

**The Lord's Day**  
Sunday, September 22, 2024  
Sandy Creek United Wesleyan Church  
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### Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come before you today with a heart full of gratitude and thanksgiving. I pray that you will help me to recognize and appreciate all the good things that you have given me, and to use them for your glory. Thank you for your unchanging love and faithfulness, and for the assurance that you will always provide for my needs. I trust in your goodness and grace, and I pray that you will continue to bless me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

### The Morning Message

Reverend Brian Snyder –How Deep Is Your Love

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Pastor Ben and Kim Mackey • Heather Whaley  
Kevin Bellville • Dan Conway • Mary Hesford  
Santo Messina • Wrenleigh • Edith Quinn  
Paula McCooeye • Carol Merritt • Doris Duger  
Bev Commings • Gary Peterson • Annie Grant  
Aaron Karppala • Elaine LaCelle • Sally Munson  
Jeanna Lebeau • Mark Freeden • Charles Young  
Burt Goodnough • Dick Bryant • George Seymour  
Phillip Seymour • Phoebe Wheeler • Dick Bryant  
Stanley Perzan • Jarod Eldridge • George Steven  
John Shatraw • Beverly Snyder • Lynn & Stan  
Dan Race • Bonnie VanDyke • Rebecca Nelson  
Shaun Hull • Norm Kepner • Stanley Kepner

**MISSIONS:** The Food Pantry—Town of Sandy Creek

**ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL**

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, September 29, 2024**

**Greeters:** Marilyn Poole / Bill Butman

**Security:** Todd Caufield / Jerry Weed / Dan Edmonds

**Monday, September 23, 6:00 PM:** Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 24, 9:00 AM:** Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 25, 6:00-7:30 PM:** Grief Sharing Program

**Every Wednesday, 6:00 PM:** Self-Defense Class, talk with Dan Edmonds if you have any questions.

**Fri. Sept. 27 & Sat. Sept. 28, 9-3:00 PM:** Garage Sale Open, if you can work, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. More Items donated

**Sunday, Sept. 29, 11:15 AM:** Security Meeting

**Saturday, October 5, 8:30-1:30 PM:** Ladies Retreat—at Stone Presbyterian Church, Watertown.

**Saturday, October 19, 9:00-4:00 PM:** **Activ8Her LIVE 2024** at the Kallet Theater in Pulaski

### James 1:17

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” It’s important to cling to the truth, which is that every good thing in our lives is a gift from God. In the midst of our trials, we are tempted to change our opinion of the trustworthiness of our God. We start to make lists of all the things we think we are missing in our lives, of all of the things we have lost. If God were good, wouldn’t we have those things?

This attitude leads to even more temptation. We begin to look elsewhere for the good things we think we’re missing. “If God won’t provide them,” we think, “we’ll have to go and get them for ourselves.” We attempt to take control. We struggle to find our own satisfaction.

Now, however, James urges us to flip the typical human script. He calls us to make a new list: all the good things we do have. Where did all those good things come from? James is encouraging believers in Christ to tell themselves the truth: God gave you every single good thing in your life. He is the source of all the good you have and all the good you crave. Who God is does not change when our circumstances change? He doesn’t go from being a good God to a bad God when our trials began. He is still the source of all the good in our lives; He never changes.

What does it mean to remain faithful in hard times? It means continuing to acknowledge that God is the source of what is good in our lives, and what will be good in the future.



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