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message by: Pastor Ben Tobias

"The Great Reunion"

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

All of us have experienced the grief of losing one we love to death. For some of us this is an old memory, but for others it's terribly fresh and the sorrow is constant. Christians are people of hope, because in Christ we are promised that someday we will be reunited with our loved ones, and we will be with them and our Lord forever. That's the message Paul wants to give us in this famous text.

I. The Basis for Hope (vv. 13-14)

- What problem is Paul addressing in v. 13?
- What is the foundation of Christian hope in v. 14?
- How does "sleep" redefine our idea of death?

II. The Timeline of Hope (vv. 15-17)

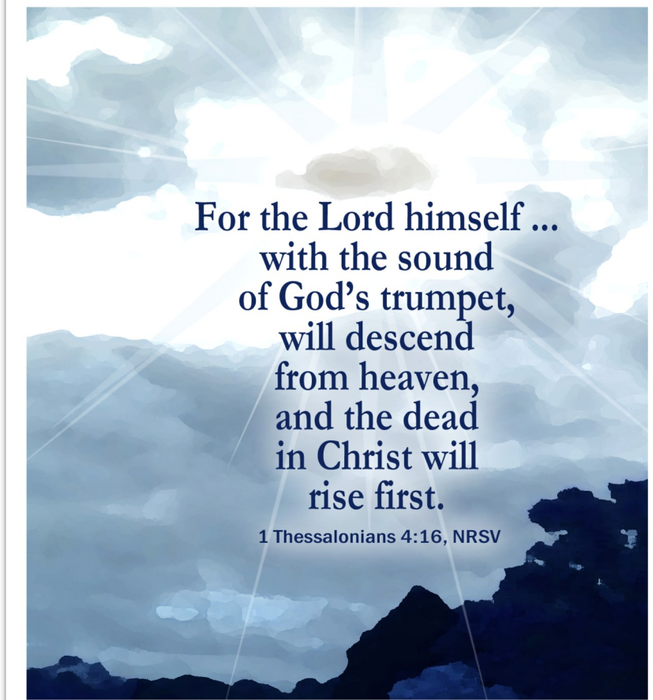
- What is the basis of Paul's teaching here?
- What is the order of events that Paul outlines for us?
  - Jesus will "come down from heaven."
  - The dead in Christ will "rise first."
  - We who are left will be "caught up."

III. The Conclusion of Hope (v. 18)

- How do you need encouragement?
- Who else in your life needs encouragement?

TAKE IT HOME:

- Reaffirm the "non-negotiables" of the Christian faith: Jesus died, Jesus rose again, Jesus will return and we will ALL be with Him forever.
- Assess your priorities in light of Jesus' return or our "sleep." What needs to change?
- What is God saying to you, and how will you respond?



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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.

The Altar Flowers are in honor of Raymond and Janet Prinkey's 66th Wedding Anniversary on November 12, presented by their family. Congratulations Raymond and Janet!

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.

We are continuing with the Meat Vouchers for the ICV Food Pantry for Christmas. If you would like to donate $10.00 towards this need, there are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary by the turkey box. We will collect the meat vouchers through Sunday, November 29. Please make checks out to ICV Food Pantry.

Join us, beginning today, for our **Shoebox Packing Parties** downstairs in the Youth Room. Please make note of the *dates and times:*

***Today, Sunday, Nov. 8*, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-packing for 2-4 year olds**
***Monday, Nov. 9*, 4:00-7:00 p.m. - Packing for 10-14 year olds**
***Wednesday, Nov. 11*, 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Packing for 5-9 year olds**

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. Copies of the proposed 2027 budget are on the tables in both Foyers.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15, fruit baskets will be placed in the Normalville side foyer for members who are aged 80 years and older. They are lovingly provided by the Men and Women's Sunday School Class. If you turned 80 this year, or are over 80 years and have not received a fruit basket before, please contact Charlene Lepre or the Church Office.

There will be a Caregivers Support Group meeting, Thursday, November 12, 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room. There will be a representative from the Area Agency on Aging discussing programs offered for seniors. This is for anyone in our community, and nearby communities, who is a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimer's, an illness, for someone caring for a spouse or parent, an extended family member, or a friend or neighbor. If you have any questions, please contact Jim O'Donnell or any member of the Compassion Team.

A Christmas Cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the choir or participating in the production, we will be practicing weekly, primarily on Tuesday nights, but changing to Thursday nights on November 12 & 19. Also, if your child would be interested in being part of the kids' choir for the cantata, please contact Hope Dull at 724-880-1579. The kids' choir will begin practicing their songs on Thursday, November 12. If interested in participating in any way, or if you have questions, please talk to Brian or Hope Dull.

If you are packing your own shoebox, please have it to the church by next **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.

Kathy Foor has a Bible Study on Ephesians. It is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room thru December 16.

The Men's Ministry group will not meet this coming Tuesday because of the Congregational meeting. However, it is asked that the men come and help with the shoeboxes next Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29, will be the next Fifth Sunday, with a *combined* Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. (the program will be the Youth Christmas Program), and a *combined* Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. There will be **NO** 8:30 a.m. worship service.

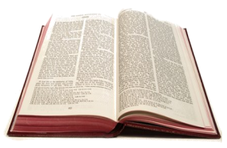
A Fellowship Meal will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Room. Food provided will be ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and drink. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

National OCC Shoebox Collection Week is **November 16-23, 2026**

Again this year, our church is going to be a drop off point for individuals, groups, and churches in our area to drop off their shoeboxes. Listed below are the set dates and times we will be accepting shoeboxes each day during Collection Week. Help will be needed during the week to assist those bringing boxes, as well as loading the boxes for transport. We would love to have your help in spreading the love of Jesus in our community and around the world with this AMAZING ministry!
If you have additional questions, please contact Susan Shepler.

Monday, Nov. 16 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 17 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Friday, Nov. 20 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 -10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Sunday, Nov. 22 - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23 - 8:00 to10:00 a.m.





If you would like to read ahead...
Scriptures for next Sunday, November 15

Psalm 90:1-8
Matthew 25:14-30
Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

☆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 a male leader to help Becky Ritenour. If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to Becky.

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 not filled by January 1, 2027, VBS will be cancelled.

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



Applications to serve as a volunteer counselor at Camp Sonrise Mountain for the Summer 2027 thru Winter 2028 season are now open! If you are feeling called to serve as counselor for Summer Camp 2027, Fall Retreat 2027, or Arctic Blast 2028, fill out an application today! Applications can be found at: campsonrisemountain.org/volunteers/. We ask that all interested volunteers apply no later than Jan. 1, 2027. We look forward to serving with you!

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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