



# *the* Encourager

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## A DATE THAT LIVES ON...

June 9, 1956 is a date that is very important in my life. That was the day Kenneth Firm and Martha Arline Norris got married. This June 9<sup>th</sup> would have marked 65 years of marriage for them; not a record by any means, but still very significant for my two younger brothers and for me. Yes, there is the obvious reason . . . without that marriage then Tim, Scott, and Doug Firm would very likely not have been *Tim, Scott and Doug Firm*.

However, there is an even more important reason associated with that date. When I was 7 years old, my dad and mom became Christians. In fact, I can still remember asking my grandma after an evening service during a Gospel Meeting where dad and mom were and she said they were being baptized. I wasn't exactly sure what that meant at the time.

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My dad was not brought up in a godly home; my mom was, but had not made a spiritual commitment to the Lord yet. I can still remember attending a few different churches when I was small, on a hit or miss basis, until this whole “church thing” took on a much greater emphasis in our family. We started attending church services all the time, talk about God and Jesus became more commonplace in the car and at home, and we even started praying before meals. In addition, the friendships that were formed with other Christians became the center of our families “social activities” on a weekly basis.

While from a physical standpoint June 9, 1956 was significant, from a spiritual standpoint it was of even greater importance because I believe God began working on the hearts of my dad and mom early in their marriage. In essence, my brothers and I enjoyed the blessings of being brought up in a Christian home, which laid a solid foundation for our own lives. Don’t get me wrong, none of us are perfect—I’m far from it and have made my share of mistakes in life—but we are well-grounded, have a solid understanding of things like faith, hope, and love; embrace the importance of loving God and loving others; learned first-hand from our parents how to serve others; appreciate the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf; and fully believe in the importance of a Christian home.

As a result of June 9, 1956 and all that has happened in the years since; Sara, Ryan, Kyle, Kailey, and Jeremy Firm were born into Christian homes too. None of us should ever underestimate the significance of a Christian home and the positive spiritual impact that such a place can have on its children and on their children and on their children’s children.

The line from the song, *God Give Us Christian Homes*, reads “**God give us Christian homes! Homes where the children are led to know, Christ in His beauty who loves them so.**”

~ Tim



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## THE JOY OF THE LORD

- Day 1 - Romans 15:13  
Day 2 - James 1:2-4  
Day 3 - Philippians 4:4-7  
Day 4 - Galatians 5:22-23  
Day 5 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
Day 6 - Proverbs 17:22  
Day 7 - 1 Peter 1:8-9  
Day 8 - Isaiah 35:10  
Day 9 - Jeremiah 29:11  
Day 10 - Psalm 16:9-11  
Day 11 - John 15:7-11  
Day 12 - Isaiah 55:10-13  
Day 13 - Psalm 30:4-5  
Day 14 - Proverbs 10:28  
Day 15 - Psalm 71:22-23  
Day 16 - Luke 1:47  
Day 17 - Psalm 126:5-6  
Day 18 - Psalm 33:20-22  
Day 19 - Romans 5:11  
Day 20 - Psalm 5:11-12  
Day 21 - Psalm 37:4  
Day 22 - John 16:24  
Day 23 - Psalm 51:10-12  
Day 24 - Isaiah 61:10-11  
Day 25 - Psalm 94:18-19  
Day 26 - Isaiah 9:2-3  
Day 27 - Acts 2:28  
Day 28 - Psalm 30:11-12  
Day 29 - Colossians 1:9-14  
Day 30 - Psalm 100



### Those to Serve -June 6, 2021

Worship Director: Ken/Cameron Maupin  
Opening Prayer: Sid Long  
Preside: Chris Youssi  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Stan Gregory  
Pre-Class Greeter: Cathy Firm, John Castree  
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Rogers  
Usher #1: Jeff Hagerman  
Usher #2: Jaye Lavern

### Those to Serve -June 13, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa  
Opening Prayer: Jeremy Schulz  
Preside: Cameron Maupin  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Stan Gregory  
Pre-Class Greeter: E/W Long, Jaye Lavern  
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Jeff Hagerman, Julie Cavallaro  
Usher #1: Joe Nicosia  
Usher #2: Tim Firm  
A/V Booth: Adam Zomok

### Those to Serve -June 13, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long  
Opening Prayer: Ron King  
Preside: Joe Nicosia  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Stan Gregory  
Pre-Class Greeter: Jaye Lavern, Cathy Firm  
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern  
Pre-Worship Greeter: J/V Nicosia  
Usher #1: Steve Adkins  
Usher #2: Ken Lynch  
A/V Booth: Mark Murray

### Those to Serve -June 20, 2021

Worship Director: Cameron Maupin  
Opening Prayer: Steve Adkins  
Preside: Jerry Gibson  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Stan Gregory  
Pre-Class Greeter: Cathy Firm, Julie Cavallaro  
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Jose Cervantes, Jaye Lavern  
Usher #1: Jose Cervantes  
Usher #2: Jeff Hagerman  
A/V Booth: Adam Zomok

