



## ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

PASTOR BRITTANY SCARINGELLO

Greetings Church Family,

August has been a huge month for the church! I've done home visits and phone calls. I've talked to school administrators and conference ministers. There have been many exciting things going on at St. Peter's. I'd personally like to highlight some of what we have accomplished and some of what we are hoping to accomplish.

We had a wonderful time at the Back to School bash that the Billings City Library hosted at Billings Park. We were able to serve at least 30 children and get them some fun back to school supplies as well as just some fun items. We are hoping to do the same next year with them. We also hosted Pastor Christie Love on August 21st and heard her moving, passionate call to action. We should be working to Love Out Loud and to Love the way that Jesus has called us to love. I believe many of us are hopeful that we can partner with the Connecting Grounds in the future.

I met at the beginning of August with the administration at the Billings School District. We will be partnering with them to help pay on student breakfast and lunch debt. Our hope is to cover as much of this per month as possible. The church will be contributing and there will be an opportunity for members to contribute if they feel called to do so. Let's help make sure that Billings students aren't hungry for their school days!

There is so much more in store for our church and I am hopeful for the ways in which God is calling us to be involved in our community and be involved in the work of the Church. I'm going to end with a short prayer for us to use in the coming weeks.

*Ever-present God, Please move our hearts to be more giving and more kind. Help us to be the Church you have called us to be. Move us. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



Blessings to Everyone,

Pastor Brittany



## Mission Update from Paul/Jen Schaefer

### August 2022

Dear friends,

Thank you for praying for us over the last month. We are making good progress on the preparations for our departure back to Ghana on the 24th (Wednesday).

**We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support as we prepare for travel, transition back to Ghana and hit the ground running.**

### Translation

**We are thankful that Nicholas, Elisha and Stanley have been able to continue to work through corrections on *Genesis*.**

But because the rains have been a bit erratic this year, whenever the rain came over this last month, they had to take some time off from translation work to do more work on their farms. **Please pray for their farms and for a good harvest in spite of so many obstacles this year.**

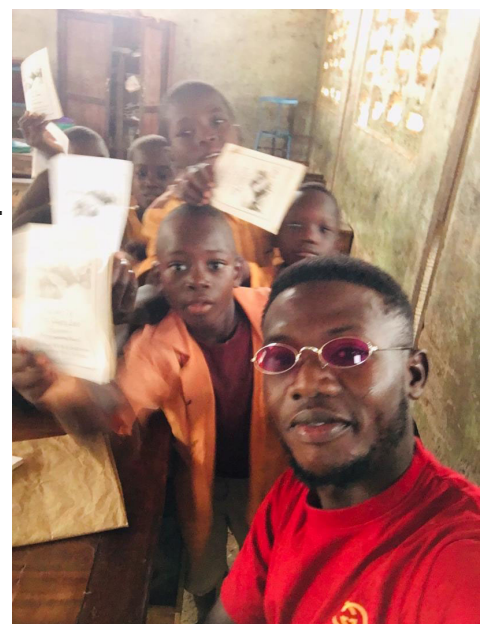
Also, **we are thankful that Nicholas, as a translation consultant-in-training, has been helping again with the checking of the book of *Daniel* for the Birifor translation team.**

### Literacy

**Eden and Samua have still been training and guiding the young volunteer teachers in training.** The volunteer teachers who are studying to become full teachers have been on break over the last few weeks and will resume their teacher-training classes around the beginning of September. **Please pray for ongoing strength and patience for Eden and Samua as they teach the young volunteer teachers.**

You may remember that one of older teachers and translation reviewers, Mr. E.K. Yakubu, had been helping Eden to oversee the Tangayiri school. **We sadly got word of E.K.'s passing** just a couple weeks ago. (see picture below of EK Yakubu in Tangayiri)

Here is Manjeed (one of the long-time volunteer teachers) with his students in Mandari, happily showing off their Safaliba booklets.



