

The Grapevine



Fall is upon us! For months, farmers have tirelessly plowed, fertilized, planted, and tended to their fields. Now comes their reward: the harvest!

Jesus often used the language of the harvest to describe the work of His Kingdom. In Matthew 9:37–38, He told His disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”**

I want you to focus on one word from this passage: laborers.

For 211 years, Cove Spring Church has stood as a beacon of faith within the community. However, we did not arrive at 211 years because generations of Christians simply occupied a pew, consumed a worship service, and went home. This church is here because people labored.

They prayed. They shared the Good News. They gave their time, talent, and treasure. They taught children. They cared for neighbors. They served even when nobody noticed and no credit was given.

We are enjoying a harvest today from seeds planted long before any of us arrived at Cove Spring. The Christian life, however, was never meant to make us merely consumers of someone else’s harvest. We have been called into the field ourselves. The question I want each one of you to consider is this: What are you planting for those who will come after you? What harvest are you leaving for the next generation?

If Cove Spring continues to serve and witness to this community for years to come, it will not be because we rested on the faithfulness of those who came before us. It will be because another generation stepped into the field and labored.

There is still seed to sow. There are still people who need the gospel. There are still children to disciple, neighbors to love, hurting people to care for, and a community to serve.

As Jesus said, the harvest is plentiful. I pray that our church will never be merely consumers of the harvest. Rather, may we be laborers in it

*Your Co-laborer,
Pastor Josh Miller*

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Joys and Concerns

- *Please welcome Pastor Josh Miller and his wife Stefanie and their children Landon, Findlay, and Rylee.*
- *Amelia Wolfe-high school student in ICU for 2 months-serious liver, pancreas, and kidney issues*
- *Kathy Zerkle Struman - pancreatic cancer*
- *Mike Terebinski - prostate cancer*
- *Mallie Williams (age 7) reconstructive surgeries from an accident*
- *Tricia McMaken - was able to come home*
- *Rich Spear - quadruple bypass surgery needed*
- *The family of Larry Kinder upon his passing.*

Continued Prayer for those with ongoing health issues and/or Cancer.

Nevin Elleman	Julie Kurtz
Kathy Shellhaas	Betty Trostel
Patty Taynor	John Jess
Lynda Mott	Richard McMaken
Judy Taynor	
Gage Thompson	
Marty- Marilyn Rowe's brother	

Happy Birthday!

Lauren Wright, Jennifer Bailey
Phyllis Bair, Rita Miller
Sharon Holzen, Allen Benham
Beth Dunivan, Paul Hershberger
Abigail Hilliard, Bub Tackett
Anita Csikos, Lois Swallow
Ava Walters, John Jess
Cyndi Rose, Brian Bensman
Rebecca Russell, Tammy Parke
Dick Hill, Ethan Hershberger
Jim Shellhaas, Bonnie Sutherly
Weston Sandberg, David Swigart
Diana Wilhelm, JoAnn Williams
Melonie Benham, Steve Yantis
Oliver Horner, Stacy Landis
Linda Shellhaas, Tiffany Hilliard

HAPPY Anniversary

Josh & Leanna Hershberger, Justin & Meg Hershberger
Bradley & Destiny Knife, Josh & Lauren Stevens
Brian & Kim Harbison, Devon & Kelly Sentman
Matt & Katie Clevenger, Jordan & Sarah Miller
Brian & Jennifer Bowman, Lee & Debbie Shellhaas
Randy & Lynda Mott, Bill & Marisa Roeser
Garrett & Grace Sprinkle, Jim & Debbie Faulder
David & Kathy Sturman

BLESSING BOX



The Blessing Box is being used every week. Non-perishables are needed.

Important Dates

OCT 4 - WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

OCT 5 - DEACON BD MTG - 7 PM

OCT 7 - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesday's at 12:30pm

OCT 11 -PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

OCT 11- RECEPTION AFTER CHURCH

OCT 11- COVE SPRING KIDS

OCT 13 - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 10AM

OCT 13- CHURCH BUSINESS MTG 7PM

OCT 15 - FOOTBALL TEAM MEAL

OCT 17 -SECURITY TEAM TRAINING,10A

OCT 31 - HARVEST PARTY - 4-7PM

*Fall fellowship & chili cook off at
Lostcreek Memory Barn

YOUTH GROUP (6TH -12TH GRADE)



In September we planned our year out. Our next activity will be helping with the Chili cook off and games at the Harvest Party

Choir practice
every Wednesday
at 7:30 pm.
Please consider
joining us!



