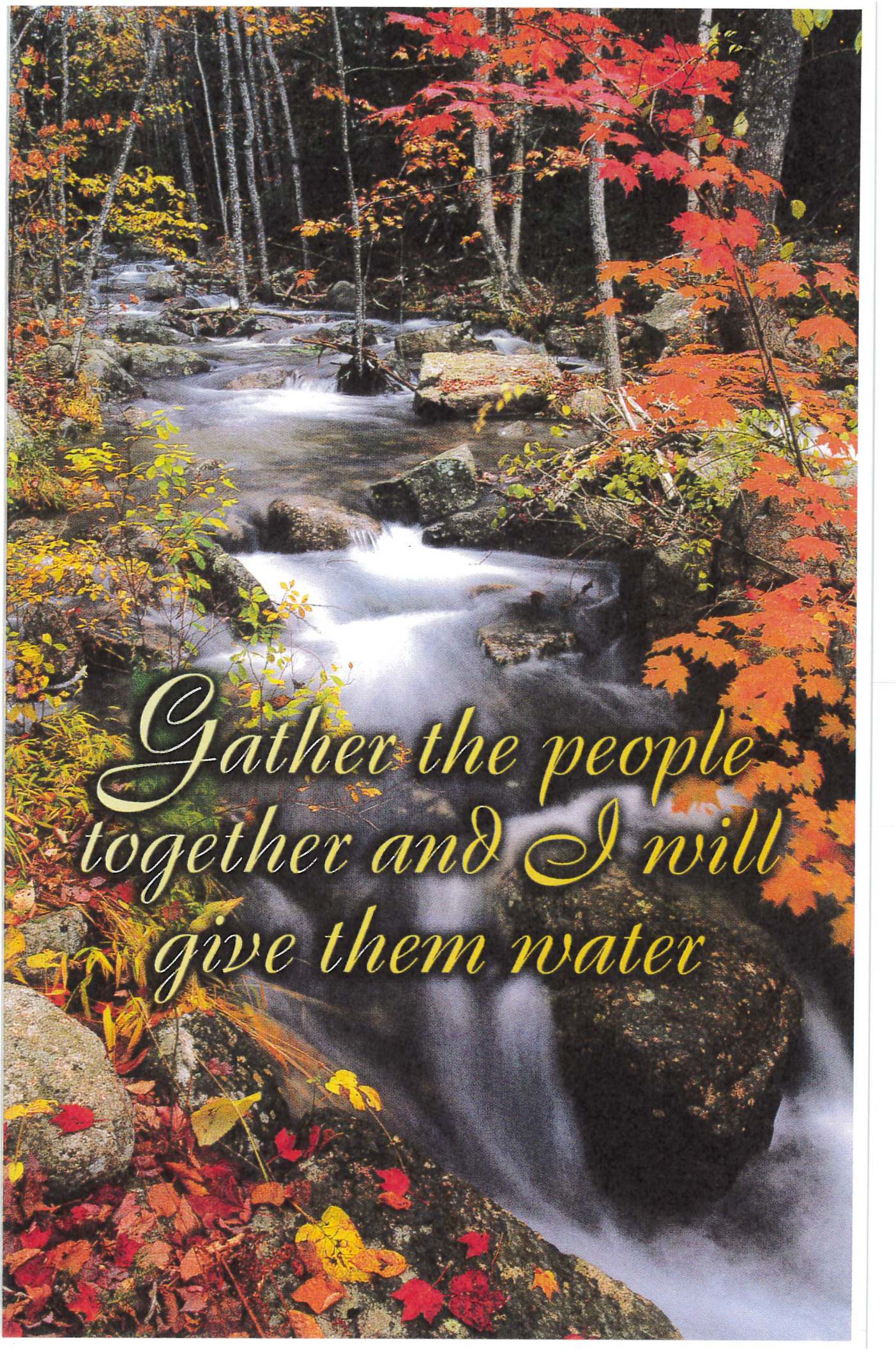




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First Evangelical and Reformed Church

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Worship Service – 10:15 am

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September 13, 2026

PRELUDE: “The Church’s One Foundation” Edward Broughton

WELCOME

HYMN: “The Wonderful Cross”

Praise Book #35

HYMN: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Praise Book #18

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Day by Day”

Tom Birchwood

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: TBA

SCRIPTURE: See insert.

