We at the Mentor Church of Christ are a pre-denominational, independent congregation of the Lord's people. We try our best to follow the New Testament design of governance and worship, which means we are an autonomous group whose allegiance lies with no one or any organization but Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Who is King of kings and Lord of lords. We belong to Him because we are clothed in Him at baptism (Galatians 3:27) and it is through His blood that the church was purchased (Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:19), and the church is His alone (Matthew 16:18). We believe that in His infinite wisdom He has left the local congregation to be overseen by elders to watch over and guard the spiritual needs of the flock (1 Peter 5:1-2); deacons to assist the elders in seeing that its members are provided for (Acts 6; 1 Timothy 3); teachers to help the congregation grow spiritually and in wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11); and a minister or evangelist to proclaim God's word both in season and out of season (Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 4:2). We believe the New Testament teaches that it is the responsibility of all its members to assist in helping with the needs of the church. If you are looking for a congregation that has no creed but only seeks, to the best of our ability, to follow God's word as it is written, but acknowledges our own human foibles and weaknesses, then you need look no further! We want you to be a part of our congregation! Come and join us and learn how you, too, can become a member of the Lord's family. We look forward to meeting you.

Mentor
Church of Christ



October 25, 2026

Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

-- James 4:14 [ESV]

Our Church Theme for 2026:
Called to Be Holy

From the Desk of David



Good morning and welcome to the Mentor Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us today, please know that you truly are our honored guest. We hope and pray that we will see you often and get to know one another better!

Psalm 107:1 (ESV) says, ***"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"*** There is something special about autumn. The air becomes cooler, the leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold, and the beauty of God's creation reminds us that every season has its own blessings. As we gather for our church Fall Fest, we have an opportunity to enjoy more than food, games, laughter, and fellowship. We have an opportunity to celebrate the goodness of God. Fall Fest is about bringing people together. Children enjoy the excitement of activities, families make memories, and friendships grow stronger. But beyond the festivities, something far more meaningful can take place. We can demonstrate the love of Christ to those around us.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 (ESV), ***"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven."*** That is what makes an event like Fall Fest so valuable. It provides opportunities for Christians to let their lights shine. A warm welcome, a friendly conversation, a helping hand, or a simple act of kindness may leave a lasting impression on someone visiting our congregation. We never know what burdens people may be carrying when they arrive. Some may be lonely. Others may be struggling with difficulties at home. Still others may be searching for something missing in their lives. What begins as an invitation to an enjoyable evening could become the beginning of a relationship that leads someone closer to Jesus Christ.

Autumn also reminds us that life moves through seasons. Leaves change colors and eventually fall, but God's faithfulness never changes. His love remains constant, and His promises endure. James 1:17 (ESV) reminds us, ***"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above."*** Our families, friendships, opportunities to serve, and fellowship in Christ are gifts worth celebrating. As we enjoy Fall Fest, let us remember that the greatest blessing is not found in the activities themselves, but in the people God places in our lives and the Savior Who brings us together.

May our celebration be filled with laughter, gratitude, kindness, and genuine Christian love. And may everyone who joins us leave knowing they were welcomed, appreciated, and loved. **After all, the most beautiful thing about Fall Fest isn't the changing colors of the leaves. It is the unchanging love of God shining through His people.** May God bless all of us.

Mentor Church Family News

October 28: Food Pantry 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
October 28: Bible Study 6:30 PM
October 29: Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM
October 29: Food Pantry 6:00 PM
October 30: Food Pantry 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
October 30: Bible Study 7:00 PM

Happy birthday this week to Sarah Gessic, whose birthday is on Thursday. May our Lord God bless you greatly!

Our church theme for 2026 is Called to be Holy. Let's live our lives daily in accordance with God's word which demands that His people be holy because God is holy!

Thank you to all our members who are doing so much to help our congregation grow spiritually and in number. We have noticed how many of you are making a concerted effort to reach out to the community around us. Your assistance is very much appreciated, as well as needed! It takes everyone in the congregation working together to achieve the mission given to it by our Lord, which is to seek and to save that which is lost. Just think how wonderful it would be if we all could lead at least one individual to Jesus this year. If we do as commanded and plant the seed, then God will give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Today's lesson is *Seasons Change, but God Never Does.* In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, we are told that our God never changes. He is the same today as He was yesterday, and He will be the same tomorrow as He is today. This is very comforting that in a world of constant change, God remains our Rock. It is my sincere hope and prayer that you find this lesson to be very applicable for our lives today.

A Time of Harvest

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) says, ***"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."***

Autumn is a beautiful reminder that harvest time has arrived. Across the countryside, farmers gather the crops they planted months earlier. Fields that once appeared empty now yield the fruit of patient labor. The harvest reminds us of an important spiritual truth: what we sow today determines what we will reap tomorrow.

