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In 1879 Lieutenant George De Long set out with a crew on the USS Jeannette in hopes of claiming the North Pole for the United States. De Long's plans were based on maps developed by mapmakers at the time (cartographers).

Like most mapmakers, Dr. August Heinrich Petermann believed there was an open polar ice-free sea, teeming with marine life "whose waters could be smoothly sailed, much as one might sail across the Caribbean or the Mediterranean."

Unfortunately, every previous expedition that had sailed north in search of the polar ice-free sea had run into a problem—ice.

Now you might think that running into ice every time would lead scientists to abandon the theory of an Open Polar Sea. Not so. Instead, Petermann merely modified the original theory by adding the idea of a "thermometric gateway."

As Hampton Sides recounts the story in his book *In the Kingdom of Ice*, "If an explorer could just bust through this icy circle, preferably in a ship with a reinforced hull, he would eventually find open water and enjoy smooth sailing to the North Pole. The trick, then, was to find a gap in the ice... a natural portal of some kind."

George De Long and his crew of 28 men wanted to find that portal. It didn't take long for De Long to realize that all the cartographers, scientists, and geographers had been wrong. Eventually, De Long began to doubt the existence of the Open Polar Sea. He and his men encountered ice that seemed to stretch out forever.

De Long and his crew came to grips with the fact that they had been duped. The team had to replace their wrongheaded ideas with a reckoning of the way the Arctic truly is. In September 1879, the USS Jeannette got trapped in the ice pack and his crew escaped and tried to go toward Siberia. The crew got separated. Some made it to Siberia and survived; others continued their lonely trek

through the ice. As for George Washington De Long, he died in late October 1881 of starvation and his body covered by the snow.

That story reminds us that not everything the world believes to be true is true. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me" (John 14:6).

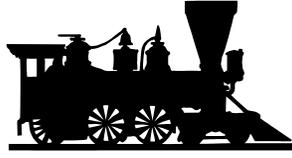
Additionally, the true guide for our life is the scriptures. They are a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). God's word is truth without any mixture of error. Just because the culture believes something to be true, we must test everything against the standard of Holy Scripture.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 says, "Examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good." We also need to abandon what is false.

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
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!



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



**GEORGIA BARNETTE
STATE MISSIONS
WEEK OF PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 10-17**

**Our Church Goal:
\$750**



A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

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.



**Fellowship
Saturday,
September 9
from 12 to 2 p.m.
In Fellowship Hall**



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**Monday, September 11
Camp Bethany
Serving Time: 5:30
Cost: \$10.00**



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