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## **Other Events**

Just a couple weeks after we arrive back in Ghana, in early September, Paul will be running another grammar and discourse workshop in Tamale for the consultants in training. This will be a two week workshop, similar to the ones he held back in 2017 and 2019 but building on what they learned in those previous workshops. **Please pray for Paul as he prepares for the workshop and for the consultants in training as they try to clear their schedule for this time away and for their ability to be able to concentrate and study well during this intensive time.**

Also as we slowly get closer to finishing and printing the Safaliba NT with OT portions, we will need a place to store the bibles once they are printed, so Eden and others have begun making bricks in order to make a room for book storage. **We are thankful for their progress so far on making bricks for the book storage room.** (see pictures at right)



And on a very sad note, we got a phone call a couple weeks ago from Sammy informing us that **Pastor Jacob Sumani suddenly and unexpectedly passed away.** He is the Safaliba/Vagla pastor in Sawla who has helped us do translation checking and reviewing from time to time. He was not old (maybe early 40s) and leaves behind a wife and kids. He was doing a great job of outreach, evangelism and discipleship among the Vagla, Birifor and Safaliba in the town of Sawla, just 30 minutes north of Bole where we stay. **Please pray for his family and for the church he leaves behind.** (see pictures below)



Here is a picture of Jacob's church people from early 2021. They were in the process of building a church building.



Here is Nicholas and E.K. Yakubu (who sadly just passed away) during a reviewer's meeting a couple of years back. (Nicholas is on the left and E.K. is on the right.)



Jacob completed Bible School in November of 2018 and began by helping his church members learn to read and getting them Bibles in their own language. He will be greatly missed!



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## **Family Events**

This past Monday we got **Josiah** set up at college. He's almost done with his orientation week and seems to be doing well. He's enjoyed hanging out with other international students and missionary kids. (see pictures below)

But **please pray for him as he studies engineering in a whole new environment.**

**Sarah** has started her fall semester of classes early in order to give a bit of flexibility especially since these first two weeks of her classes we'll be traveling back to Ghana and getting settled in. **Please pray for her during this transition time and for her ability to get school work done in spite of the travel.**



And **Caleb and Micah** are making preparations for the beginning of their new school semester. Both of them have worked through the summer in the same jobs they have had last school year, and they will continue on through this next school year. So we thank God for that consistency in the midst of the upheaval of our leaving but **please pray for them as they start their new classes and jump into the new school year.**

**Please keep us (Paul, Jen and Sarah) in your prayers as we get transitioned back to life in Ghana and pray for God's help with the many details** we will need to take care of immediately after we land in order to get things up and running again. Also, **pray for extra funds as well to cover all the initial costs of our return**--getting our paperwork done, the truck up and running (inspection, renewal fees, insurance, etc.) and all the unexpected costs that often occur after a time away.

We are so thankful for additional gifts that came in last month which helped cover some of our flights, the room in Accra when we land and other essential items we need to take with us.

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers for all of us and the project! We appreciate your prayers as we finish the final preparations for our departure. **Please pray for all the details we will need to take care of as soon we get back to Ghana in addition to the preparations that will need to be made for the workshop in September.**



Thanks for praying!

Serving together,

Paul and Jen Schaefer  
Caleb, Micah, Josiah and Sarah

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**TO PARTNER WITH WYCLIFFE TO SUPPORT PAUL & JEN'S MINISTRY**

**Checks can be written to:** Wycliffe Bible Translators  
**with a separate note saying:** 'With preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Paul and Jennifer Schaefer #303484'  
**and mailed to:**

Wycliffe Bible Translators  
 P.O. Box 628200  
 Orlando FL 32862-8200

**Our permanent US home mailing address is still:**  
 Paul and Jennifer Schaefer  
 25494 State Highway 265  
 Marionville, MO 65705

**Or, for ONLINE giving through Wycliffe:**

Go to [Wycliffe.org](http://Wycliffe.org), click on "missionaries", and choose "find a missionary".  
 Below the search bar, click on "view unlisted missionary page" (we try to keep a low internet profile)  
 [ or you can go directly to: <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/give-to-the-ministry-of-my-wycliffe-missionary> ]  
 On this page, enter our names or finance ID number or both: Paul and Jennifer Schaefer 303484  
 It gives the options for e-check (free), or credit/debit card (deducts a fee from the donation)



