

***The
Manbeck
Messenger***

*"Look! I am sending my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before
me" (Malachi 3:1a)*



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Monthly Newsletter

Rock Manbeck's Zion E. C. Church

"Seeking to know Christ and make Him known"

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MANBECK'S "ZION" SERVICES

SUNDAY

WORSHIP...9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:40 AM

MANBECKS YOUTH...(Go to www.manbecks.org for Dates & Time



"The 'D' Word"

With toddlers at home, we have some 'unspeakable' words in our house. And being a little old school, we've even resorted to using soap to wash out 'dirty' mouths. (It's been pretty effective so far.) Of course these are harsh words that you would never use in *your* house like "poopyhead" or "poo poo butt." I'm assuming they'll grow out of it.

This month I've been thinking of the "D" Word. Depending on your situation, a number of "D" words may come to mind -- dementia, divorce, drugs, etc. This one is not negative at all, although some tend to see it that way, even in the church. It's "DISCIPLINE".



Not the soap-in-your-mouth kind of discipline, but the train-to-win kind. For most of us, this seems like the opposite of grace. *Isn't God all about love and forgiveness? Having self-discipline involves work (and shame when I fail) so, doesn't that undermine, God's free gift of grace?*

The truth is, any kind of positive improvement takes consistent effort. Spiritual disciplines, like reading the Bible, praying daily, worshipping, giving, and attending church, have measureable benefits to our well-being. Every year scientific studies come out verifying this. Yet, just like hitting the gym, there are times when we're just not feeling it. The work doesn't seem worth the reward. Or we think, I'm good enough or made enough progress. *No need to get fanatical about it, right?* I have two questions for you:



1) What if the work we put in now, isn't just for a "now" benefit? I recently read about someone who memorized as much scripture as he could, because he was diagnosed with ALS. He wanted to have God's Word stored in his mind, so he could draw on it when he was no longer physically able to pick up a Bible. Or think of persecuted Christians studying so they can cling to the Word when they're imprisoned and their Bibles are taken.

2) What if the person we're serving in our work isn't just ourselves? God Himself tells us to make habits of prayer and study and service and gathering together. He labels it as a sacrifice (Rom. 12:1) and even calls it "work" (Phil. 2:12), but it is one done for His glory. And often through it God gives us opportunity to bless others.

If you haven't yet, would you consider how you could be more disciplined in your spiritual life? We're here to help (check the page in this newsletter about some opportunities). You never know how the time spent now will serve you (or others) in the days and years to come. -- ***Journeying with you, Pastor Kyle***

GROW IN THE WORD! ***THIS FALL***



HOPE --- before --- **BETHLEHEM**

SERMON SERIES: ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS THAT CHANGE HISTORY

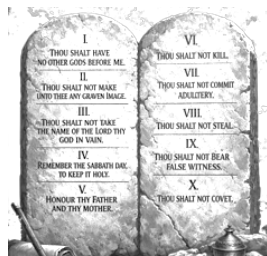
See how Jesus was with His people from the very beginning & discover how He's working even now!



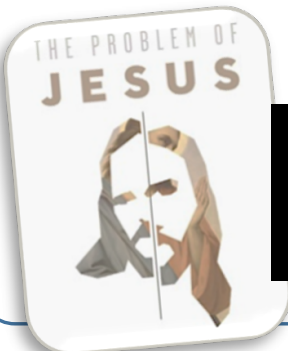
KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Journey the High Seas through Genesis and Exodus from Joseph to Joshua with Interactive lessons, crafts, video, etc.*

Starting October 4th!

GOD'S perfect TEN



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Timeless Commands for Living Today -- learn how God's commands are relevant for our daily lives.



**ANSWERING
A SKEPTIC'S
CHALLENGES**

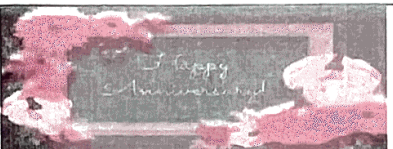
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Starting October 7th - See Jesus in a whole new light; Learn why He (and his followers) have radically changed the world!

