

October 12, 2025
Thoughts On Following
John 18:15-35 NKJV

1. Following does not focus on where but Who.

2. Following will take us out of our comfort zone.

3. Following will demand a personal connection and identification.

4. Following leads us to a destination.

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 12 - 19

Sunday Morning Prayer 8:30 AM in room 207	10/12
Sunday School for all ages 9 AM <i>nursery room 110</i>	10/12
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	10/12
Koins for Kids / Missions / Children's Church 10:30 AM <i>nursery rm. 205</i>	10/12
Facebook Live Church 10:30 AM	10/12
Sunday Family Night 6 - 7:30 PM <i>Good News Club, Youth, Adults</i>	10/12
Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM in room 103	10/14
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM	10/15
GriefShare 6-8 PM	10/16
Morning Worship / Children's Church 10:30 AM <i>nursery room 205</i>	10/19
Sunday Family Night 6 - 7:30 PM <i>Good News Club, Youth, Adults</i>	10/19

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Creative Grace 6 PM	10/20
Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM in room 103	10/21
Elder Board 7 PM	10/21
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM	10/22
GriefShare 6-8 PM	10/23
CEF Ministry Showcase and Fundraising Event 6 PM	11/1
Daylight Saving Time ends	11/2
Shoebox Packing Party 6 PM	11/9
Samaritan's Purse National Shoebox Collection Week	Nov. 17-24
Holiday GriefShare 6:00—8:00 PM	11/20
Holiday Dinner following the morning worship service	12/14

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- ⇒ Text "Give" to 814-200-1939
- ⇒ Visit www.pcmachurch.org/giving



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Welcome
to worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Verse of the Month: Romans 5:12, 6:23 NIV

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, death spread to all men because all sinned.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Meet and Greet

Acknowledgement of God's Presence

"God, You Reign"

Our Worship in Giving

"Our God"

"Forever"

"Gratitude"

Koins for Kids/Missions Moment

Children's Church Dismissal

ages 3 - 3rd grade

Message: "Thoughts On Following"

"Way Maker"

Parting Prayer

WELCOME!

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8—We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches.

We sincerely WELCOME you today! If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

FALL SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

6:00 PM—7:30 PM

Good News Club (ages 3—6th grade)

Youth Group (grades 7-12)

Ladies: When Strivings Cease by Ruth Chou Simons

Men: Lessons in a Godly Walk—1 & 2 Timothy and Titus

RAINBOW EXPRESS PRAYER BUDDIES

Thank you to ALL who have signed up to be a prayer buddy! We have 42 signed up and only need 3 more! Fill out the bulletin insert and place in an offering plate. Thanks, everyone!

CREATIVE GRACE "GOURMET APPLE BAR"

Save the date! The next Creative Grace ladies' event is Monday, October 20, at 6:00 PM. Bring a snack to share and 1 or 2 apples for the apple bar. There is no cost but a donation is greatly appreciated. *See Deb Dinger for more information or with any questions. Sign up in the narthex.*

CEF MINISTRY SHOWCASE AND FUNDRAISING EVENT

Join Child Evangelism Fellowship here at the church for their 2025 Ministry Showcase and Fundraising Event on Saturday, November 1, at 6:00 PM. The event features a full-course meal and entertainment by the 3 Heath Brothers! Tickets are \$25 each. Visit ceffec.org or call (814) 938-9206.

CARD SHOWER

Dave Reams is currently a resident at DuBois Village Personal Care home. He would love to hear from his church family, whether by visit or mail. His contact information is as follows:

Dave Reams

DuBois Village, Room 120

282 S. 8th St.

DuBois, PA 15801

PRAYER WALK

The Prayer Coordinator for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes is inviting our church to a prayer walk here on the church grounds on Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 PM. Please feel free to come walk and pray for our church and for the children who will receive the shoeboxes we will pack here at the church on November 9.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your support during my Eagle Scout Project fundraiser. Thank you for selling, buying, sorting, donating, and praying for my project. We sold 350 hoagies which made a profit of \$1,050. Thanks again! I appreciate all of you! Jordan Barenchik

LOOKING AHEAD

SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY	November 9
HOLIDAY GRIEF SHARE	November 20
SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK	November 17-24
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE	November 26
HOLIDAY DINNER	December 14

Attendance Last Week		2025 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	112	10/5/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	\$5,351.01
Facebook	27	10/12/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	
Online	4	10/19/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	
Total	143	10/26/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	

CALL TO PRAYER

OCTOBER 2025



JOINING IN SOUL CARE

We saw God work in so many ways in two soul care seminars we recently taught and came away encouraged. We taught the same material we usually teach but from a slightly different angle: the kingdom of darkness vs. the Kingdom of light (God). As we looked at each principle, we talked about what our culture deems acceptable and what living in the light looks like. We charted on the board, which made it very visible and concrete for each person.