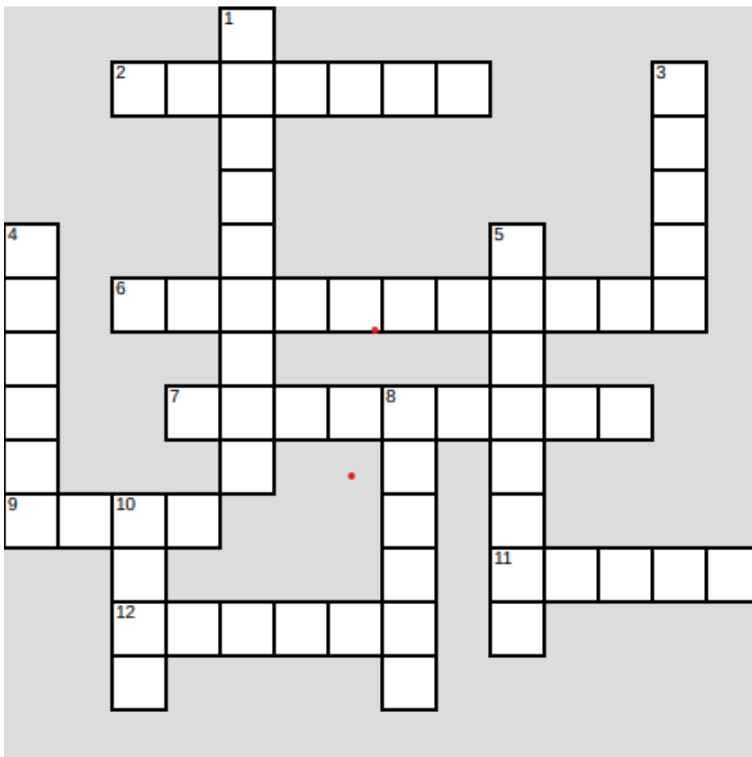
**September Potluck Picnic**

September 17, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Wares at Petal Junction

Bring a dish to share and a friend!

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**Across**

- 2 After the flood, what sign did God give that He would not destroy the earth with a flood again?
- 6 What river was Jesus baptized in? (HINT: Add river to the end of your answer)
- 7 What job did Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, do?

9 What is the name of Jesus' mother?

11 Who was the son of Abraham and Sarah?

12 How many disciples did Jesus have?

**Down**

- 1 What did Simon Peter do for a living?
- 3 Who denied Jesus three times?
- 4 What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
- 5 How many books are in the Bible?
- 8 How many brothers did Joseph have?
- 10 Who did Boaz marry?



**Friendship Guild will meet on**

September 10 at 10:00 a.m.



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 -9:30 Adult SS -10:30 Worship	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10 -10:00 Friendship Guild
11 -9:30 Adult SS -10:30 Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17 -5:00 Church Picnic @ Petal Junction
18 -9:30 Adult SS -10:30 Worship	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Autumn Begins	23	24
25 -9:30 Adult SS -10:30 Worship	26	27	28	29	30	

## SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2023	<a href="#">Exodus 3:1-15</a> <a href="#">Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b</a>	<a href="#">Jeremiah 15:15-21</a> <a href="#">Psalm 26:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Romans 12:9-21</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 16:21-28</a>
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023	<a href="#">Exodus 12:1-14</a> <a href="#">Psalm 149</a>	<a href="#">Ezekiel 33:7-11</a> <a href="#">Psalm 119:33-40</a>	<a href="#">Romans 13:8-14</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 18:15-20</a>
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023	<a href="#">Exodus 14:19-31</a> <a href="#">Psalm 114</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 50:15-21</a> <a href="#">Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-</a>	<a href="#">Romans 14:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 18:21-35</a>
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023	<a href="#">Exodus 16:2-15</a> <a href="#">Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45</a>	<a href="#">Jonah 3:10-4:11</a> <a href="#">Psalm 145:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Philippians 1:21-30</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 20:1-16</a>

