



THE ECHO... SEPTEMBER 2019

The church newsletter of Rossville United Methodist Church - Rossville, IN



Bob Notes

Do you ever find yourself thinking that your prayers are often nothing more than repeating the same thing you've been praying for years? Do you ever stop to think that perhaps your prayers should be more specific? Doesn't it seem like we really should only have to ask God for something one time instead of constantly saying the same thing?

These questions and more may or may not have ever occurred to you, but they are important ones to consider when we think about our prayer life.

There are a few incidents in the gospels where we can find some answers to these questions. Let's deal with the first one, "repeating the same thing over", or "constantly saying the same thing."

In Luke 18, Jesus teaches the "Parable of the Persistent Widow". This is also known as the "Parable of the Unjust Judge". In it, Jesus tells about a judge who had no concern, respect for, or fear of God. The judge could care less what people thought about him either. Yet, there was a widow who continued to come to him apparently day after day. She kept asking the judge to grant her justice against her adversary. Verse 4 tells us that for some time the judge refused. But the widow remained persistent. Eventually in order to get this widow off his back, he sees to it that she gets justice from her adversary.

His reasoning seems kind of self-centered, and reminds me of how when our kids were growing up, they knew that if they bothered us about something long enough, eventually we would relent just to get them to stop bothering us. It was not a healthy way of parenting but sometimes we were just too tired or busy to deal with it, and we'd relent.

Here in this parable, the judge grows weary and grants the widow's request. And then Jesus goes on to say, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you; he will see that they get justice, and quickly." Although quickly is by God's estimation, not human. In essence, Jesus is telling his disciples that we should remain persistent in our prayers. We should continue to ask, and not to give up in our asking. So yes, keep asking. The answers will come. And, we need to start believing that the answers will come even though they might not come as fast as we would like.

The other question I posed above was the question about our prayers being more specific. In Mark 10:46-51, there is a blind man named Bartimaeus who was sitting on the road begging. When Jesus came by, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." The crowd rebuked him and basically told him to shut up. But he kept shouting all the more, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

Jesus stops and calls the man to him. And in verse 51 Jesus asks him what he wanted the man to do for him. Wait a minute. The guy had been shouting, asking for Jesus to have mercy on him. And since he was

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blind, one would assume Jesus knew that Bartimaeus wanted his sight restored. But Jesus asked him point blank. "What do you want me to do for you?" "I want to see", Bartimaeus responded. Jesus responds, "Go, your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight. However, it wasn't until he directly told Jesus he wanted to see, that his sight was restored.

How often do we just say something along the lines of "bless all of my loved ones", without going through and praying anything specific about them? How often do we say, "Lord, help me through this situation" without directly asking God for the desired outcome. Or if we hear of a tragic situation, we might pray, "Lord, be with the family", or "Lord, help them through". What if we tried to find out more details so that we could pray more specifically? I know, this might create a really long and detailed prayer list, but if you seek out God in directing you, God will help you to focus. Beyond this, a lot of times in life we complain about situations and people and circumstances that are not as we think they should be. My question is, "how often do we ever stop to pray specifically for any of them?" Or, would we rather just keep on complaining?

Thus, never give up in praying for someone or something or your own needs. God wants us to remain diligent in our prayers. And unlike the unjust judge, and unlike ourselves, God does not grow tired of our asking. In fact, God expects us to ask; and to be specific about what we are asking for.

As we do so, our faith in and our relationship with God can strengthen.

Be blessed!

Pastor Bob Raschka



Community Fellowship Café

The next Community Fellowship Café is Thursday,

September 5th from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Taco Bar!

Free and open to Everyone!

Next Ladies Day Out: September 13th

Meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am we will be going to

Olive Garden in Lafayette.

Need a ride call Connie Hinesley at 379-2234 or Jane Emens at 379-3176

Fifteen ladies enjoyed delicious food and the joys of fellowship Aug 9th at Christos New City Grill.

