

September 21, 2025

10:00 AM

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN
COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

The church, imperfect as we are, is meant to be a place where we experience God’s love through community. Being part of a church family isn’t about having it all figured out. It’s about showing up, building real relationships, and discovering the hope, healing, peace, and purpose Jesus offers.



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Life is Better Together

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

September Scripture: Romans 12:4-5

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*THE PEACE (Let us offer each other God’s peace.)

*HYMN: “The Church's One Foundation”

*OLD TESTAMENT: Ecclesiastes 4:1-4,9-12

Hymnal #805

Hymnal #689

Bible p. 660

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

MISSION MOMENT: Prison Fellowship

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*HYMN: “Bind Us Together”

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #690

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Strength For The Journey of Life”
Hebrews 10:19-25.

Bible p. 1191

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN:”We Are God's People”

Hymnal #700

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

Come gather for fellowship following our
Worship Service

NOTE: Deacons are always available to meet for prayer following worship.

NEXT WEEK:

We begin a series on Paul’s letter to the Colossians. Scripture - Colossians 1:1-14.
The question to consider together: Why bother with church?

COMING EVENTS

Sept 28 – Following Worship “What is a Church Member?” – Introduction to the power of joining together.

Oct 4 – 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sherman Farm Day – We gather with the community at the Sherman Farm.

Oct 5 – 10:00 P.M.

Confirmation Service

Oct 26 – 10:00 P.M. Service of Thanks for First Responders

BACK TO CHURCH

OUR CHURCH:

Interim Pastor:

Rev. John Loring Carpenter

Ministers:

The Congregation

Minister of Music:

Penny Rose

Moderator:

Charles Mastroni

You may make a prayer request anytime by contacting the church office at info@shermanchurch.org or (860)-354-6114. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-733-9972) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Mesa Global: Robert & Nina Bruneau;
- CCCC Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT;
- Lion of Judah Academy,
- Hope Academy of the Bronx.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother
- Debbie Whittaker, Dawn Langworthy's sister. Healing and growing faith.

PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church.

You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church. Dial-in information is in the calendar.

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

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WELCOME

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

BACK TO CHURCH[®]
SUNDAY

September 21, 2025

CALENDAR

September 21st - 27th

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Sunday:

Worship at 10 A.M.
(Also Live Streamed)

Discipleship Journey at 11:30 A.M.
(See Insert)

Sunday School at 4:00 P.M.
Children age 5-12
Adult Bible Study

Wednesday:

AA at 7:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

Thursday:

Prayer In The Parlor at 6:45 P.M.
Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted
use access code 357664#.
AA at 7:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

Next Week Responsibilities

Flowers:

Lynne Gomez

Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

Prayers of the People:

Laura Baxter

Reader:

Jill Finch

Coffee Hour Host:

Penny LeMasurier

Nursery:

Aimée Suhie

Usher:

Ken Leach

Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center

- Boys 6-9 months summer clothes
- Boys 9-12 months summer
- Boys summer 12-18
- Girls summer 0-3 & 6-9 months
- Diapers sizes newborn, 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Winter Newborn and 0-3 girl clothes
- Infant socks
- Bibs
- Swaddlers
- Toiletries for moms & babies
- High chair/bumbo

New and gently used baby items.



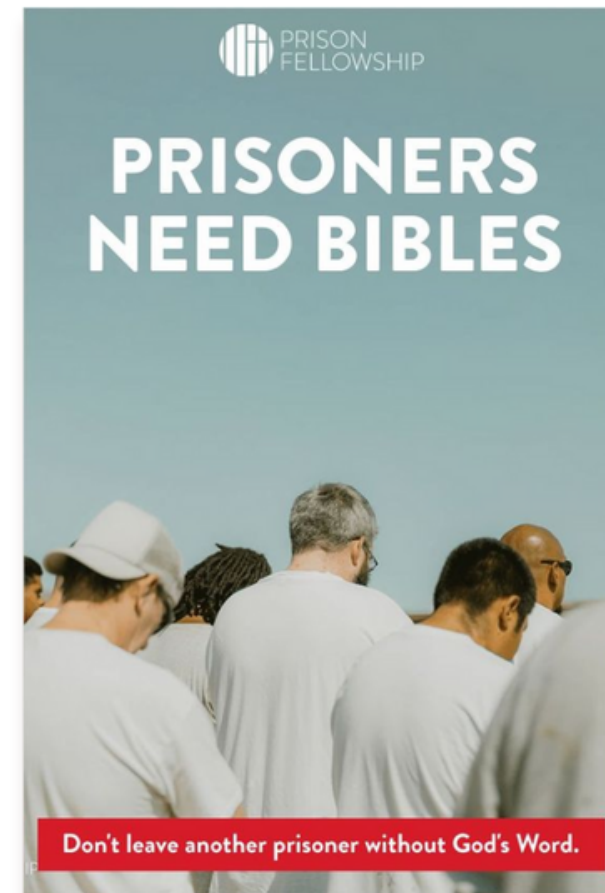
Mission Moment Sept. 21 Bibles for Prison Fellowship