#### **Worship Usher #1** (inside auditorium main doors)

- greet latecomers and encourage sanitizing and help with finding seats (if there are none, ask elders to give up seat)
- may lock/unlock outer doors during worship
- take attendance on sheet provided and give to Ken/leave in Tim's office after worship
- put attendance up on attendance board

**Worship Usher #2** - floating in the middle of the auditorium to help people find seats or add remove seats

# Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

## Prayer List

**Jason Willis**

**Bruce Rooks**

**Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please

**Leda Phillips**

**Larry Borrison**

**Anneka Broughton**

**Kevin Gillis**

**Dar Hinrichs**

**Donna Fincher**

**Gerald Harbach**

**Myrtle Williams**

**Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer

**Michelle Hutchison** – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment

**Chuck and Ruth Mausehund**– dealing with multiple health issues

**Cherokee Thompson** – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures

**Ken Lynch** – recovering from shoulder surgery

**Sue Ann Diaz** – having issues with vision in both of her eyes and other health issues

**Mike Trank** – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer

**Earline Nipps** – diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma

**Ernesto Vaca** – Jose Cervantes' Uncle who is currently hospitalized due to Covid-19 - his situation is very grave, so please continue to pray fervently for Ernesto and his family

**Sandy Knight** – Margaret Couch's daughter; recovering at home from surgery

**Carol McGowan** – shoulder surgery and recently diagnosed with congestive heart failure

**Dennis Floyd** – kidney issues

**Frances Hughes** – recovering from a fall, is now back home

**Mathew Ronan** – Doug Soter's nephew

**Wendy Williams** – mole was determined to be malignant and will have a procedure done that will hopefully prevent it from worsening

**Kevin Sircloumb** – tumor on his brain stem

**Joan Letsinger** – recovering from hip replacement surgery

**Jacob Gaskins** – at home after surgery

**Gregory Willis** – Ron Willis's brother, recently diagnosed with Myeloma

**Adkins family** – mourning the passing of Steve and Janice's nephew

**Kelly Kemp** – Jared Kemp's father, recently discovered that his cancer has returned and it appears to be very aggressive

**Murray family** – mourning the loss of Mark's sister, Susan Heeg

**Cathy Case** – Scott Seigrist's Aunt, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer

**Pat Eichmann** – surgery was very successful, should be in the hospital through the end of the week

**Aaron Herren** – hospitalized last week, doing much better

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Donna Fincher's bday	2 Breanna Reese's bday McClain Smith's ann. Bible Study to am	3 Dustin Arreguin's bday J/L Nicosia's ann.	4	5 Panty to noon
6 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Lavender Jones' bday	7 ROMEO Club meeting	8 Alise Reese, John Castree & Larry Bortson's bday Blanket Ministry work day	9 Janice Adkin's bday HHH Food Delivery Bible Study to am	10 6-7:30 pm Panty	11 Tonya Rodden & Lee McVay's bday	12 Bill Morrow's bday
13 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Yanell Cervantes' bday	14	15 Elen Holland Kevin Grille's bday Rifle's ann.	16 Caysie Kulpa's bday Firm's ann. Bible Study to am	17 Bobby Letsinger's bday	18 Castree's ann.	19 Panty to noon Judl Rogers & Tony Nicosia's bday
20 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Shella Peck's bday	21	22 Kylee Whitmore's bday C/R Gregory's ann.	23 HHP Food Delivery Bible Study to am Phillips' ann.	24 Simon-Peter Broughton's bday 6-7:30 pm Panty	25	26
27 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Jennie Adams' bday Price's ann.	28	29	30 Bible Study to am			

# NEWS & EVENTS

- RCC Summer Session Dates:

Senior Week: July 9 - July 17

Intermediate Week: July 17 - July 24

Junior Week: July 24 - July 31

Labor Day Retreat: September 3 - September 6

**\*\*\* If you are interested in being on the staff for any session, please talk to Grant or Ashley Gregory and they will point you in the right direction**

- If you would like to get a Covid-19 vaccination but are unsure how to go about it or need help with transportation, please contact one of the elders and they will be happy to help you

- The Meijer on 173 will be running a Simply Give campaign through Saturday, July 3rd. The Double Match Day is Saturday, June 19th. Cards are available at the building, through a Pantry board member or you can get them in the store at the location on 173 only

- There is a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building from 10 - 11 am

- Joan Letsinger is at her son's home ( Wendell and Debra Letsinger) recovering from her hip replacement surgery, if you would like to send her a card the address is:

3470 Prairie Flower Circle  
Rockford, IL 61114

- Sammi West's address is 519 Parkway Avenue Loves Park, IL 61111

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