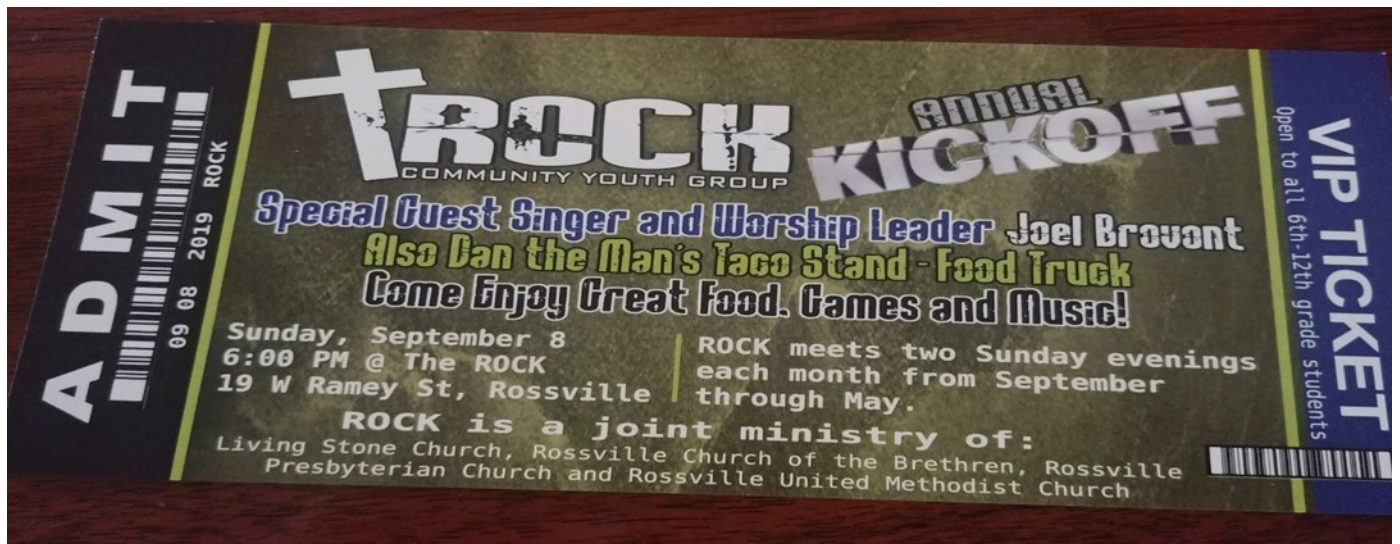




The Gideons International

Bob Shumacher, from the Clinton County Chapter of Gideons International will be here on Sunday September 8th to share briefly about the work of the Gideons in placing Bibles around the world. You will have an opportunity to give to the ministry of the Gideons after the service on the 8th.

~Rossville Rock Community Youth Group Kicks off SEPT 8th @ 6:00 PM.~
See info below.



ROCK gathering dates

Sept 8 & 22, Oct 6 & 27, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8, Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, March 1 & 15, April 5 & 19, May 3

Methodist Mountain Mission Truck coming between Sept 16-18



The United Methodist Mountain Mission Truck will be coming from Jackson, Kentucky between Sept 16th and 18th. Please bringing items you wish to donate beginning September 8th. We will have tables set up by the east windows in the Esther Beard room for you to place your items on or near. The items we send in will be sent to the Mission's **eight stores in Eastern Kentucky. Thousands of people** count on these stores each day to be able to come in and buy usable clothes, furniture, and other household items for their families at a price that they can afford. There is always an urgent need for furniture of all kinds, appliances, pots and pans, dishes, linens, mowers, and tools. If you are donating one of these large items, please place them in the garage at the parsonage next to the church. Also, this time of the year is a time when they start saving toys for Christmas. There are many families who cannot afford to buy their children toys for Christmas. Please help the mission to provide some Christmas joy to these children. A big thanks in advance to those who bring in donations.



Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:15 a.m.



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110 W. Main St. Rossville, Indiana

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TUESDAYS Sept. 24th - Nov. 5th 6:00-7:30 pm

(Club will not meet Oct. 15th Fall Break)

Adventure Club Sunday Oct 27th 10:15am

PRE-K through 5th grade

MUSIC

LESSONS

FUN

GAMES

SNACKS





Buzz Disinger Sept 1st
Corey Disinger Sept 1st
Robin Ford Sept 5th
Madilyn Seest Sept 8th
Phil Burkle Sept 9th
Mary Beth Seest Sept 10th
Joe Bowyer Sept 17th
Joann Rothenberger Sept 20th
Sydney Marlow Sept 26th



Corey & Mandeé Nicolas Sept 5th
Jim & Sharon Unger Sept 7th
Mark & Gail Seest Sept 9th
Carl & Neilie Wright 20th
Rob & Tammy Cooper 24th

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Worship Themes—September 2019

September 1st "Broken Cisterns" Jeremiah 2:11-13
 September 8th "The Promise of Strength" Philippians 4:10-13
 September 15th "The Promise of Protection" Romans 8:31-34
 September 22nd "The Promise of Completion" Philippians 1:3-6
 September 29th "Running Away" Jonah 1:1-11



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

August 4, 2019 \$1,354.00





August 11, 2019 \$1,979.00



August 18, 2019 \$2,844.00

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,333.24

September, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Service @ Milner's 3pm</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>2</p>  <p><i>Church office closed</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Nominations Committee 6pm</i></p> <p><i>Impact Team 7pm</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>L.R.E.</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Community Café 5:30-7pm</i></p> 	<p>6</p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>29</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>30</p>					