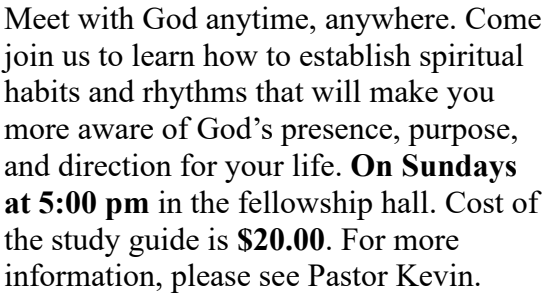


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HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM to volunteer for 2 slots that are available each month.

EXPERIENCING GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE



Join us for Mahjong Open Play **Tuesday, October 12th**. Whether you are an experienced player or a beginner just learning the game, **all are welcome!** Come practice your skills, enjoy fellowship, and have fun with friends. Mahjong Open Play will continue on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month**. For more details, please see **Donna Walters**.



SPECIAL GUEST



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE SPIRIT

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God's Amazing Grace

There are times when I become overwhelmed at the thought of God's amazing love and grace. For some reason I try to rationalize in my mind how and why God would save us from our sins. Is it because we are created in His image? Is there some redeemable quality that would cause God to want to save us? Is it because of some inalienable quality that makes it our right to be saved? But of course it is none of these things. God just simply loves us with a love that is beyond comprehension; with a love that is full of grace and forgiveness. There is a poem by Maya Angelou that sort of sums it up. It goes like this:

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

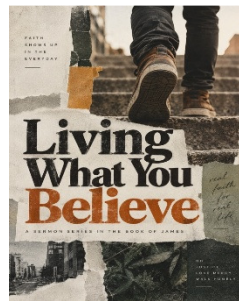
When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

May we all take a moment and just thank God that we have all received His amazing grace, somehow.

See ya Sunday,



SERMON SERIES



Beginning **October 4th** we will be diving in the Book of James. This book is a practical and challenging letter about what it looks like to live out genuine faith in Jesus Christ. Written by James, the brother of Jesus and a leader in the early church, the letter calls believers to move beyond simply hearing God's Word

to actually putting it into practice. James addresses everyday issues such as trials, temptation, favoritism, controlling our words, relationships, prayer, patience, and caring for those in need. At the heart of the book is the conviction that true faith produces a transformed life. James reminds us that what we believe should be evident in how we live.

LADIES MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Ladies of West Hartsville Baptist Church, this October we'll be starting a new Bible study group with two opportunities to meet. We'll be meeting on the first **Monday of the month at 6pm and the second Tuesday of the month at 11am** in the prayer room. Both sessions will be using the growth and study guide *A Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George that pairs with the

book of the same name. The book and study guide center on living out God's priorities in five major areas of a woman's life: Your walk with the Lord, your husband, your children, your home, your ministry. Books and study guides can be purchased through the church or independently. See CaraLee Henley for more information.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will meet at McLeod Farms on **Tuesday, October 27th, at 11:30 a.m.** After lunch at Big's, those feeling adventurous can explore the corn maze. Others can enjoy a peach enchilada à la mode and do a little shopping. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin.

LOCAL MISSIONS

We are asking for Donations for Christ City of Refuge the month of **October**. Donation boxes are located in the front entrance and in the hallway near the office. Items needed will be updated soon. If you have questions, call Judy Armstrong.

FALL FESTIVAL

Bring a friend and your lawn chair and join us on Sunday, **October 18th**, from **5:00-6:30 PM** for an evening filled with autumn fun. Enjoy hot dogs, delicious seasonal snacks, and plenty of fall activities for all ages! Volunteers are needed to help with game booths, snack service, and other activities. Please contact Donna Walters or Jessica Garvin for more information.