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WELCOME

Welcome to the 28th Issue of the August 2026 Senior Newsletter. Summer is almost over and soon it will be time for Roasted Turkey and Pumpkin Pie.

CALENDAR

Aug.30: All-Church Picnic, 11:45 a.m.

Sept.6: Prayer Walk, 9:30 a.m.

Sept.11-13: Women's Retreat

Oct.2-3: Men's Retreat

COMING THIS DECEMBER!

**Celebrating 10 Years of the Senior
Fellowship Newsletter**

December 2016 – December 2026

For nearly a decade, we've shared stories, recipes, memories, encouragement, trivia, and news from our Goshen family. Watch for our special anniversary edition, featuring favorite moments from the past 10 years!

ASK PASTOR PETER

What is God up to in the afflictions, troubles, and griefs that come our way?

Our current preaching series, "SAVED: Sermons on the Love of Jesus," has reminded us not only of our desperate need of God's mercy (we are "guilty as charged" of defying the all-holy Lord), but also of heaven's full storehouses of grace which Jesus opens to us freely from his generous heart. We owed a debt we could not pay, and Christ bore a debt he did not owe. "For our sake he [i.e., God] made him [i.e., Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21)—the glorious gospel exchange!

It's good to be reminded that salvation is a gift of God's grace. But it's also good to turn to Christ afresh each day for sustaining grace, and rest in our strong Savior's arms while we're "in process" on the journey all the way home to glory.

In 1630, Pastor Richard Sibbes wrote *A Bruised Reed*, focusing on the promise of God's kindness toward his weak, faltering children. Jesus quotes Isaiah to highlight God's tender care for his loved ones: "... a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench" (Matthew 12:20). Sibbes is especially helpful for making sense of the sorrows and sufferings that we face:

- "The church of Christ is a common hospital, wherein all are in some measure sick of some spiritual disease or other, so all have occasion to exercise the spirit of wisdom and meekness" (p. 34).
- But if God brings us into the trial he will be with us in the trial, and at length he will bring us out, more refined" (54).
- "If God's builders fall into errors and build stubble on a good foundation, God's Spirit, as a spiritual fire, will reveal this in time (1 Cor. 3:13), and destroy it" (78).
- As the Holy Spirit indwells believers, "... so he will drive out all that rise up against him, until he is all in all" (92).

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- "Weakness with watchfulness will stand, when strength with too much confidence fails" (96).
- "Therefore when we have fallen, and by falls have been bruised, let us go to Christ immediately to bind us up again" (114).
- "... we are stronger after defeats, because hidden corruption, undiscerned before, is now discovered, and thence we are brought to make use of mercy pardoning and power supporting" (116).
- "Satan will object, 'You are a great sinner.' We may answer, 'Christ is a strong Saviour'" (123).



Christian Sympathy

We want to express our Christian Sympathy to the family of Sue Engelman. Sue went to be with her Lord on May 10. Sue, along with her husband Joel, was active in the church, and she will be missed. Please continue to keep Joel, and the rest of their family, in your prayers.



Barbara Kelley - Aug. 29

John McCumber - Sept. 1

Keith Perkins - Sept. 7

Bob Ippolit - Sept. 8th

Carol Hellyer - Sept. 12

GOSHEN BUNDLES OF JOY

We celebrate with Nate & Megan Kutz at the birth of their daughter, Emery Wynne, on May 22



"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

Recently, the hymn "Only a Holy God" has been brought to our attention. What a beautiful hymn, and how richly filled with the glory of God. Please take the time to slowly read the lyrics to this hymn and allow God to bless you with the message it contains. Here are the words to this hymn.

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The ten highest mountain summits in the United States are located in Alaska.
- Daniel Radcliffe was allergic to his Harry Potter glasses.
- A single strand of Spaghetti is called a Spaghetto.
- *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was the first full-length animated feature film.
- The youngest Pope in history was Pope Benedict IX.
- The color RED does not make bulls angry because they are color-blind.



BIBLE TRIVIA



1. Who was the first King of Israel?
2. Who baptized Jesus?
3. Name the place where Jesus walked on water?
4. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
5. What day of the week did Jesus rise back to life?
6. How did the 12 brothers get rid of Joseph?
7. What is the shortest Book in the Bible?

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MEMORY VERSE

Tell of All His Wondrous Works - Oh give thanks to the LORD;
call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105:1

UPCOMING SENIOR FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- **September 17, 2026:** Special Concert: Mark Cable, Christian singer, songwriter, and comedian
- **November 19, 2026:** To Be Announced
- **January 21, 2027:** Special Day: 3rd Annual, and now famous, Corn Hole Tournament

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Who was the first King of Israel?

Answer: Saul

Who baptized Jesus?

Answer: John the Baptist

Name the place where Jesus walked on water?

Answer: The Sea of Galilee

What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

Answer: John 11:35

What day of the week did Jesus rise back to life?

Answer: Sunday

How did the 12 brothers get rid of Joseph?

Answer: They sold him to the slave traders.

What is the shortest Book in the Bible?

Answer: 3 John

LIBRARY UPDATES

Hearts of Fire by Gracia Burnham

Hope on the Plains Book 2 by Linda Byler

The Amish Baby Scandal by Virginia West

The Heirloom by Beverly Lewis



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