

# The Heartbeat

September 2025

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Faith

## A Minute with Mike

Isaiah 58:11 in the New Living Translation says, “The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength.”

This verse is often shortened to “Where God guides, He provides.” The second rendering is shorter and easier to remember. It is a motto that we Christians should try to live by.

When the Hebrew nation left their slavery in Egypt, God guided them to the Promised Land. Along the way, God provided for their needs. They had enough to eat and enough to drink. But when they got to their destination, most of the people were afraid to go in and conquer it. The residents were just too big, too scary.

As a penalty for their lack of faith, God caused them to wander in the wilderness for forty years. He would guide them by a cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night. Even though God’s anger burned, he continued to provide for the people.

Every morning, they gathered the mysterious manna for their food. When thirst became an issue, water poured out of a rock. Their clothes did not wear out. God guided the people through the desert and he continued to provide for them as they traveled.

Although it may be far less dramatic than what the Hebrews experienced, that same guidance and provision are still available to us today. There is a catch. To receive the provision, we have to be willing to accept the guidance.

When God calls, we have to be willing to answer. If we accept that call, he will provide all that we need.

Let’s open our hearts to God’s calling. Let’s be open to his direction. If we do, it will be a most rewarding journey.

Blessings in Christ,

Mike

# September 2025

## Schedule of Events – September

5 – 1953-1955 Class Reunion @ noon in the Family Life Center

11 – Unloading the van from Midwest @ 11am

12 – Community Cupboard, Pantry handout 2-4pm

15 – Camp Fellowship @ Berean Christian Church, Ipava

21- Youth Group Kick-off Party 4-8pm

21 – Sunday Social Following worship in the Family Life Center

22 – Board Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Family Life Center

### August Averages

Sunday School - 32

Worship - 63

General Funds- \$1925.25

Faith Promise- \$150.00

### Monthly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27

Faith Promise - \$180.00

Building Fund – \$0.00

Monthly Needs - \$750.00

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5 Alumni Reunion	6
7	8	9	10	11 Midwest	12 Community Cupboard	13
14	15 Camp Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20
21 Sunday Social Youth Group Kick-off	22 Board Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28 Youth Group	29	30				

## Sunday Servants

### Greeters

07 Mark & Amanda Behymer

14 Randy & Sharon Parks

21 Terry & Diana Arnett

28 Jere & Paula Greuel

### Welcome/Meditation

Lyndall Snowden/Kristie Oblak

Shirley Roberts

Randy Parks

Marla Butcher

### Nursery

Casey Schoonover & Avery Horwedel

Paula Greuel & Amanda Behymer

Luis & Diane Martinez

Brian & Christen Parks

### Monthly Servants

### Elder

Luis Martinez

### Deacon

Rodney Parks

### Deaconess

Sharon Parks



3 Carl Beebe

3 Annie Greuel

8 Amanda Behymer

15 Rodney Parks

22 Ben Mercer

27 Cindy Cassidy

27 Max Taylor

28 Randy Parks

28 Trish McMillen



23 Dwight & Kay Morrow

### Junior Worship

7 – Allie Taylor

14 – Carmen Martinez

21 – Rick Riggins

28 – Christen Parks

## Sunday Social – September 21<sup>st</sup>

\*\*\*This month the meat will be provided, we are asking everyone to bring 2 sides to share.

**Everyone** is invited to come enjoy a potluck lunch with the church. There is more than enough food and seats to bring a friend and enjoy our fellowship time!

NATIONAL  
**BACK TO  
CHURCH**  
SUNDAY

If you would still like to join one of our ministry teams, let someone know or call the office or send us a message. We are always welcoming fresh eyes and new ideas!

Ministry  
Teams



## Class Reunion!

We will be hosting the 1953-1955 Class Reunion on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Family Life Center. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for food donations and kitchen/dining room assistance. Also, monetary donations are appreciated and may be given to a member of the membership committee.

## Youth Group

We will have our Kick-off Party on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 4pm-8pm at the Vermont Bowling Alley.

After that Youth Group will be every week 4 – 7



### Ministry Teams

#### Fellowship/Membership

Marla Butcher  
Diana Arnett  
Rick Riggins  
Donna Horwedel  
Christen Parks  
Sharon Parks  
Virgie Churchill  
Randy Parks  
Casey Schoonover

#### Finance Committee

Diane Martinez  
Donna Snowden  
Nancy Porter  
Connie Morrow

#### Memorial Committee

Marla Butcher  
Diane Martinez  
Rhonda Littrell

#### Youth Committee

Luis Martinez  
Kathy Cox  
Rick Riggins  
Amanda Behymer  
Diane Martinez

#### Property Committee

Jere Greuel  
Brian Parks  
Lyndall Snowden  
Terry Arnett

#### Worship Committee

Kathy Cox  
Paula Greuel  
Mark Behymer  
Amanda Behymer  
Rodney Parks  
Brenda Parks  
Shirley Roberts  
Tony Roberts  
Charlene Abernathy

#### Missions Committee

Cathy Ulmer  
Beverly Rayburn  
Mike Ulmer



Thank you to  
EVERYONE who made  
True North VBS a  
success! Can't wait  
until next year when  
we meet in the  
Rainforest!



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