

### Until We See Him, Face To Face

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit all my aunts and uncles and most of my cousins on my dad's side. While it was a mini-reunion of sorts, the primary purpose of my visit was to surprise my aunt as she is turning 80 years old.

I was the first of all my cousins to arrive. Then one by one, the others soon came. At first, my aunt looked a bit confused, wondering why I was there. By the time the last of the cousins arrived, she was in tears. Happy tears, realizing that we were all there to celebrate her. Reunions are enjoyable, getting to see family members that we haven't seen, and in some instances many, many years. Even though we can communicate through phone calls and texts, there is no substitute for seeing each other face to face.

Face to Face. That's a phrase we often hear when our loved ones have passed. It is a source of comfort to know that they are now face to face with Jesus. It is also the hope that all believers share – one day we will be face to face with our Savior.

When we think upon the realization that we will one day be in his presence, we find a renewing hope that brings comfort and strength. Our storms, while difficult, are not everlasting. Additionally, in light of our eternal state, there is very little the enemy can do to us. I am not minimizing the hardships we may face. They can, in fact, be quite grueling, but we can rest assured that in God's omnipotence, He is stronger than any of our problems. We can be confident that He will not abandon us. His love and grace are unfailing.

Be encouraged, my friends! We are not yet home. The ultimate hope is for the future home prepared by God, not in a fleeting comfort or security in this world. Until that day when we are face to face with our Savior, run the race with all your might.

*Face to face—oh, blissful moment!  
Face to face—to see and know;  
Face to face with my Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ who loves me so.*

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# October

THE MONTH OF

## Calendar of Events

- Join us for these upcoming events.**

  - 6 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
  - 11 - The Walk Park Day, 5pm
  - 18 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
  - 18 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
  - 19 - Meet-n-Greet, 12pm
  - 26 - Congregational Meeting, 12pm

- We extend our deepest sympathies to Tom and Dena Wagner in the passing of Dena's sister, Rani Vande Berg.
  - Praise God for the testimonies of baptism. Congratulations David Ledford, Colton Schulte, and Jacob Russell.
  - Praise God for our newest Committed to the Community member, Marilyn Hosier.
  - Praise God for the significantly higher attendance in all our children's ministries: GraceKidz, KiDs Beach Club, AWANA Club, and in youth.
  - Pray for our Congregational Meeting on October 26. Pray for unity as we discuss and vote on various issues.

**OCTOBER 11**  
**5-7PM**

GAMES  
FOOD  
FUN  
BRING CHAIRS

THE WALK  
**PARK DAY**

**October 18**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**7:30am**



**7:30AM**

*Ladies Prayer Breakfast*

**OCTOBER 18**



**AED TRAINING**



**Sunday, October 5**  
following the worship service

**Sunday October 19**

**MEET N GREET**

**meet our staff and leaders**  
immediately following the service





**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 26, 2025**

**12:00**

Lunch \* Ministry Updates \* Q&A

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 *Olivia Caywood  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group	6 	7	8 *Justus Phelps	9 *Rob Matlack III Grace Normant	10	11 
12 *Cedric Dick Ellie Normant  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club	13	14	15 *Virginia Cabrera	16	17	18  
19  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group	20	21 *David Emerson	22 *Robert Schulte	23	24 *Samuel Schulte	25 *Gary Armstrong
26 *Janet Hammond  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group	27	28	29	30 	31 *Cara Ralmuto	*Birthdays