

CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ **SECOND OFFERING TODAY IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.**
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th - PICKLEBALL (16+) 6-8 p.m.** in our gym, join us for an evening of good fellowship, fun and great exercise.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 13th & 27th BRIDGES FOR LIFE PRAYER FOR CHURCH & MISSIONS** meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 19th - WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING-** 9:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast will be served - an Offering will be taken - Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 23rd - FOOD PANTRY - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.** in the gym.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 25th HEALING CLASS - 9:30 a.m.** - Pastor Bill teaches this class, and they meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 26th - HOMELESS PITTSBURGH MISSIONS -** meet at church 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 26th - PRAYER CONFERENCE - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** (lunch will be served at Noon). Donna Nesmith-Smith is the host - Warren and Maria Dennis will be the guest speakers. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall. A Free will Offering will be taken.
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- ❖ **OCTOBER 3rd , 2026 - CONNECT GROUP BON FIRE - 6:00 p.m.** Here at the Church. Hot dogs, s'mores, chili and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- ❖ **OCTOBER 4th , 2026 - WATER BAPTISM -** During the morning service. If you are interested in following the footsteps of Jesus and want to be Water Baptized, please sign the sheet in the Narthex.
- ❖ **OCTOBER 10th , 2026 - THE STULL'S WILL BE HERE FOR A CONCERT - 6:00 p.m.** Ken Stull is a Minister as well as a Christian Country Artist, he will Minister and then perform with his sister. A Love offering will be taken and all money will go to the Food Pantry.
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- ❖ **FREE SMOKE ALARMS FOR YOUR HOME: Installation on Saturday, September 26, 2026 -** You must call 724-480-3170 to schedule a free installation appointment.
- ❖ **BUSINESS FLYER:** We are putting together a flyer with names and businesses from our church! If you are interested in being on this flyer, please submit your name and what you do and place it in the offering bucket.
- ❖ **URGENT NEED:** Monetary Donations needed for a 9-year-old girl, Amalia, from Peru who needs to go to Italy for Leukemia treatments.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

INTRO: 1 COR. 1:3-7

Paul commends them on spiritual gifts. **1 COR. 3:1-3** - He says spiritual maturity is not measured by spiritual gifts. He reveals their spiritual condition: Carnal babies who can't handle meat. **HEB. 5:12-14 NLT**.

FULNESS OF CHRIST: EPH 4:7-8, 11-15

Ministry Gifts are to equip the saints for service and promote unity and spiritual maturity.

GROWTH PHASES: PS. 139-23:24 MSG

Paul compares spiritual to natural growth: Babyhood, Childhood, Manhood.

1. Babyhood – **1 PET. 2:2**

- a. Innocence – **2 COR. 5:17** – No past, guilt or condemnation.
- b. Ignorance – **HOS. 4:6** – Everything goes in the mouth.
- c. Irritability – **PS. 131:2 NLT** – We need weaned from our emotions. Easily offended, unforgiving, strife, **EPH. 4:31-32** – Peacemakers not problem makers.

2. Childhood – **1 COR. 13:11a**

- a. Unreliable - can't be trusted, no follow through, irresponsible.
- b. Curious – **1 THES. 4:11-12 NLT** – Prying, nosy, inquisitive.
- c. Talkative – **JA. 1:19** – Evil, vain, foolish speaking, sow discord, division, strife.

3. Manhood – **1 COR. 13:11b**

- a. Confident, Focused. **HEB 11:24-26** – Moses esteemed the spiritual above the natural. **COL 3:1-3 AMPC**.
- b. Unmoved by Criticism – **1 COR. 4:3-4 NLT** – Constructive or destructive. He values God's opinions above man's. **PR. 15:31-32 TLB**.
- c. Perceptive, Insightful – Sees beyond the surface. **GEN. 45:5-7 NLT**. Joseph went from the pit, to the prison, to the palace. He saw beyond the circumstances. **HEB. 12:1-4 NLT**. Jesus went from the cradle, to the cross, to the crown. He endured the cross and disregarded the shame because He saw us and saved us.

CONCLUSION:

Growing out of carnality into spiritual maturity is a process that requires discipline, effort and sacrifice. **1 COR. 9:24-27 NLT**. It involves receiving the milk of the Word, being weaned from our emotions, and feeding on the meat of the Word, and allowing the Spirit to transform our lives from Glory to Glory!