



*We exist to introduce people to
Jesus Christ
and strengthen lives through Him!*

**Pastor Brendan
Van Gorder
September 2022**



**It's Time To
Get Free!**

**Luke 13: 15b
Does not each of**

**you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from
the manger, and lead it away to give it water?**

**13:16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of
Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long
years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath
day?"**

This Scripture is a beautiful call for us to all get serious about getting free. Not sometime later, but now. I think we have a tendency to put off our satisfaction, and even our freedom. "Well, I'll do all the things I want when I'm retired", "I'll sleep when I'm dead", "I'll be the healthy whole person I want to be once I've done all the things required of me." Jesus does not want us waiting to get our freedom. Whether we know it or not, we have been bound far too long. When we are stressed and living lives of stress, when we are constantly tired, when we are not our healthy full selves, we are in urgent and desperate need for healing, and ought not to put it off one second longer.

We like to put things in boxes. We compartmentalize our whole lives. But Jesus is a fire that is overflowing our boxes. Jesus is overflowing the Sunday we have put Him in. Jesus is overflowing and waiting for us to invite Him in. Jesus is waiting to be asked. But Jesus does not want us to wait any longer to be free. Jesus is here, right here and now. Knocking. Do you want to be free?

What are you longing to be free from? Why not take some time to journal right now, and ask Jesus, get me free from _____

Once you've identified the thing ... write about how you will surrender it. Jesus in these ways, I will surrender to you _____

Now receive the healing and freedom of Jesus! Imagine how you look free and healthy and whole. Imagine how you feel. Write this image of yourself and write how you feel as free and healthy.

Now rest in the presence of Jesus, and know. That this vision of a free you has come to you today! Amen!

~ Pastor Brendan

Liturgist/Scripture Schedule

Mo	Date	Welcome &/or Liturgist-1st scripture	Offering &/or Liturgist 2nd scripture
Sep	4	Ashley Gibbs	Bill Shanahan
Sep	11	Anna Glisson Delano Anderson	Jim Vickers Jeremiah Anderson
Sep	18	Pastor Brendan Cindy Tuttle	Joan Schaefer
Sep	25	Lauren Brown	Lynn Crump

[Blue underlined text in the newsletter is a link to SAFE websites/forms. Click & explore!](#)

2022 V.B.S. Wrap-up

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, we were able to, once again, offer a summer Bible school program. The 30 children who attended really enjoyed visiting Australia, The Land Down Under, with all its unusual offerings - animals, customs, land features, as well as amusing sayings not heard elsewhere.

In addition, they learned the value of life from before birth and throughout one's lifespan. They were taught that Jesus is with them each moment of the day no matter what the circumstance, and they can rely on Him to see them through.

Several children prayed to accept Jesus into their hearts. We are hopeful that they will grow in their faith, and help to bring others along the same path.

We were blessed with a smaller than usual staff which worked mightily to make V.B.S a success. In addition to our faithful workers, we were joined by Donna Weiss of Child Evangelism Ministries, who traveled each day from Lititz, PA to teach the Middler students. What a joy to have her with us!!

Listed below is the staff that we were blessed to have on-board:

Pre-K & Kindergarten - Maggie McCans, Gina Dukes, Lauren Brown

Primary - Rochelle Amadio, Shelly Griffith

Middler - Donna Weiss, Anna Glisson, A.J. Foreacre

Junior - Sally & Jim Vickers, Delano Anderson

Opening Assembly - Lynn Crump

Decorations and Skit - Randy Gibbs, Ashley Gibbs

Welcome - Pastor Brendan

Host - Jim Vickers

Video - Bob Gibbs

Photographer - Ashley Gibbs

Attendance and Offering - Lynda Stine

Refreshments - Mary Lou Smith and Dick Goldsborough

Director - Carol Hammes

We thank God for all His blessings and for you, the congregation, for your financial support. We were able to donate \$353.70 to the **Children's Hunger Fund** as our Mission Project.



*"I sought the Lord, and He delivered me, and delivered me from all my fears."
Psalm 34:*

Ongoing Prayer Needs

All those affected by violence & war, and for peace between world governments	Carol Luther Lauria (Sally Vickers)
Russell & Bethany Alexander	Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)
Bob Arrants	Eleanor Luther
Joe Bradford	Janice MacBride
Brook & Natalie (Maggie McCans)	Susan Markow (John Jones)
Tracy Cangelosi	Mary (Gina Dukes)
Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)	Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)
Jerry & Barbara Chreiman	Rev. Bill Neff
Madeline Deane	Donna Riegel
Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)	Ruth Schenkenberger
Sam & Dolores Getty	Sandra Shanahan
Bill & Anne Gibbs	Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch)
Joan Glisson (Anna Glisson)	Sue (Mary Thompson)
Tommy Glisson	Michael Tate
Eugene Holt (John Venafr)	Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)
Marla Hsu (Anna Glisson)	Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)
John & Terri Jones	Toya (Gina Dukes)
Miriam Martin	Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)
	Robin Kim
	Jamie King (Lynda Stine)

If you have requested a Loved One be added to the On-Going Prayer list, please inform the church of any updates.

