

The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY September 2023



LARRY'S LINES

Have you heard of the "ber" months? I had not heard this phrase until I read an article last week that mentioned it. The writer did not elaborate on the significance of these months, but just mentioned that they are nearing. Of course, this is in reference to the four months that are approaching fast-- September, October, November and December.

So I began to think about this. Why should this matter to us? Is there a distinction that these days have for us as we ready for their coming? A few ideas I have:

When I hear "ber" (although spelled differently) cold comes to my mind. And yes, the days will start to become cooler and colder as fall and then winter comes upon us. After the heat we have had in August that sounds good. But how soon will we be complaining about how "cold" the air is? Or snow is coming and we must go buy our eggs and milk, whether we need them or not. And how slippery will the roads be when snow flies?

With fall and winter approaching our neighbors will be in need of clothing and other necessities of life. Ask yourself what you can do to help? We have Lucy's Closet, but we do more. The October food drive for Good Samaritan is not far away. Can you increase your gift from last year? Heat bills will rise. Can you contribute to Good Sam through your utility company to help those who may be lacking? Or maybe you can help others by providing a ride to the grocery store for those without transportation. Or you may find other ways to be of assistance.

We have a promise from God to be with us through all the seasons of the year and of life. And we have His word that there will be the changing of seasons. I take comfort in the words recorded in Genesis after Noah and his family were saved from the flood:

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Genesis 8: 20-22)



Our identity statement

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

PATRIOT DAY 2023 The bravery of American citizens and uniformed personnel in the face of one of the world's most terrible terrorist attacks is remembered on National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11.

September 4th

Labor Day is an annual holiday to celebrate and pay tribute to the American workers for their economic and social contributions to strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.



Sunday, September 10th

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Veterans Program
Tuesday, Sept 26th 6PM
Fellowship Church of Christ

BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, Sept 17
After Services

Serving in September 2023
Elders: Ray Clark, Vickie Kemp
Deacons: Becky Kemp, Donna Bryan

Prayer Concerns:			
Roger Colston	Nikki Roberts	Ken Mercer	Lauren Riley Stafford
Lori McClure	Rita Stuart	Freddie Wright	Pat Basham
Mack Mallory	Betty Johnson	Esther Kees	Mildred Taylor
Donna Bryan	Frankie Smith	Gary Arnold	Scottie Markham
Dann Masden	Tom Kemp	Amy Givens	Sally Neeley
Bettye O'Kelley	Paula Clark	Laura Nealy	Dan Robson