

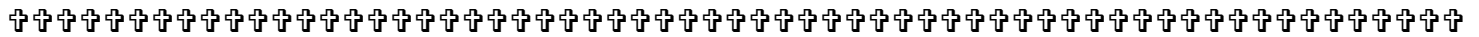


October has long been recognized worldwide as Pastor Appreciation Month or Clergy Appreciation Month. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions can be traced back to Paul. In establishing the first Christian churches, Paul advised the congregation to give "double honor" to the elders of the church who managed the affairs of the church well, "especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

Paul further urged Christian communities to acknowledge those "who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you," holding these spiritual leaders "in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

In 1994, the American Christian organization Focus on the Family began promoting Clergy Appreciation Month as a national month of observance. In highlighting Clergy Appreciation Month, Focus on the Family sought to encourage the faithful to outwardly show their appreciation for religious leaders on a national level.

When Is Pastor Appreciation Day? From Pastor Appreciation Month grew the idea of emphasizing one specific day to nationally pay tribute to those who serve in the ministry. This day became known as Pastor Appreciation Day. This day of showing national gratitude for our pastors is celebrated on the second Sunday in October. In 2024, Pastor Appreciation Day will be Sunday, October 13th.



Emergency Power

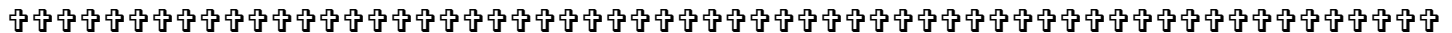
All over the world, people are adding portable generators to the emergency items stashed away in their basements or closets because power interruptions can occur at any time.

In life, we often need extra strength. As Nehemiah led the effort to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, his enemies taunted and threatened him. Local authorities tried to frighten the wall builders and make them afraid. But Nehemiah kept working, and as he worked, he uttered a prayer: "Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands."

The relationship we have with God and our ability to pray to Him at any time or place is like an emergency generator that provides us with power in our inner being. We can stay strong in the Lord even when our physical strength is reduced, even when our burdens increase. His strength isn't diminished, and it's always available for His children. From the Lord we have the strength needed to face each day.

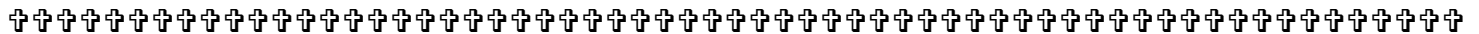


Our behavior in times of need, difficulty and of crisis really proclaims what we are.
D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones



<i>Let us be Faithful Stewards.</i>		
Financial Report thru September 22, 2024		
	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>
Yearly	\$213,651.37	\$165,214.60
Weekly	\$ 4,108.68	\$ 4,347.75 (Wkly Avg.)
<i>A Giving Church is a Living Church!</i>		

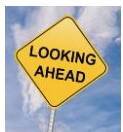
Saturday, Nov. 2nd, set your clocks back before you go to bed.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Fulton 10/2, Judi Kelley 10/3, James Estes 10/6, June Maddox 10/7, Emsley Sammons 10/15, Sharon Floyd 10/24, Alice Green 10/28, Sherry Hosti, Linda Cox 10/30, Jerry Fields 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES - Steve & Ginger Strickland 10/25



Nov. 3rd, Missions March Offering And Mission Fellowship Night, Sunday, Nov 6th at 6:30 PM, Led by our WMU.