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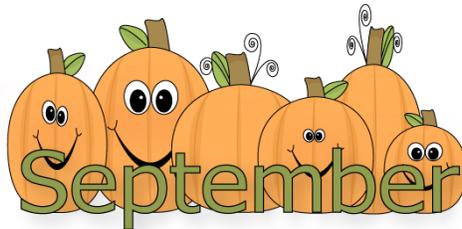
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“For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict” (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2, ESV).

Mitchell Zuckoff, 's book, *Lost in Shangri-La*, tells the story of a daring rescue of survivors of a plane carrying 24 military men that crashed in the remote jungles of New Guinea near the end of World War II . The three survivors, suffering from gangrene and hunger, were stranded deep in a jungle valley notorious for its cannibalistic tribes.

The army tapped a special battalion of 66 jump-qualified members of "1st Recon" led by C. Earl Walter Jr. This battalion's daring motto was *Bahala na!*, a phrase from the Philippines that can be translated as "Come what

may." There was only one way to rescue the survivors: recruit ten volunteers, including two medics, to parachute into the dense jungle and extract the survivors.

It was a dangerous plan. Walter stood before his men as he gave the potential volunteers four warnings. First, Walter told them, the area they'd be jumping into was marked "unknown" on maps, so they'd have nothing but their wits and their compasses to guide them.

Second, the jungle was so thick it would be what Walter called "the worst possible drop zone." Third, if they survived the jumps, their band of men would confront "a very good possibility that the natives would prove hostile."

But Walter saved the worst for last. No one had a plan, even a rough one, to get them out of the valley. They might have to hike some 150 miles to either the north or south coast of New Guinea, through some of the most inhospitable terrain on earth, with crash survivors who might be hurt and unable to walk on their own.

Complicating matters, if they hiked north they'd go through an area "known to be the domain of headhunters and cannibals." If they hiked south, they'd pass through jungles and swamps occupied by perhaps ten thousand Japanese troops. Death seemed a strong possibility either way.

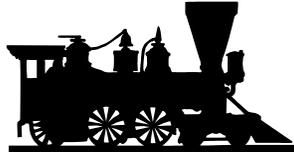
When Walter finished his litany of warnings, he waited a beat, then asked for volunteers. Every member of the parachute unit raised his hand. Then each one took a step forward, as several of the men yelled *Bahala na!* "Come what may."

My prayer is that the followers of Jesus would boldly step forward to venture into a potentially hostile world to rescue the perishing and care for the dying. The proclamation of the Gospel requires men, women and young people who are ready to jump into the unknown that some might be saved.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Savannah Snyder	5th
James Snyder	9th
Peggy Grice	10th
Shelby Merritt	10th
Katie Hay	12th
Annagrace Snyder	15th
Dennis Young	16th
Gene Clement	17th
Edna Black	18th
Mary Dell Hamilton	23rd
Kayla Fondren	24th
Nate Cash	25th
Nick Cash	25th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

What a blessing it is to sing for the glory of the Lord each Sunday! We would love for you to join us in the Praise Choir...now would be a great time!



SUNDAY SCHOOL
A GREAT PLACE
TO BE AT
9:30 A.M.
EACH SUNDAY

WEEK OF PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 11-18, 2016



Our Church Goal:
\$750



Fellowship
Saturday,
September 10
from 12 to 2 p.m.
In Fellowship Hall



Monday, September 12
Camp Bethany
Serving Time: 5:30
Cost: \$10.00



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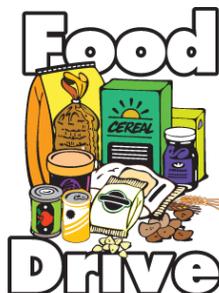


Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Join the us as we seek to share the perfect treasure of God's love through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry! Collection begins in October as we focus on a specific treasure each week.

- Sept. 25-Oct. 2:** School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, small notebooks, markers)
- Oct. 3-9:** Clothing (socks, t-shirts, underwear)
- Oct. 10-16:** Hygiene (soap, washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Oct. 17-23:** Toys (cars, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, small games)
- Oct. 24-30:** Sweet Treats (individually wrapped gum, hard candy)

Give to
Hope for Bossier
Food Bank



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 7
at 5:15 p.m.
Monthly Business Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 18
After Morning Worship