For example, in African culture in general, a “bigger” person would never ask forgiveness from a “lesser” person. So, a boss would never ask for forgiveness from an employee, a pastor would never ask forgiveness of a church member, and a husband would never ask forgiveness of a wife. These are culturally accepted and practiced norms that are in direct opposition to what Jesus teaches. You can imagine the destruction this is causing in churches and marriages.

All the pastors/wives in the second week came from the area of the country where terrorism and persecution are a constant threat. Please pray for them—that God would meet their needs, encourage them, and enable them to walk as lights in the darkness.

One pastor was actually kidnapped. His wife said, “If he is killed, then I guess

our ministry here is finished. If he returns alive, then God still has work for us here.” He was miraculously returned, and the couple chose to stay in that village. The pastor forgave both the person who betrayed him and his captors.

We were incredibly moved when the oldest pastor in the room shared a testimony about how he had gotten so tired of push back and criticism that he had caved and was living in the darkness. He broke down in tears (very unusual culturally) and asked for prayer that he would have the courage to live in the light as he returned to his church/village.

Both the national church president and the district president attended, and the district president taught several sessions. He did an amazing job, and we are encouraged that he will continue to teach and use this material. Naomi, the lady who did so much of the groundwork for the conference, also led quite a bit of the application and spent hours praying with and counseling pastors each evening. We know that she will continue to walk with them as well.

Quite a few couples came for prayer, and many are struggling in their marriages. Would you pray specifically that God will bring healing to their marriages?

| by Stephen and Lori, serving with CAMA in West Africa

IN THE MIDST OF UNREST

Last month marked two years in the Middle East. This is the longest amount of time I have spent abroad. Back in 2020, my time overseas was cut short by the pandemic. For a moment this summer, things felt eerily similar as I chronicled several weeks spent outside the country and my journey back, while the 12-day war was waged in the skies across the Middle East. Two months after my return, our city remains stable, and I am immensely grateful for your prayers during this time and for the Lord’s continued provision allowing myself and my team to continue serving and searching for His people here.

In a world full of turmoil, it is reassuring to know that nothing happens beyond the knowledge and wisdom of God. During the war, thankfully beyond closed airports and cancelled flights, the city I live in was almost untouched. Nevertheless, the situation for the countries neighboring us remains precarious.

As the whole team is entering a period of unanticipated waiting, please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom about how to spend our time and patience to do what is His will and not ours. Please pray for young men and women who are seeking to follow the Lord in the midst of unbelieving families and for our country to be stable in the middle of unrest.

| by Jordan, serving with aXcess in the Middle East

AS HIS POWER RESTS ON US

The end of August marked the 20-year anniversary since I moved overseas as an international worker. 20 years in, I’m again in that learning phase that comes with being in a place that is relatively new to me. I’ve been living in this town for a year now, primarily focused on language learning and relationship building.

When I think about some recent challenges we’ve had in communication with our local partners and about the task ahead of my team in church planting among the Fulani—one of the largest and most widely dispersed ethnic groups in Africa—it feels pretty daunting! Do I have the needed gifts? Isn’t there someone who could do this better!? I recognize my need for the Lord’s enabling as well as the need to work together as the Body of Christ.

Some verses the Lord directed me to were 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. His power rests on me as I am weak and come to Him for help. I am thankful that He is strong and that He wants to use weak and imperfect people. And I am also thankful for the joy of working with a team and having teammates who are gifted in areas I am not and vice versa!

Please pray for open hearts among the Fulani and that God will lead my team and me to people whose hearts He is working in.

| by Jessica, serving with aXcess in West Africa

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



OCTOBER FOCUS FOR AGES 5-9

Underwear (boys or girls size 5-10)

Socks (youth size 8 to 9 1/2)

Clothing (youth size S, M, L or 5-6, 7-8, 9-10)

Slipper socks for ages 5-9

Comb/hairbrush

Band-aids

Washcloths (no soap)

Chapstick/lip balm

Toothbrushes (no paste)

Small sewing or tool kits

More on the other side →

*Shoebox Packing Party
Sunday, November 9 at 6:00 PM*



Small notebooks

Safety scissors

Pencil sharpeners

Zipper pencil cases

6" rulers

Small lego sets

Jump ropes

Balloons

Play-doh

Travel size games (checkers, tic-tac-toe, jacks, etc.)

Small puzzle sets

Small coloring books

Stickers

Watercolor paint activities/crafts

Balls (tennis, rubber, foam, hacky sack)

Matchbox/Hot Wheels cars

Toy figurines (animals, dinosaurs, etc.)

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Sunday, November 9 at 6:00 PM*



RAINBOW EXPRESS

is looking for Prayer Buddies for
the 2025-2026 school year!

For the past 5 years, our Prayer Buddies have been an absolute blessing to the children of Rainbow Express and their families. If you commit to being a Prayer Buddy, you are committing to praying for a specific child throughout the school year. If you choose, you may also celebrate birthdays and holidays with your Buddy.

**YES!! I want to be a part of the Prayer
Buddy Program!**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferences (Please Circle your Choice):

Male or Female

M-W-F or T-TH

