

### **Wrong Scarecrow**

Years ago a boy had a crush on a girl, Laura Mae, in his high school freshman class. Everyone planted gardens in his community and protected them with scarecrows, which were as lifelike and original as possible. Riding the school bus one afternoon, they rounded the curve near Laura Mae's house, and her parent's garden came into view. In the middle of the rows, was a figure with an old straw hat, ragged overalls, and faded checked shirt. A hoe was stuck under his arm, adding authenticity.

In an effort to gain favor with the girl he loved, the boy said, "Laura Mae, your daddy never has to worry about crows in his garden; anything that ugly will keep everything away." And right at that moment, the scarecrow began hoeing. Laura Mae is married now, but not to that boy.

There is both wisdom and value in following the Scriptural caution that says, "...You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry" (James 1:19). Why might choosing and using words carefully be important? Irish soldier and poet Wentworth Dillon said it best: "Words once spoken can never be recalled."

Together with you,

Les



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be a basket in the foyer for any cards and notes to Pastor Les and Debbie. Your gifts of loving words of encouragement are welcomed and valued.

~Board of Deacons

World Mission Offering (WMO)

Throughout the month of October, we will collect our WMO. We will designate our offering to go to the Goods for their vital and growing work in Hungary. Special envelopes are in the pews.



#### **This Week**

Wednesday: Youth Bible Study (grades 6th to 12th) - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Adventure Kids (grades K to 5th) - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday**: Men's Bible Study - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

# Teachers for Sunday October 8

**Kids' Time** Angie Bynum Jessica Bynum **LOL** Traci Heller

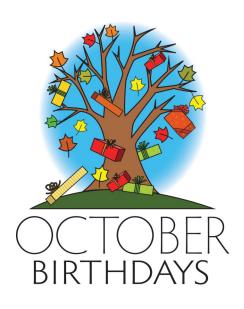


## **Stewardship**

#### September 24, 2023

Oct. 1, 2023

General Budget	\$6,738.00	General Budget	\$2,365.00
Building Maintenance	\$90.00	<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$140.00
Missions	\$435.00	Missions	\$210.00
JJ Love Offering	\$3,485.00	World Mission Offering	\$330.00
Total	\$10,748.00	Total	\$3,045.00



4<sup>th</sup> Faith Davis

8<sup>th</sup> Robin Collins

16<sup>th</sup> Traci Heller

19<sup>th</sup> Cindy Mullins

28<sup>th</sup> Robert Hiester

30<sup>th</sup> Luke Smith

31st Devin Crump

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I	2	3	Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study	5 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Christian Ed. Meeting	6	7
8 9	10	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	13	14	
		Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.			
5	Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	17	Ad. Kids & Youth Study 6:00 p.m.  Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	20	21
22	23	24  Admin. Board  Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	26 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	27	28
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# Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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