# Series: Navigating in a Post-Christian Culture #3 Perceiving God's Presence Psalm 139:7-12

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**Key verses:** 1 John 4:4; 2 Peter 1:2-3; Jeremiah 23:24; Psalm 32:8;

Psalm 46:1-3, 11; 16:11



# A PLACE TO BELONG and Grow

September 8, 2013

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?" Psalm 139:7 (NASB)

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<u>Today</u>	Our 98th Year
9:30 AM	Nursery & Toddler's Church Sunday School (ages 4 - High School) College/Career Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 AM	Join us for coffee fellowship in the Family Life Center
11:00 AM	Worship Service - Pastor Steve Johnson Nursery & Toddler's Church Children's Church (Ages 4 - 6th grade)
12:15 PM	Young at Heart Dinner - Family Life Center
12:15 PM	Teen Embers Lunch (Pizza Hut - 6300 S. Westnedge)
5:30 PM	Embers get together at the Gallers (10732 Chicory Trail, Mattawan)



### \*\* Time Change for AWANA clubs\*\*

5:30 - 6:30 PM Puggles, Cubbies & Sparks

5:30 - 7:00 PM Truth & Training

### This Week's Activities (September 9 - 14)

Monday - 8:00 PM Basketball

Wednesday - 10:00 AM Adult Prayer Meeting - Room 108 (Lower Level)

5:30 PM Zumba Gold

6:00 PM Praise Team Practice

# **Upcoming Events**

### **Church Wide**

Sept. 17 6:30 PM Board Meeting

**Sept. 24** 1:00 PM Senior Singles Lunch

### **Teen Ministries**

Sept. 18 Sandblasting for Kids Alive

**Sept. 25** See You At The Pole

Oct. 13 Community Youth Worship

### College & Career

**Sept. 15** 12:30 PM Lunch

# **Women's Ministries**

Sept. 18 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study

Sept. 19 9:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

**Sept. 27-29** Camp Barakel Fall Retreat



**"Thank You"** for the congregation's continued generous support of Ruth's Cupboard.

**Ruth's Cupboard:** Cereals, Canned Meats, Soups w/ meat. **His Hands:** Canned meats with pull-top lid, gum, mints, chap-stick, and pocket-sized Bibles.



**Congratulations** to Nathan & Andria Gipson on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Kay, born on August 24th at 4:49 AM, 7 lbs., 15.6 ozs.

**Do you have a desire to serve our children or teens?** We are looking for volunteers for a variety of needs within our children and teen ministries. If you would like to serve, please talk to Pastor Surine.

**Stewardship Study, Who's in Charge Here?** Will begin September 15th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Meeting space to be determined. This six-week, study presented by John Ruzza will consist of defining what a steward is. A signup sheet is available at the Information Center. For more details contact John Ruzza at (269)290-5121 or jruzza@ctsmail.net.

**Join us for a dinner** in an Amish country home, Miller's Kitchen, Saturday, October 19th. Our menu will include chicken and roast beef, homemade bread, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-style noodles, vegetables, dessert, coffee or tea. The cost of the dinner including tax and tip is \$18.50 per person. There is room for 60 people. Please sign up with payment (make checks payable to Oakwood Bible Church) at the Information Center by September 29th. If you're interested in going but would like a ride please contact Pastor Bill, 760-1752 or pastor bill@oakwoodbible.org. (Maps will be avail., plan to arrive by 5:30 PM)

### **Men's Ministry Opportunities**

**Thursday Morning Weekly Fellowship -** October 3rd from 6:30-7:30 AM. We'll be meeting at John Ruzza's office (2632 S. 11th St., 49009). Our seven week study will look at the Holy Spirit, using a resource written by Francis Chan, *Forgotten God.* Sign up at the Information Center. Paperback books are available for \$12.00 each. An e-book can also be downloaded.

**Saturday Morning Monthly Fellowship -** October 5th from 8:00 - 9:30 AM at LaRue's Family Restaurant (6375 Stadium Dr.). We'll continue our study of the disciples with John MacArthur's book, *Twelve Ordinary Men* resuming with chapter four. Sign up at the Information Center.

For more information on these two fellowship groups contact Tim Peterson, John Ruzza, Chad Boelman, or Pastor Bill.

September General Fund Offerings Month-to-Date: \$ 8,806.50

		Year-to-Date Actual
	August Actual	Through August
General Fund Offerings	\$36,571.46	\$107,127.70
General Fund Expenses	\$42,376.19	\$114,800.93
Offerings Less Expenses	\$ -5,804.73	\$ -7,673.23
(Fiscal Year June 1 - May 31)		

1st Qtr Benevolence\$ 760.00Mortgage Balance4th Qtr Debt Retirement\$3,813.00\$37,879.13 (As of 08/30/13)