Current Prayer Needs

Bob Arrants	comfort for families of
comfort for Borrell family	Frank Martinson & Bill Putman in their
Craig	passing
Erin	Pastor Brendan
Jacob	Ed Sabre
Kentucky flood victims	Joanie Schaefer
Tommy & Amy Glisson	Chris Van Gorder
Sue Hartunian family	Grant Vaughan
comfort for family & friends of Levi in his passing	Alma Zensen

Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes

Myda Curcio - Maris Grove
Bob Nelson - Broomall Rehab & Nursing Ctr

Parent's Corner

Families Abide in Christ

[DiscipleLand Staff](#) **October 13, 2020** [ABCs of Family Discipleship](#), [Discipleship](#), [Family](#), [Parenting](#) [No Comments](#)

Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. (John 15:4, NLT)

Discipleship Truth: Abiding in Christ is simply remaining in constant communion with Jesus. That concept is very basic, but it can also be quite challenging. Apart from staying connected to Jesus, all human efforts to become godly are useless and ineffective (John 15:5-6). Believers who abide in Christ also bear fruit—the proof of discipleship (15:8). As Christians allow Jesus to direct their lives, He provides daily energy and endurance. The Lord is the only One who can sustain, purify, empower, and guide people to gracefully navigate each challenge they encounter.

True Story: Dark vines with bright green leaves formed an intricate latticework across the colorful Galilee hillside. Clusters of purple grapes weighed the branches down. The old vines appeared to have graced this hillside for centuries! As our tourist group surveyed the vineyard, our teaching guide prompted us to open our Bibles to John 15. After reading the passage and listening to his comments, God reminded me of these truths about viticulture and abiding in Christ:

Pruning is essential. Pruning increases each plant's productivity. For new growth to take place, aging branches must be removed. Too much old wood creates unwieldy overgrowth. The process of clipping and pruning trains the younger branches to grow in the proper direction.

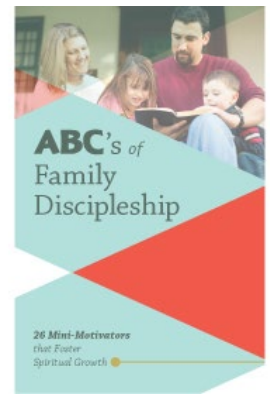
"Rogue" branches are unwelcome. When gazing at a long row of vines, it is hard to imagine a branch deciding to "go rogue." Each branch receives precious nutrients from the vine. For that reason, good-for-nothing shoots must either be dramatically pruned or completely removed.

Stay connected. The only way to grow and keep receiving rich nutrients is to remain attached to the vine. It's impossible to produce any fruit when disconnected from Jesus. Breaking free from the vine leads to certain death!

Amazingly, the Lord rewards faithful followers with the privilege of producing fruit! After surviving the travail of pruning and maturing, the branches bear delicious bunches of grapes. The Lord honors us with glorious fruit that brings life and nourishment to others.

Action Step:

- As you read John 15:1-11 with your child, draw a picture of the scene that Jesus describes.
- Talk about the process of pruning and ways of abiding in Christ.
- Encourage your child to point out activities and attitudes that limit his or her ability to bear fruit.
- Examine your own walk with Jesus. Does anything need to be adjusted? Commit to cling wholeheartedly to Christ. He has already made that commitment to you—and He will remain faithful!



Portions of this article taken from the ABCs of Family Discipleship booklet, available for FREE [here](#).

Share with friends...



Reprinted with permission from Discipleland –Discipleblog.com. No content may be reprinted without express permission from Discipleland

September Birthdays!

Randy Gibbs.....	4
Joseph Choi	9
Holly Goldsborough	9
Anna Glisson	16
Pastor DJ	19
Kurt Schaefer Jr	20
Melissa Hooper	21
Stephanie Beckett Bartolomeo	24
Carly Dixon	24
Roland Dixon	26
William Gibbs	28
Kurt Schaefer, Sr	30



Jerry & Barbara Chreiman
new address and phone #:
3426 Horton Road
Newtown Square, PA 19073
610-551-4906 / Barb's cell

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMOTE Office Schedule Monday to Friday 10a to 2p	Church Office 610-532-0982 Please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible			1	2 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	3
4 Holy Communion 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	5 	6	7 7:30p N.A.	8 7:00p Nar- Anon	9 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	10
11 Newsletter Deadline 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	12 7:00p SPRC mtg	13 7:00p Council mtg	14 7:30p N.A.	15 7:00p Nar- Anon	16 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	17
18 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	19 1:00a Handy Hands	20	21 7:00p Trustee mtg 7:30p N.A.	22 7:00p Nar- Anon	23 First Day of Autumn 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	24
25 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	26	27	28 7:30p N.A.	29 7:00p Nar- Anon	30 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	
Visit us at www.NorwoodUMC.org Like us on bit.ly/FacebookNUMC Follow us on bit.ly/InstagramNUMC Subscribe to us on bit.ly/YouTubeNUMC Contact us at NorwoodUMC@gmail.com to join our email list				Sunday in-person 10:00a Worship and live-streamed on Facebook		

Norwood United Methodist Church

315 Chester Pike

Norwood, PA 19074-1401

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



2022 Newsletter

Staff

[Brendan Van Gorder](#), Pastor

[Mike Nelson](#), Youth Pastor

[Pat Beckett](#), Administrative Assistant

[Kurt Schaefer, Sr.](#), Treasurer

[Lynda Stine](#), Financial Secretary

Worship

10:00 am in-person Worship,
and live-streamed on Facebook

Contact Info

Norwood UMC / 610-532-0982
315 Chester Pike, Norwood, PA 19074-1401

Click on icon links



[Eastern PA Conference of the
United Methodist Church](#)