October Birthdays

5	Laura Fritz		16	<u>Brian Wagner*</u>
6	Ernest Reiter		26	Joshua Schnoke
	Brenda Fessler		27	Kay Koch
12	Jennifer Flynn		28	<u>Brandon Farr*</u>
13	Jim Price		30	Judy Lengle
				Jon Reiter

October Anniversaries

6	Ernie & Deb Reiter		
7	Henry & Joan Berger		
26	Rory & Nicole Hardenstine		

If you don't want church to feel routine this weekend, then approach it differently.

1. Pray before you go.
2. Worship in the car on the way.
3. Get there early.
4. Invite someone.
5. Bring your Bible.
6. Take notes
7. Talk to people.
8. Sing loudly.
9. Serve.
10. Live out the sermon.

PINE GROVE AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Reminder that Staples has stopped giving reward points for old batteries. You can take them there but they're charging \$2.99 for recycling. We are still collecting any brand of ink cartridges. You can give them to Cathy or put them back on the desk in the fellowship hall. We will use them for either buying ink for Church School or purchasing church supplies at Staples.

Please continue to pray for the Church School and Council of Churches and all it does for the community.

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CHURCH CLEANING

A cleaning schedule is posted for 2026 on the inside of the church door in the vestibule. Church cleaning is done by individuals in our church who volunteer for a month. If you would like to volunteer, just sign your name on the sign-up sheet behind the month you would like to clean. Thank you!

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Building Fund Offering will be received on October 11. This offering will help with any future building projects.

The Monthly Special Offering will be received on October 25. This offering is a required offering that will go to the Kingdom Extension Community. Please give as the Lord leads you to support these ministries. Envelopes are provided in your weekly bulletin. You may also mail your offerings to:

Deborah Reiter
159 Spittler Road
Pine Grove, PA 17963

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OFFICIAL BOARD NEWS

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oct. 4 – Lisa Dillon
Oct. 11 – Rosa Roth
Oct. 18 – Ladies Chorus
Oct. 25 – Ardella Newswanger

Nov. 1 – Lily Flynn
Nov. 8 – Deb Reiter
Nov. 15 – Flutes
Nov. 22 – Judy & Ardella
Nov. 29 – Rosa Roth

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation throughout the year, please contact Ardella or Judy. If you would like to be added or taken off for special music, please see Cathy Nagle.

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Oct. 4 – Roth family
Oct. 11 – Larue & Florence
Oct. 18 – Kelly & Jason
Oct. 25 – Deb & Ernie

Nov. 1 – Kurtz family
Nov. 8 – Flynn family
Nov. 15 – Chris & Cathy
Nov. 22 – Wayne & Bob
Nov. 29 – Betsy & Willis

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JUNIOR CHURCH AND NURSERY

The children will be dismissed for Jr. Church which is taught by Lori Roth. The nursery schedule for five and under is listed below. We are looking for more volunteers to serve. Please see Lori Roth.

Oct. 4 – Laura Fritz
Oct. 11 – Cathy Nagle
Oct. 18 – Kelly Brown
Oct. 25 – Lisa Dillon

Nov. 1 – Jen Flynn
Nov. 8 – Deb Reiter
Nov. 15 – Ardella Newswanger
Nov. 22 – Wayne & Donna
Nov. 29 – Cathy Nagle



BUILDING FUND

Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 8/17/2026			33,827.54
8/30/2026	For Cks #5847, 5858 & 5870	to checking account	-8,755.00
9/9/2026	Change For Pig Roast	Fundraising Expense	-200.00
9/14/2026	Redeposit Change	Other Inc	200.00
9/14/2026	Pig Roast	Fundraising	1,355.00
9/14/2026		Benevolent Fund	244.00
8/18/2026 - 9/14/2026			-7,156.00
BALANCE 9/14/2026			26,671.54
TOTAL INFLOWS			1,799.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-3,955.00
NET TOTAL			-7,156.00

Beginning Balance as of 8-18-2026	\$33,827.54
Ending Balance as of 9-14-2026	\$26,671.54
CD at C.A.C.L. Financial	\$59,708.50
Minus Memorial Funds	\$ 3,055.90
Minus Benevolent Funds	\$ 3,595.00
Total Balance of Building Fund	\$79,729.14

