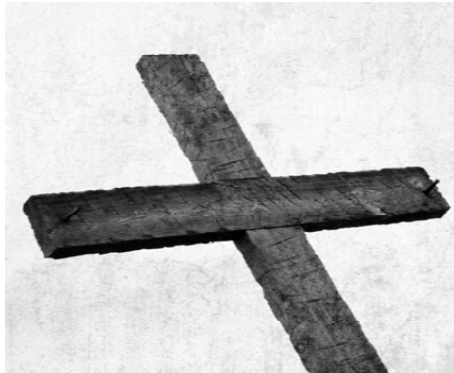




9:30 am **Christian Education**
Located in the Ed. Building
(Behind the church)

10:30 am **Morning Worship**
Ministering Today
Pastor Jack Sampier



5:00 PM —SUNDAY NIGHT INTERACTIVE
In the Fellowship Hall
Facilitated by James Jaurez



Happenings This Week

WEDNESDAY

5:30 Prayer Meeting
Facilitated By Floyd & Carmen Miller
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study



In Need of Prayers: Ashley, Mike Fellows, Liz Oeltjenbruns, Harry Cowles, Lilia, Linda Molt, Andre Jr., Frankie Sampier, Elisa, Carmen Miller, Pauline Hirsekorn, Verna Buckmaster, Silvia (son Andres in Afghanistan), Shirley Eskew, Ron Greene & Fam., Esther's family, Dixie, Frankie (Pastor's mother),
For all our children as they go back to school this coming week.



LABOR DAY

Tomorrow we celebrate Labor Day in the United States. It is a day set aside to honor those who do the actual hard work in America. I do not mean to imply that others do not work hard as the system can only work when everyone works hard at whatever they do. The Bible is clear that the worker deserves his wages but it is also clear that a man must work. In 2 Thessalonians 3:10 Paul writes "...when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'If a man will not work, he shall not eat.'" Paul is not talking about those who "cannot work" but rather those "will not" or choose not to work. This same rule of working applies in the Spiritual World as well. While our salvation is a free gift of God through the death of Jesus on the cross – so we get to heaven – we are to "work out our salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who works in us to will and to act according to his good purpose. Phil 2:12-13 We are not passive but active in the work of God in our lives. Maturity as a Christian comes about as we work with the Spirit of God who is constantly at work in our lives. As both people of God and of this world Paul also lets us know how we are to do our work: "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life...." & "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Phil 2:14-16 Col 3:23 Speaking of work, I would be remiss if I did not mention how much we appreciate those who work hard among us. Many of them are unseen & their work not noticed unless it is not done. They work as a labor of love, taking care of the many things that must be done, both inside and outside of the church. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of them. Nothing we do goes unnoticed by God. This word to the Church in Ephesus (Rev 2:2) is a word to all of us: "I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance." Our ultimate reward, and the only one that matters, comes from the Father and Him alone. May we find that motivation enough as we 'labor'. Have great Labor Day!

Blessings

Pastor Jack