

ORDER FOR WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYERS / BLESSINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRELUDE ♪ "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"
Bill Gaither

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 1

PASTOR: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

PEOPLE: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.

PASTOR: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

PEOPLE: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

* **HYMN** ♪ No. 306 – "Fairest Lord Jesus"

* **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. 1

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ♪ "Jesus Is Lord of All"
Bill Gaither

OFFERTORY PRAYER

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (Back of Bulletin)

* **HYMN** ♪ No. 308 – "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-20 (See Bulletin Insert)

PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON: "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?"

* **HYMN** ♪ No. 310 – "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **HYMN** ♪ No. 438 – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (First Verse)

* **POSTLUDE** ♪ "Let Freedom Ring"
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This Morning – “Our Daily Bread” Devotional

Our Daily Bread devotional ... for the months of September, October, and November is available at the back of the church this morning. If you didn't pick one up on your way in, please do so as you leave, and a wonderful daily devotional resource will be yours!

This Morning – Fellowship – 10:00 am

After Worship ... Gather with us for a time of Christian fellowship and “the best Sunday Brunch in town” – tasty egg dishes, casseroles, bacon, sausage, breads, fruits, and more. It happens across Mayberry Church Road in our Community Outreach building. All are welcome! Won't you join us!

This Morning – Today's Sermon (Part 2) – 10:30 am

After Fellowship ... Adults gather upstairs for a roundtable discussion of points raised in today's sermon. Meanwhile ... Youth gather downstairs to engage in faith-building activities based upon stories from the Bible. “Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures.” (Luke 24:45)

Monday (9/4) – VFW Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30-7:00

Join community neighbors tomorrow evening ... and support the inspiring work of our Meadows of Dan VFW. Spaghetti, salad, drinks, and homemade desserts are served in the VFW building on Mabry Mill Road.

Monday (9/4) - Addictions Recovery Support Group - 7:00

Persons fighting addictions ... gather on Mondays in Mayberry's sanctuary for prayer, mutual support, and the 12-step discipline. Contact the group's leader, Deborah Reynolds, at 276-251-1389 for more information.

Tuesday (9/5) – Game Day – 12:00 Noon

Another opportunity to join community neighbors. Bring a pot luck dish and a dessert to share and stay for games of all sorts – board, card, and more – at the MOD CC. Call Mary Locke (276-952-6395) for more information about this Meadows of Dan Women's Club activity.

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Tuesday (9/5) – Community Fitness – 5:00 pm

Fitness and Fellowship – all in one! ... Certified fitness instructor, Mandy Nester, leads a total body fitness workout that includes aerobic, flexibility, and strength-building exercises. Maratha Nyquist can tell you more. Her number is 540-593-5930.

Thursday (9/7) – Book Club – 12:00 Noon

The community's Happy Readers Book Club ... meets this Thursday at noon at Mayberry. Be sure to “bring your lunch”. Want to know more about the club? Contact Susan Strickland at 276-952-2770. Better yet, come and check it out in person.

Thursday (9/7) – Ruritans – 7:00 pm

The Ruritans meet this Thursday in the MOD CC. This month attention turns to planning October's Pancake Days which will be held this year on October 15th and 22nd.

Saturday (9/9) – Saturday Fitness – 9:00 am

Join the weekly yoga/hand weight/body toning/aerobic conditioning workout which offers the community a second weekly exercise opportunity.

Save the Date – Sisters in Christ (9/13) – 10:00 am

What is love? ... What does a truly loving life look like? ... What is the cost of love? Join the Sisters in Christ on Wednesday, September 13th as we begin a new program year and journey through the Book of Ruth (one of the greatest love stories ever written) as we learn more about a true and lasting love.