Bibles are desperately needed in America's prisons as prisoners struggle with feelings of loneliness, isolation and despair. But Prison Fellowship can reach them with the hope of Jesus Christ by sending as many Bibles to them as possible. Heather Rice-Minus, President and CEO of Prison Fellowship, said the demand right now is unlike anything they have ever seen. "There is nothing short of a revival happening behind prison walls," she said.

The Missions Committee will present the Mission Moment Sunday, Sept. 21, and a second collection will be taken for Prison Fellowship.

Established in 1976 by Chuck Colson, Prison Fellowship® is the nation's largest Christian nonprofit equipping the Church to serve currently and formerly incarcerated people and their families, and to advocate for justice and human dignity both inside and outside of prison. In 2024, Prison Fellowship delivered 224,552 Bibles and other Christian resources to men and women behind bars. The Bibles are large-print, New Living Translation from Tindale House publishers, and cost \$18 per Bible.

Please make checks out to the Sherman Church, with Prison Fellowship in the memo line or donate at our website under Tithes and Offerings, and please put Prison Fellowship Bibles in the comment line.



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Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2SEHD7QU DCKAX?ref=wl_fv_le



OUR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

How do we become a disciple of Jesus? How can we share our faith? Our Discipleship Journey: Part 1 invites you to discover where God is already at work making disciples in your corner of the world so you can join Him. Explore all the facets of Jesus' approach to disciple-making in a way that is understandable and doable! The discipleship journey isn't always straightforward, but it is something we can incorporate into our everyday lives. Nothing beats participating in the grand adventure of seeing lives transformed and communities renewed by the power of the Gospel.

Starts
Join us **SEPTEMBER 14TH**
Weekly, After Worship

"Our Discipleship Journey" video series from RightNow Media will be presented with a light lunch.

Series will be led by Deacons Charles Mastroni, Suzanne Browning, and Laura Baxter



Watch the Trailer here!

<https://gqr.sh/BDHy>

WEB:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/TheShermanChurch>

TEXT:

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To: 49775



The Missions Committee this fall will once again join in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, with a choice of both physical boxes or online donation. We welcome shoebox donations which will be blessed in November during the worship service.

LOOKING FOR EMPTY SHOEBOXES.

Please bring in any shoeboxes so they can be wrapped and prepared to be filled. Any shoeboxes can be left in Fellowship Hall.

Build a Shoebox!
ONLINE



<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/394725bb-6ad0-47be-9f0c-9c63930b54dc>



Operation Christmas Child at The Sherman Church

Help the Sherman Church Achieve Our 2025 Annual Goal!

It's that time of year again when we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child!

You can create your own shoebox. Instructions will be available in the Emphasis and at the Church.

Alternatively, you can request a pre-built shoebox for \$30 each.

Begin your contribution and build your shoebox by clicking the button below.

Let's unite to support Operation Christmas Child and assist The Sherman Church in reaching a new goal for 2025!

SERMON NOTES Sept 21, 2025
“Strength for the Journey of Life”

Society has moved from _____

to _____

to _____.

God's intent at creation was for _____.

1. We were created for _____

“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.’”
(Genesis 1:26)

“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’” (Genesis 2:18)

Israel and the Church are to be examples of God's Community, which Jesus refers to as Kingdom of God.

“The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord.” (Deuteronomy 28:9-10)

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:1-3)

“For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’” (Acts 13:47)

2. _____ comes from being together on the journey.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

_____ + _____ + _____ = _____

3. Only _____ to Community produces

“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Being part of a community isn't about _____,

it's about being called to a _____.

Approaching faith as a _____

seldom grows _____.

Community, Faith, Relationships with Jesus and His family can transform lives. We walk the journey of life stronger together.