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**JULY 2022**

CASH ON HAND	JULY 1, 2022						\$108,367.35
RECEIPTS:	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Current Exp.	1,540.00	1,130.00	710.00	1,100.00	990.00	5,470.00	
Loose	19.00	33.00	18.00	59.00	5.00	134.00	
Paw Packs				50.00	50.00	100.00	
Little Food Pantry	100.00					100.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>1,659.00</u>	<u>1,163.00</u>	<u>728.00</u>	<u>1,209.00</u>	<u>1,045.00</u>		5,804.00
RENTAL INCOME							450.00
INTEREST INCOME							<u>8.78</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS</b>							<b>\$114,630.13</b>

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC  
ACTUAL ANALYSIS  
2022**

	ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. <u>EXPENSE</u>	ACTUAL DISBURSE- MENTS FOR CUR. <u>EXPENSE</u>
JANUARY	5,384	3,616
FEBRUARY	5,110	3,846
MARCH	4,886	8,007
APRIL	7,129	3,519
MAY	6,838	3,192
JUNE	5,736	7,681
JULY	6,063	3,243
YTD	<u>41,146</u>	<u>33,104</u>

DIFFERENCE = 8,042

### Three Great Principles...

**Life is Tough.** Job observed that man has but a few days, and they are full of trouble. Jesus said that each day has its own evil. The wise man Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes about the subject...Heaven is not on earth. Nothing is ever as good as we think or as bad as we think...Christians are not immunized, exempted from the pains of life...Being human is hazardous to your health.

**God is Good.** Do not confuse God with life! Life is tough, unfair. God is good. Don't blame God first then pray last. Pray first and blame Satan...God can be trusted...We can give ourselves totally to God. Faith does not give us the answers; faith allows us to live without the answers...In Job's deepest distress declared of God and his faith in Him, "Though He slay me, yet I will trust in Him" (Job 13:15)...Nothing touches us that has not already passed through the hands of God. The secret to our life is God, not circumstances. Things don't work out—God works things out.

**Heaven is Sure.** Day by day we must remind ourselves about our deaths. In Christ's resurrection we have the hope that when life is over it is not over...God wants me in heaven. He wants you in heaven too! What a blessed hope!...We must want to go to heaven more than anything else on earth.

### Use All of Your Strength...

A father was watching his young son struggle to lift a heavy rock. The little fellow grunted and strained, but couldn't move it. The father said, "Son, are you sure you are using all your strength?" The exhausted boy said, "Yes, I am!" The father replied, "No, you are not. You haven't asked me to help you."

How true is this illustration! We grunt and struggle with our burdens in this earthly life, often forgetting the Father in heaven is always willing to aid us. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Remember today that "all your strength" includes a loving Father in heaven! He's willing to aid you. Are you willing to cast your burdens upon Him, and ask for His help?

*Matt Clifton*

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### Always room in God's kingdom

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.





- 09/04 Samuel Ware
- 09/07 Rhoda Schey
- 09/07 Mary Steinmann
- 09/17 Andrew Staiger
- 09/18 Danny Hutter
- 09/21 Nicholas Dziwanowski
- 09/22 Deanne Dahlman
- 09/27 Debbie Schaumann
- 09/28 Daniel Hatten
- 09/30 Alan Ware



**October Newsletter Articles**

Due on Wednesday, September 21, 2022  
 Send to Mary Kastendieck  
 Email: marykasten@gmail.com  
 Call or text: 913-594-2484

*Do Something...*

God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, "The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing

IN OUR  
**Thoughts and Prayers**

**Nursing Home Care:**

Mary Lou Hutter and Judy Rauch

**Health & Wellness:**

Larry Mathews, Raymond Garbee, Jean Ann, Jim & Jenise Huffman, Steve Netzer, Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Jeannette Wilson (Friend of Cindy Wagemann), Dwight Worstenholm (Chris Rauch's brother), Ann Staiger (Hearing), Shirley Snyder (Luella Thomas's Friend-cancer), Brandy Richter (Cassie Staiger friend), Mike Rauch, Rebecca Davis (Shauntae Staiger's friend) Mary Steinmann, Pat Barker, Jennifer Williams, Alicia Verch, Jessie Verch, Mary Beyer, Jami Stocker, Norma Wagemann, Katie Godfrey, and all those dealing with illnesses.

**Bereavement:** -Family of Albert Rauch

*I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.'*

2 Timothy 1:12 KJV



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