SERMON: “The Church that Stands on the Word”

Rev. Craig Kittock

HYMN: “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Praise Book #43

BENEDICTION: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Hymnal #209
(Verses 1 & 4)

POSTLUDE: "Joyful, Joyful"

Stanley E. Saxton

Serving You This Week:

Pastor

Organist

Secretary

Rev. Craig Kittock

Charles Cheuvront

Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Missionary James Reynolds, Paul & Melissa Busick's Prison Ministry, Scarlet Rettig, Tom & Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Sheila Coon, Christian, Mike Butler, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Randall Allen, Jr., Jill Thomas, Sue Jamison, Dennis Gladfelter, Danielle McNamara King, Jennifer Lewis and Keith McGloughlin.

Life Situations: Pray for cancer patients to feel God's healing touch and relief from fear and anxiety during treatment. Please pray for healing for people with mental illness and addictions and their families. Pray for the safety of our military and law enforcement officers.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.)

Shut-In of the Week: Betty Carr is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is 100 Red Oak Drive, Willow Room #422, Cridersville, OH 45806.

Trivia: What was Peter's original name? (*Mark 3:16*)

a) Philip b) Levi c) Simon d) Epaphras

Pondering: Wisdom is not measured by how much we say but often by what we choose **not** to say. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." (*Proverbs 18:21*)

SERMON OUTLINE FOR BULLETIN

THE CHURCH THAT STANDS ON THE WORD

INTRODUCTION

- A Bible-believing church doesn't just own Bibles — it lives the Bible.
- The church must stand on Scripture, holiness, the Holy Spirit, and faith.
- Four pillars define a Bible-believing church.

PILLAR 1: SUBMISSION TO THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

Key Truth: The Bible is not optional — it is authoritative.

Biblical Examples:

- *Jesus in the Wilderness* — “It is written...” (Matthew 4:1–11)
- *The Bereans* — “searched the Scriptures daily...” (Acts 17:10–12)
- Application: We don't bend Scripture to fit culture — we bend our lives to fit Scripture.

PILLAR 2: HOLINESS & RIGHTEOUSNESS

Key Truth: Holiness is loyalty to God; righteousness is obedience.

Biblical Examples:

- *Joseph resisting temptation* — “How then can I do this great wickedness...?” (Genesis 39)
- *Daniel in Babylon* — resolved not to defile himself (Daniel 1)
- Application:
 - Holiness is essential, not optional.
 - A Bible-believing church confronts compromise and celebrates purity.

PILLAR 3: EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Key Truth: A church without the Spirit is a gathering; a church with the Spirit is a force.

Biblical Examples:

- *Acts 2 — The Early Church* — Spirit-empowered growth and boldness.
- *Acts 3 — Peter & John* — “Silver and gold have I none...” and the lame man walks.
- Application: A Bible-believing church welcomes, follows, and responds to the Holy Spirit.

PILLAR 4: WALKING BY FAITH

Key Truth: Faith is active, not passive.

Biblical Examples:

- *Abraham* — faith counted as righteousness (Genesis 12–22; Romans 4).
- *Woman with the issue of blood* — faith activated her miracle (Mark 5:25–34).
- Application: Faith speaks, expects, trusts, and obeys.

CONCLUSION

- A Bible-believing church stands on Scripture, lives holy, moves in the Spirit, and walks by faith.
- This is the church that will endure, shine, and see God move.

CALL TO ACTION

Recommit to:

- The authority of God's Word
- A life of holiness
- The power of the Holy Spirit
- A walk of faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First E & R will have our Harvest Party on October 3 at Hermon Woodlands from 11 AM - 3 PM. The park is located at 485 N. Wapakoneta Road, Elida, Ohio 45807. Please bring a dish to share. We will be in the shelter house and there will be outlets for crock pots. Charles will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Plates, napkins and silverware will be provided. Feel free to bring a game and your lawn chairs if you would like to sit outside. There will be trails to hike! All are welcome.



For **September**, **CUP** has requested donations of toilet paper. CUP is also urgently in need of plastic grocery bags.

If you can help with a donation, it would be much appreciated. You can place your donations of the shelf near the elevator marked **CUP**. Thank you.

Today, please join us for the **Gathering Meal** which is downstairs in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Craig wants to visit and answer any questions we have regarding him and his family so he will be staying for our Gathering meal. All are welcome.

Bible study starts up again on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7 PM at Alicia's house. It will be every Tuesday evening unless otherwise noted. We have a study guide and will be going through the Bible in a year. Please bring a pen, notepad and your Bible. All are welcome. Call the church for the address if you are new. 419-222-6700.

Men's Breakfast! Join the men for fellowship and breakfast at 8:30 AM this Saturday in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

The **Congregational Meeting** is September 20, 2026, following the worship service. Please plan to attend, your input is needed.