FOOTBALL TEAM MEAL - OCT 15

Sign up to provide dessert for the Miami East football team meal on Oct. 15. Please drop of your dessert at the church by 3pm.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - OCT 13, 10AM-2PM

Work meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10am-2pm. Bring something to share for lunch. All women are welcome to come. Please let Diana Wilhelm know if you are coming at 937-875-1004.



COVE SPRING KIDS (PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE)



Thank you for supporting our lemonade and baked good stand. We were blessed by all of our church family and will use our funds for fun activities, snacks, and crafts through the coming year.

Next Cove Spring Kids will be October 11, 10:45-11:45 am.



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY OCTOBER 11, 2026

Please join us as we welcome Pastor Josh Miller as the new Senior Pastor of Cove Spring Church and thank Pastor Don Trumbull for his time with us as our Interim Pastor.

We will have a reception after church on Oct. 11 with donuts, coffee & juice



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING, OCT. 13 AT 7PM

All are encouraged to attend the quarterly Church Business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7pm.

****If you have any changes for the yearbook such as policy suggestions, committee changes, or any other changes, please bring those to the meeting.**

CHURCH CONTACT INFO

church email: covespringchurch@gmail.com

Pastor Don Trumbull
937-418-1088

Pastor Josh Miller
281-705-5237

New Church Phone Number
937-315-1647

For the One-Call prayer chain and announcements, please use the new church phone number.

A festive poster for a Fall Fellowship event. The background is dark with strings of warm white lights and scattered autumn leaves. The text is arranged in a central, inviting layout. At the bottom, there are images of pumpkins, a football, and a pot of chili, suggesting the themes of the event.

LET'S GET TOGETHER
and enjoy
Fall Fellowship

OCTOBER **31** 4- 7:00 PM

Chili Cook Off for the Adults
Halloween party for the kids

ENJOY LAWN GAMES, PUMPKIN DECORATING,
FALL TREATS, DONUT EATING CONTEST, CHILI, AND
MORE!

Lostcreek Memory Barn

Bring a side dish or
dessert to share

Children dress in your
costumes for all the fun.
Adults can join in the fun as
well.

Details

If you are entering the Chili
Cook-off please reach out to
Michelle to enter. Who's
going to bring home the
prize??



THANK YOU

Thank you so much to our congregation members that have given their time and talents over the past year to make Cove Spring Church so special. Your love and commitment are a blessing to the church and to all who walk through our doors.



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

— 1 PETER 4:10, NIV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We need to fill 4 Deacon Board positions for 2027
- We have many committees that we need volunteers for 2027

SERVING OTHERS

**Opportunities to serve
Cove Spring Church in 2027**

We need volunteers to serve in 2027 for these special events:

- Graduation
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Easter Party
- Bible School
- Harvest Party
- Children's Christmas Program
- Christmas Treats Committee

More Committees:

- Funeral Dinner Committee
- Church Sign Committee
- Christmas Decorating
- Missions Committee
- Audio Visual Team

WE NEED YOUR HELP



**We also need
any phone #
& address
updates for
the Yearbook**



Officers:

- Deacon Board
- Trustee

Please email covespringchurch@gmail.com or talk to Betsy Staley if you are interested in any of the serving opportunities by Oct. 13. Thank you!!

Betsy Staley, 937-608-0807



OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 World Wide Communion	5 Deacon Bd. Mtg 7pm	6	7 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30pm</i> <i>Choir practice 7:30pm</i>	8	9	10
11 Pastor Appreciation Day Reception after church <i>Cove Spring Kids</i>	12	13 Women's Fellowship 10a-2p Church Business Mtg. 7pm	14 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30pm</i> <i>Choir practice 7:30pm</i>	15 Desserts for the Football Team Meal	16	17 Security Team Training 10am
18	19	20	21 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30pm</i> <i>Choir practice 7:30pm</i>	22	23	24
25 General Fund Offering	26	27	28 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30pm</i> <i>Choir practice 7:30pm</i>	29	30	31 Harvest Party Fall Fellowship Chili cook off 4-7pm



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