



The Presby Press

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The Pastor's Pen

Hello to August...Already!

In West Virginia, August is State Fair time! The horse trailers and carnies are pulling into the city I used to live in – getting the stalls ready and setting up the rides. Right about now, people are buying their discount tickets; 4H members are doubling down on preparing their cows or their sheep for show; the vendors are getting ready to serve up millions of funnel cakes, pizza slices, and grilled corn on the cob. The city pretty much closes down, and people can hardly wait for opening day. Sometimes the line of cars coming in from Beckley on I-64 is miles long. I love the Fair!

It is a fun 10 days, and when I could (because sometimes ministers get a free ticket) I went every single day – walking around, people

watching, enjoying the smells and the sounds, and appreciating the gangs of teenagers pitching pennies to win their summer girlfriend a stuffed bear. I



think the reason why people go so crazy over the Fair is because it marks the end of summer. Within days of the closing fireworks, school starts. The summer fun days are over; now the feeling is that we all need to get back to business as usual.

That's how I feel about First Milton. Now that I've been here for nine months, and have my church "sea-legs" so to speak – it's time for all of us to get back to the important work of the church.

One of the responsibilities of members is "supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents." Your session has been working very hard since I arrived. We have so many projects and ideas

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THIS IS WHO WE ARE

From the Book of Order W-5.5004:

Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God’s gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God’s self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ’s call to minister to and share with others in the world...

that it’s hard to keep track of them all. The thing is...it takes members to step up and take on these tasks.

I would ask you to please take a good look at the new volunteer lists that are posted on the bulletin board to the right of the kitchen pass-through. Those empty lines need names on them – and soon! Please consider helping, because these assignments cannot be left to a small handful of people.

First Milton wants to continue doing the things that were in place before I arrived – however, there are also a few new tasks that must be done so that our church property is appealing – and so that our time together is one of invitation and true participatory fellowship.

A fresh, vibrant, alive community is who we are - and who we are becoming. As for me, I want to keep it that way. I want First Milton to have the best future possible.

“The gifts He gave...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ...”

~ Ephesians 4:12

Your Time is Required

- Lawncare – Volunteer to cut the grass occasionally (we need two volunteers per month).
- Fellowship Dinners – Volunteer to set up and host Fellowship Dinners (we need two volunteers per month).
- Coffee Socials – Volunteer to provide refreshments and host Coffee Socials (we need a volunteer each Sunday).
- Work Days – Volunteer to help with property upkeep on scheduled work days (our next scheduled work day is Saturday, August 12).

June Statistics

Avg. Worship Attendance.....	26
Avg. Sunday School Attendance.....	15
Total Income.....	\$2,216.26
Total Expenses.....	\$3,994.29
Monthly Total.....	-\$1,778.03

