### **Focused Praver**

As you pray this week, consider the general points below to help guide your requests and praises.

### Health Needs

Remember to pray for those suffering from rare health conditions for which there is not yet any known cure—for God's mercy, sustaining grace, and breakthroughs in treatment Pray for those recovering from surgery and other medical procedures and treatments, that their

recovery be in God's time and according to His will Pray for those in the valley of decision— As we continue to pray for the physical health of those suffering from diabetes, kidney disease, high blood-pressure, respiratory, and other conditions, let us remember to pray for their (and our) emotional, mental, and spiritual health

### **Community & Country**

- Pray for God's blessing those who are volunteering to serve at our community center, Hope Center, and other such entities, and that more will volunteer
- Pray for the families bereaved and those wounded by the most recent school violence, as well as the aggressor and his family, that each turn to God

### **Our Church – Local and World-Wide**

Our Father in Heaven, forgive us as a people; help us to be focused on You and soul-saving, rather than on self preservation.—we need Your Holy Spirit Please continue to pray for all those recently baptized, that they grow in their daily devotion to God, love and faith

"Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision, for the day of the Lord is near, in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:14)

#### **Other requests**

Pray that those adapting to new school and/or work environments find their identity in Christ and rely upon Him

Pray for all the active service men and women who have been deployed, that they put on the whole armor of God

Remember to pray for the free dental clinic, that all involved will be blessed

#### **Praises**

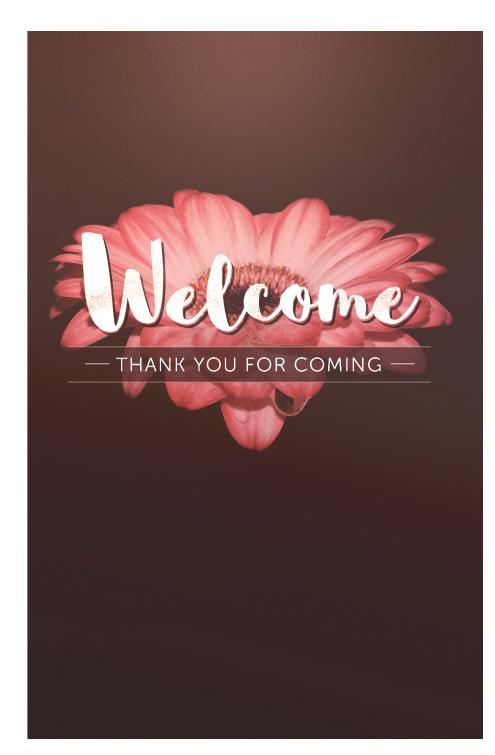
Praise God for the generosity of those within the Church family, whom God has used to meet the needs of those who could not meet those needs themselves

## Financial Report through August 31, 2024

To financially support any of these ministries, please mark your tithe envelope accordingly. Any undesignated contributions turned in by tithe envelope will remain in the local church

	Yearly Budget	Monthly Budget	Rec. this month	Budget to date	YTD Rec.
Church Budget*	\$223,200	\$18,600	\$19,798	\$150,238	\$134,424
Media Ministry	\$20,500	\$1,708	\$935	\$13,825	\$13,072

\*Church Budget consists of: Christian Education (41%), Church Expense (30%), Evangelism (3.5%), Building Maintenance (3%), Operatina Reserves (Working Capital) (3%), Media Ministry (3%), Pathfinders (3%), Sabbath School (3%), Contingency (2%), Youth/YA (2%), Community Services (2%), Worthy Student (2%), Adventurers (1%), Personal Ministries (1%), and Social Committee (0.5%)



September 7, 2024

Happy Sabbath and Welcome to the Cicero SDA Church

# Sabbath School – 9:45 a.m.

There are adult Sabbath School classes located in the church sanctuary and in the fellowship hall – please feel free to join either class. For the location of children, youth, and young adult classes, please ask the greeter for directions.

## Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements	Jordan Reichert	
Praise through Singing		
Worship through the Written Word <i>Luke 9:23-24</i>	Art Miller	
Garden of Prayer	Art Miller	
Children's Story	Art Miller	
Worship through Giving <i>Church Budget</i>	Jordan Reichert	
Music for Meditation		
Worship through the Spoken Word <i>"The Perfect Church: Must-have Disciples"</i>	Pastor Cris	
Hymn of Dedication <i>'Tis Love That Makes Us Happy</i>	#579	

## Announcements

### **Events Next Sabbath**

Next Sabbath we will be having a communion service during the worship hour. We invite you to prepare your hearts through prayer this week and join us for the service as we celebrate it together. We also take up a love offering after the service to care for those in our church and local community. Please consider what you can give to this important fund.

Also, a reminder that next week is one of our scheduled Sabbaths where we get together after church and share a potluck meal with our church friends. Be sure to make a little extra food and come join us!

### **Midweek Study**

You are invited to join us on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We're in a new study series for prayer meeting, taking a fresh look at some of the best known stories of the Bible and are excited to share this study with you.

## Amen Outreach – Volunteer Breakfast

As you may have heard, the Amen Outreach Ministry is hosting a dental clinic at Indianapolis Junior Academy on September 22. Cicero is in charge of preparing sack breakfasts for all of the volunteers. We need people to help us pack 200 lunch bags on Sabbath evening, September 21. Watch for more details soon!

### **Church Campout**

As you've been hearing up front and perhaps seeing in weekly emails, we are planning a church campout September 27-29 at Mississinewa State Park (about an hour from the church). Camping not your thing? There is an option to just come for the day on Sabbath — we have S.S. and worship together and then have lunch together (provided for free). Anyone is welcome to join us for the camping or just for the day. See Jerry Hill to register, or scan the QR code in the weekly email (even if you are just coming for the day). It's a great time of church fellowship together!

## **Bountiful Living Program**

We are in the planning stages of a health seminar to be held in Tipton (in cooperation with the Hobbs church) October 13-November 6, three nights each week. This is an outreach event, so start thinking now of who you might invite to attend from your friends in our community. More details will be published over the next few weeks. See Steve Arany or B'Jay Currier with any questions in the meantime!