The Apostle Paul understood this principle. In Galatians 6:7, he wrote, ***"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."*** Every decision we make, every word we speak, and every action we take plants something in the field of our lives.

When we sow kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and faithfulness, we are planting seeds that can produce blessings far beyond what we imagine. But when we sow bitterness, selfishness, dishonesty, and sin, we should not be surprised when the harvest brings sorrow.

One of the greatest lessons of harvest time is patience. Farmers do not plant seeds one morning and expect a harvest the following afternoon. They cultivate the soil, provide what the crops need, and patiently wait for the proper season.

The same is true spiritually. Sometimes we become discouraged because we do not immediately see the results of our efforts. We invite someone to worship, but they decline. We teach someone the Scriptures, but they seem uninterested. We pray for a struggling loved one, but circumstances remain unchanged. Yet God reminds us not to grow weary in doing good. Our responsibility is to remain faithful, trusting Him with the results.

Jesus said in John 4:35, ***"Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."*** There are souls all around us who need encouragement, hope, and the saving message of Jesus Christ. The opportunities are plentiful, but we must be willing to labor. Harvest time also reminds us that life itself is moving toward an eternal harvest. One day, our Earthly opportunities will end, and we will stand before God. Therefore, let us make the most of the season He has given us. Let us sow generously, serve faithfully, love sincerely, and share the gospel whenever possible. The beautiful colors of autumn will eventually fade, and the fields will become empty once again. But the spiritual fruit produced through faithful service to Christ can have eternal significance. **So keep planting. Keep praying. Keep serving. Keep trusting. The harvest belongs to God, and faithful labor in His Kingdom is never wasted.** May God bless us as we choose to serve Him!

Welcome, Honored Guests, to the Mentor Church of Christ! We Invite You to Stick Around and Let Us Get to Know You!

Worship

Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Class
10:30 AM Assembly
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Bible Class
Thursday: 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Class
Friday: 7:00 PM Bible Class



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Jeff Lee: Greeting, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Tim Hatcher: Song Leader
***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* [634] Verses 1, 2, and 4**
***We Saw Thee Not* [342]**

Eric McKinney: Lord's Supper

Tim Hatcher: Song Leader
***When Upon Life's Billows* [742]**

Eric McKinney: Offering

Ken Zukoski, Steve Gessic, Owen McKinney, and Mark Mayo: Servers

Children Go to Children's Church

Tim Hatcher: Song Leader
***Mansion over the Hilltop* [881]**

Tim Hatcher: Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:6 [ESV]

David Ferguson: Sermon
Seasons Change, but God Never Does

Tim Hatcher: Song Leader
***Just As I Am* [924]**

Brandon Craig: Closing Prayer

Seasons Change, but God Remains the Same

Malachi 3:6 (ESV) says, ***"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."*** One of the most beautiful aspects of autumn is watching the world around us change. Leaves that were once green become brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold. The warm days of summer give way to cooler temperatures, and before long, the colorful leaves fall to the ground. Another season passes, reminding us that change is an unavoidable part of life. But while the seasons change, our God remains the same. Everything in this world is subject to change. Our circumstances change. Our health changes. Our relationships change. Even our hopes and dreams may change as we journey through life. Sometimes those changes bring happiness and excitement. Other times, they bring uncertainty, disappointment, and sorrow. Yet amid all these changes, we have a wonderful assurance: **God never changes**. The writer of Hebrews declares, ***"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"*** (Hebrews 13:8, ESV). Think about what that means for us. The Savior Who loved sinners enough to die upon the Cross still loves us today. The Lord Who comforted the brokenhearted still offers comfort. The God Who faithfully kept His promises throughout Scripture remains faithful to every promise He has made. His character does not change with the circumstances of our lives. Sometimes we measure God's goodness by what is happening around us. When life is pleasant, we easily recognize His blessings. But when difficulties arise, we may begin questioning whether He still cares. However, God's faithfulness is not determined by the season we are experiencing.

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us, ***"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever"*** (Isaiah 40:8, ESV). What a comforting truth! The beauty of autumn eventually fades, but God's Word never loses its power. His promises never expire. His love never grows cold. As we grow older, we become increasingly aware of how quickly life's seasons pass. Children grow up, familiar faces disappear, and opportunities that once seemed endless become precious. That reality should encourage us to treasure each day and place our confidence in what is eternal rather than temporary.

So when you see the leaves changing this autumn, remember the unchanging faithfulness of your heavenly Father. Whatever season of life you are experiencing, He remains worthy of your trust, obedience, and praise.

The seasons will continue changing, but the God Who walks with us through every season will never change. And because He remains the same, we can face tomorrow with confidence, knowing His faithful love will endure forever.