July '17

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September '17

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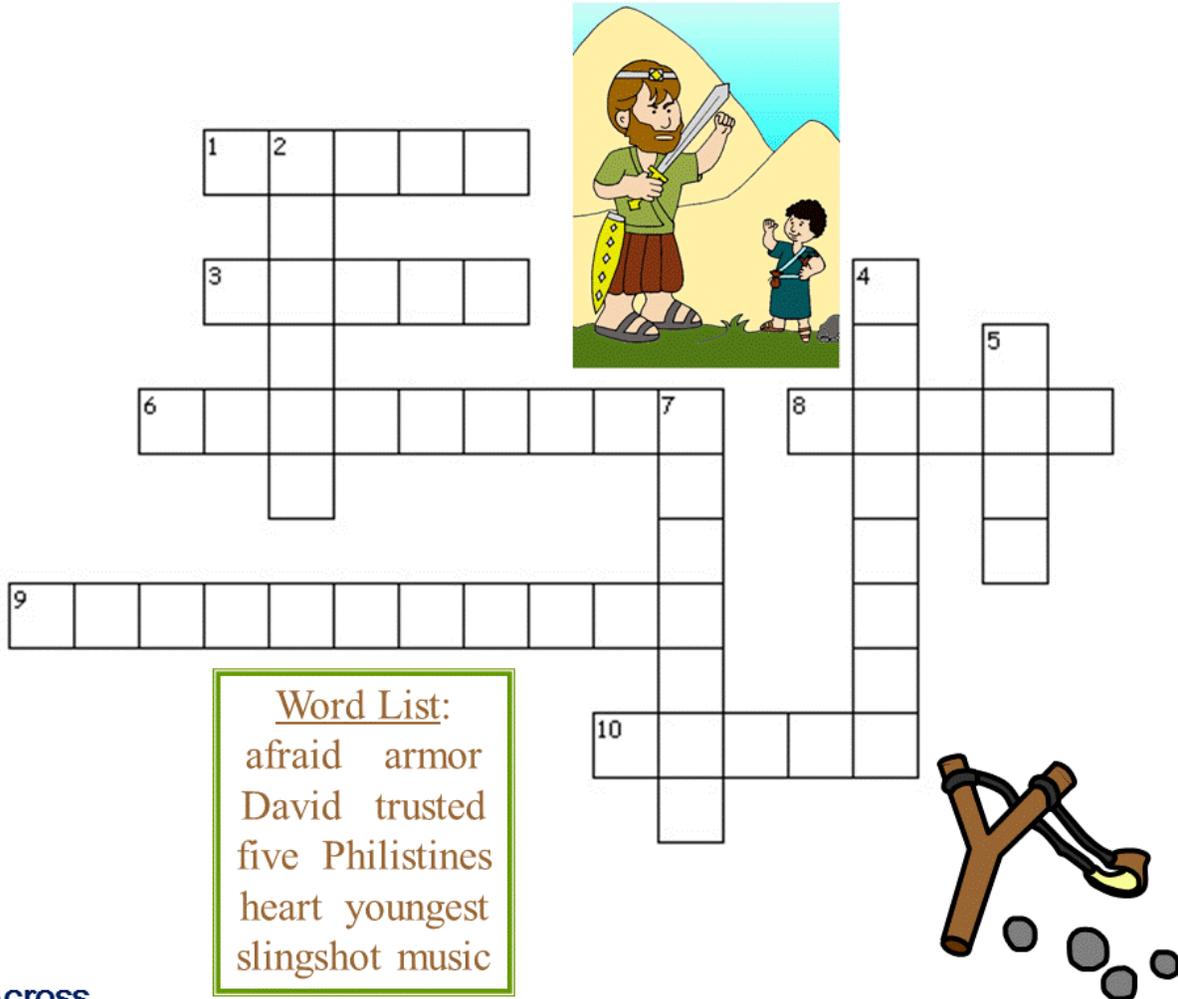
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 7:00 Bible Study	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 1:00 Christian Ed Mtg 7:00 Bible Study	9	10 6:00 Session Mtg	11	12 9:00 Work Day
13 Communion & Blessing of the Backpacks	14	15 7:00 Bible Study	16 6:00 Open Hearts	17	18	19 Aviation Day
20	21	22 10:00 PW Meeting 7:00 Bible Study	23 4:45 Worship Mtg 6:00 Fellowship Dinner	24	25	26 10:00 Knotty Prayers
27	28	29 7:00 Bible Study	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	Notes	Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com http://www.vertex42.com/calendars/ © 2013 Vertex42 LLC. Free to print. 2017 Calendars 2018 Calendars			



August Birthdays

- 4 Joslyn Hafner
- 26 Jean Mourey
- 31 Rudy Mendiola

David and Goliath Crossword



Word List:
 afraid armor
 David trusted
 five Philistines
 heart youngest
 slingshot music

Across

- Samuel anointed this young shepherd to be king someday.
- David chose not to wear this it, was too heavy and he trusted God.
- This was David's main weapon for defeating Goliath.
- While David would watch the sheep he would make this.
- The Israelites didn't get along with these 'giant' people.
- God didn't choose a king by his size but by his ____.

Down

- All the men were ____ to fight the giant Goliath.
- Out of eight brothers, David was the ____.
- This is the number of smooth stones David picked out to fight Goliath.
- David wasn't afraid to fight the giant because he ____ God to keep him safe.