Things That Will Not Save Your Soul

Church membership
 Baptism
 The Lord's Supper
 Confirmation
 Almsgiving
 Saying prayers
 Keeping the Ten Commandments
 Obeying the "Golden Rule"
 Doing the "best you can"
 Dying for your country
 Lodge membership

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God not of works . . ." Eph. 2:8-9

GENERAL FUND

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 8/17/2026				15,359.34
8/23/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,333.00
8/26/2026	ACH	PA Dept. Of Revenue	State Taxes	-137.82
8/26/2026	ACH	Nationwide	Pension	-420.00
8/26/2026	5867	E. C. Church	District Funds	-50.00
8/26/2026	5868	Twin Pines	Special Offerings Plus Budget ...	-250.00
8/26/2026	5869	Cathedral Press	Church Bulletins	-88.92
8/26/2026	5870	Sensenly Builders	Fire Escape Roof	-7,900.00
8/28/2026	5871	Pastor Kyle Roth	Pastor Salary	-2,159.91
8/30/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,291.00
8/30/2026	DEP	Jeff And Jen Stump	Special Offering	450.00
8/30/2026	DEP	For Cks#5847 (105.00) 5...	from building fund	8,755.00
8/31/2026	DEP		Interest Inc	3.49
8/31/2026	fee	bank Service Fee	Bank Charge	-2.00
9/1/2026	5872	Jeff And Jen Stump	Special Offerings	-450.00
9/2/2026	5873	PPL	Electric	-152.79
9/3/2026	ACH	Comcast	Telephone-Internet	-199.61
9/6/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,287.00
9/10/2026	5874	Tevis Energy	Heating Oil	-600.00
9/10/2026	5875	E. C Church	Apportionment	-443.52
9/10/2026	5876	E. C. Global Ministries	Supported Missionaries	-500.00
9/10/2026	5877	Pastor Kyle Roth	Pastor Salary	-2,159.91
9/13/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,180.00
9/13/2026	DEP	Brian Stump	Special Offering	50.00
8/18/2026 - 9/14/2026				-1,164.99
BALANCE 9/14/2026				14,194.35
TOTAL INFLOWS				14,349.49
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-15,514.48
NET TOTAL				-1,164.99

Beginning Balance as of 8-18-2026	\$15,357.49
Ending Balance as of 9-14-2026	\$14,194.35
CD at C.A.C.L. Financial	\$39,295.63
Total Balance of General Fund	\$53,489.98

Good Morning, God

You are ushering in another day untouched and freshly new
so here I come to ask you God if You'll renew me, too?
Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday, and let me try
again, dear God to walk closer in Thy way.

A Time of Rest & New Beginnings

Brian & Missy Wagner -serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya

We enjoyed a time of REST and renewal during the longest of our three term breaks. It was so much fun to watch our college friends see and experience Kenya for the first time as we traveled with them for a full ten days. We also spent time this break supporting staff families who were packing up to leave and welcoming those who just arrived in preparation for a NEW BEGINNING. The month of August brought many opportunities to share meals, play games, and have times of fellowship together. We have loved reconnecting with quite a few RVA alumni, coming back to serve on staff this year!

Praise for more NEW BEGINNINGS and ways to PRAY as we start a new school year:

- By the end of 2026, we will have doubled our count of grandchildren! We're excited for the ways the Lord is graciously growing our family as our third grandson and first granddaughter will arrive in October and December. **PRAY** with us for smooth deliveries, along with healthy babies and mamas.
- **PRAY** for the 87 new students and 317 continuing students who are still in the throes of transition at the beginning of this new school year. New teachers. New dorm parents. New schedules. New routines. And for many, a new stamp in their passport as they arrived for school in a new country.
- Would you **PRAY** for Brian as he comes alongside in supporting 4 new teachers in the math department, and prepares to teach two classes of new AP Calculus students daily. Along with her AIM-TCK role, Missy has stepped back into being the Admissions Director this term, as well as accompanying the high school choir as they prepare for their concert in November.
- And, finally, we ask that you would **PRAY** for wisdom as we parent the boys in our care, helping them to learn and grow in their relationships with others, and teaching them about following Jesus.

Brian & Missy

A saint is not one who never falls; it is one who gets up and goes on every time he falls.

***Jesus came into the world to intervene for us.
Now He is in heaven to intercede for us.***