

*What does the worker gain from his toil?*

*I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil--this is the gift of God.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

Welcome to our church this Labor Day weekend! Remember: God honors all useful work, no matter how humble. Let us honor him with thankful hearts for his great labor of love in the life, death and rising of his beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **September 6** - 1:30 PM - Shower for Trisha Mincer at the Bates house
- **September 11** - Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001)
- **September 13** - 3 PM - Corn Roast & PVBI Concert at Rockwood. See Mrs. Owens for details.
- **September 19** - 7:30 PM - Zone Rally at Rockwood
- **September 22** -First Day of Autumn  
7-9 PM - Sunday School Seminar with Brian and Cheri Spangler speaking. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- **September 27** - Noon - Church Picnic

### *Suggested Daily Scripture Reading*

|      | <i>Sunday</i>           | <i>Monday</i>           | <i>Tuesday</i>           | <i>Wednesday</i>       |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| OT   | Job 37:1-39:30          | Job 40:1-42:17          | Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22    | Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12  |
| NT   | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10 | 2 Corinthians 5:11-21   | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13     | 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7 |
| PSA  | Psalms 44:9-26          | Psalms 45:1-17          | Psalms 46:1-11           | Psalms 47:1-9          |
| PROV | Proverbs 24             | Proverbs 25             | Proverbs 26              | Proverbs 27            |
|      | <i>Thursday</i>         | <i>Friday</i>           | <i>Saturday</i>          |                        |
|      | Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18   | Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14 | Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16 |                        |
|      | 2 Corinthians 7:8-16    | 2 Corinthians 8:1-15    | 2 Corinthians 8:16-24    |                        |
|      | Psalms 48:1-14          | Psalms 49:1-20          | Psalms 50:1-23           |                        |
|      | Proverbs 28             | Proverbs 29             | Proverbs 30              |                        |

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Erma, New Jersey**. The pastor is John Peabody. Pray especially for their “boardwalk ministry” - street ministry on the boardwalk. Jonathan Peabody is a freshman at PVBI
- Physical Needs -
  - **Brian Wardlaw**, pastor in Missouri, was the victim this week of a car crash. He has multiple injuries. Pray for him and his family (2 children had just moved to Florida.)
  - Let’s be faithful to pray for **Rosemary Snyder, Cathy Posson, Tim Murphy** (motorcycle accident), **Greg Bidwell, Pam Adams** (recovery from neck surgery), **Brian Edwards, Roger Ellers, Don Shirk, Noel Scott, Violet Hollingsworth, David Rison, Ernest Cook, Mark Vosburgh, Robert Ford, Don Elmore, Lillian Jamison, Jean Ford, Bob Zeh, and Kathy Moltzen.**
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church include **Ralph Parry, Kathleen, Leo, Bruce, Judy, Sharon, Genevieve, and Amy.**
- Continue to pray for:
  - Our **young people** returning to college, especially Lyndsay France, Keith Posson, Seth and Isaac Owens. Pray for God’s power for their lives.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Our service personnel, especially **Ryan Mills, Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston** and **Donnie Gray** (in Iraq), **Anthony & Joyce Willey** (Italy), **Charles Laraway** (Afghanistan), **Eric Wells** (flight school), and **Brian Sickler.**
  - The upcoming elections; our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

True faith and confidence of the heart is directed toward the one true God and clings to Him alone. He says, “See to it that you let Me alone be your God, and never look about for another.” In other words, “Look to Me for any good thing that you lack. Come to Me for it. And whenever you suffer misfortune or distress, reach out to Me and hold on to Me. I, and I alone, will satisfy your need and help you in every trouble. Only do not ever let your heart cling to or depend on anything or anybody else. (Luther’s Large Catechism)

With all his effort and labor a person can have all that is good, joy in the heart and a good conscience, because he knows that his work and labor are a service pleasing to God. For there can be no greater joy than knowing that our life and deeds are a service to God, and that God says to us, “What you do for others, in accord with my command, you have done for me; for by my Word I have so ordained.” But at that point the devil resists with all his might so that we do not achieve this joy. For every person resists doing what he is commanded to do. And the result is no love being bestowed upon people and no service rendered to God. (Martin Luther)

Whoever believes he is ruled by the will of God, commits his food to the hand of God. Let him think on good and evil. For unless he considers these things, he will neither avoid evil nor do good. And to do good is to “seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” The Lord’s righteousness is the way He serves us, by which we attain His kingdom. If you think of the glory the saints have, then you will keep from evil (for fear of punishment) and do good (because of your desire for His glory). And if you think about the righteousness of God—what He hates and loves—you will follow Him. (St John Chrysostom)