



# West Barre Witness

September, 2023

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The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

PSALM 85:12



September is the month we celebrate Labor Day. We celebrate the usefulness of labor, the benefits and rewards of labor, the personal satisfaction of jobs well done.

The apostle Paul writes a verse in I Corinthians 15:58 as it relates to our work in the Lord.

"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

The human tendency in our labor in the Lord is to doubt whether our labor in the Lord is worthwhile: If our labor in the Lord has made a real difference: If the effort was worth it.

In most cases, this tendency seems to arise when we do not see immediate benefits and results in our labor. When things seem to remain pretty much the same, we tend to get discouraged. We tend to give less than a full effort. We tend to waver; especially in the face of life's other responsibilities and demands.

Paul challenges us then to stand firm. Not to be moved with the discouragements and problems of life, but to remember that the scriptures remind us. "Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

God is with us. Our church is with us. Our friends are with us. Our family is with us. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Pastor Jim





Greetings!

Where did the summer go? We had a great summer and anticipate a wonderful fall.

Besides the regular mission collections, the music nights collected \$1026 to give to community action.

In July we collected backpacks, school supplies and money to give to GOMOC for going back to school. VBS also collected for this and we had a large number of supplies to donate. They were sooo thankful. Praising the Lord for His bounty,

In August we collected donations for Care-a-Van ministries in Batavia. This is our first time for this mission. If you see the little church driving around Batavia that is part of Care-a-Van. Their mission statement - The Care-a-Van vehicles and volunteers are the tools to bring prayer, compassion, love, hope, food and clothing to those in need. We collected \$983 to send to them.

We have many missions that we support - world, nation and community. The Lord tells us to go into the world to preach the good news, many of us don't go very far from our homes. So, we need to support the people that do go out to do the work of the Lord.

The mission for Sept. is a community mission Hands for Hope. Their mission statement is to serve as God's "Hands" in the streets, "Sharing" the love and grace of Jesus Christ to reflect His Glory. We provide nutritional food for the body as well as spiritual food for the soul. To let everyone know they are loved. We are also gathering gently used coats, scarves and gloves/mittens to give them to hand out.

Also in August we served the soup kitchen in Albion. We prepare and provide the food that is served that night, we served 371 meals August 31. They take 177 meals out into the community after the meal is served at the church.

We are collecting items to fill the shoe boxes in October. Alice Mathes and the education dept. head up this mission which is part of Samaritan's purse which is through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. They put school supplies in the boxes, small toys (no Guns or knives), wash clothes or small towels, t-shirts and small flashlights to name a few things. Please no candy, toothpaste or liquids. We have shoe boxes if you would like to fill a box or two or three of your own. Please do not wrap the box, they will unwrap it to check to see there is nothing in them that shouldn't be there

We are all well blessed so let's pass it on.

Thanks to all who have donated so far this year. Remember you can't outgive God! 🙏🙏

God Bless you all,

Joy Markle, Mission chair

## PRAISE/JOY



Jann Davis's mother  
Cheryl Maxon  
Naomi Caldwell's friend, LuAnn  
Furry friends  
Recent graduates  
Emma Rose Mathes  
Randy Huffman's son, Daivd  
Markle Family reunion  
Music in the Park helpers

## BOTH PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

Doris Antinore  
Judy Durrant  
Ashton Preston  
Auction helpers and auction itself

## CONCERNS

Dick Miller & Jean Peglow's sister, Lynn Fuddy  
Kirk Mathes's cousin, Marty Basinet  
Justin Preston  
Those off to college  
Neil Family  
Joe French  
Hillary Carr's mother  
Family of Ted Farewell  
Family of Joe Newton  
Those with Covid  
Safe travels for Danny Shuler's granddaughter  
Family of Thomas McCabe  
Prayers for the family of Karen Markle's sister-in law  
Joe Bridge  
Milton Boyer



## Women's Bible Study

The study guide is "The Bible in 52 Weeks"  
By Dr. Kimberly D Moore

All ladies are welcome to attend and may join  
the group at any time.

Starts at 6:30 pm in the Chapel of the  
West Barre Church

Date: September, 26.

Led by Kim Hailer







**West Barre**

**Store Open**

**9am – 5pm**

**September,  
29 & 30**



## **AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS**

We had a great turn out for the Church Auction. Thank you to everyone that helped with setup and clean up.

We made \$5,582.00 for the Church, that's outstanding.





HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
TO YOU

2 – Craig Basinait  
3 – Lillian Mathes  
4 – Jean Baker  
6 – Kristen Ruest  
8 – Janelle Shuller  
9 – Chris Markle  
14 – Hugh Dudley  
17 – Justin Preston  
19 – Gary Rowley  
24 – Shirley Roth  
27 – DeAnn Corke



6 – Ron & Joanne Vanderlaan

9 – Gary & Renne Rowley

#### Calander of Events

12 – Ad Council, 6:30pm  
19 – 22 – Pastor Jim, out of town  
25 – Trustees, 6:30pm

August Missions was Care a Van Ministries, Inc. in Batavia, they will receive **\$983.00** from our monthly mission giving.

If you would like more information on the organization their website is:

[cavministries.org](http://cavministries.org)

VBS did a great job raising money for,

**School Supplies: \$465.00**

**Shoe Boxes: \$700.00**

*Go! And make disciples  
For the transformation of the world!*