



# Matthews Church of God Newsletter

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The Matthews Church of God welcomes Bill Raum as our newest elder. We are excited to have Bill & Evelyn Raum as part of our leadership team.

## Quick Links

Check out our website:  
[Matthews Church of God](http://Matthews Church of God)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Amanda Risher - 1st  
 Daraka Gardner - 3rd  
 Jacob Burnette - 4th



## Filthy Rags!

When I first got into the ministry I was told that the greatest difficulty I would face would be people's ignorance; and I believed that for many years. However, recently I have come to realize that the greatest difficulty faced in the ministry is *"self-righteousness"*.

It was self-righteous people that stoned the prophets. It was self-righteous people that stopped up their ears and would not listen to Stephen, the church's first martyr. It was self-righteous people that cried, *"crucify him"*; concerning our Lord.

The New Testament church had its share of self-righteous people. Judas Iscariot displayed self-righteousness when Mary anointed Jesus; he complained that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor.

Ananias and Sapphira displayed self-righteousness when they pretended to give all their money to the church.

Diotrephes displayed self-righteousness when he would not receive the apostles; he wanted to have preeminence in the church.

Matthew 5:20 *"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

Self-righteousness is so ugly that God calls it *"filthy rags"*!

Isaiah 64:6 *"All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"*.

We struggle with *"self-righteousness"* and we want to appear spiritually superior to others. Yet the truth is that we are all guilty of wearing filthy rags that are unfit.

When we appear before God we better have more than *"self-righteousness"*

Alicia Honeycutt - 6th  
Madeline Moreno - 6th  
Michael Lowe - 7th  
Cory Hester - 8th  
Melissa Presson - 12th  
James Griffin - 14th  
Doug Presson - 14th  
Joanie Hunter - 16th  
Kitty Davis - 24th  
Pat Tucker - 28th  
Theresa Pennell - 30th

### Message



Tim Houatchanthara

Voted "Youth of the Year" by his peers!

Tim is an outstanding Christian young man; God has blessed Tim with many talents!

Way to go Tim!

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Doug & Kathy Presson - 6th  
Stan & Tracy Widener - 6th  
Malcolm & Amelia Jackson - 7th  
William & Joanie Hunter - 21st  
James & Carolyn Griffin - 26st

Philippians 3:9 *"And be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"*

Praise the Lord!



## ANNUAL BAR-B-Q

The Women's Ministries will be sponsoring their annual BAR-B-Q Sale on Friday September 24th beginning at 11 a.m.

You are welcome to come and eat in our spacious fellowship hall; take outs will also be available.

Plates include: BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Cake, Roll and Drink.

Plates are \$ 7 for adults and \$ 4 for children ages 4-10; 3 and under eat free.

Plates will be delivered with a minimal order of 10.

The BBQ is always delicious!



## Senior Adult/Grandparent's Day

We are celebrating "Senior Adult/Grandparent's Day" at Matthews on September 12th.

Our choir will feature our Senior Adults/Grandparents; singing oldies but goodies.

The Seniors will be in charge of every aspect of the service. Our guest speaker will be retired pastor, Bishop Ken Barnett.

## How To Know You're Getting Older

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the morning after and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains names only ending in M.D.

Your children begin to look middle age.

You finally reach the top of the ladder and find it's leaning against the wrong wall.

Your mind makes contracts your body can't keep.

A dripping faucet causes and uncontrollable bladder urge.

You look forward to a dull evening.

Your favorite part of the newspaper is "20 Years Ago Today."

You turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic ones.  
You sit in the rocking chair and can't get it going.  
Your knees buckle and your belt won't.



## Church of God General Assembly

You can watch the Church of God General Assembly services by following this link: [ASSEMBLY NOW](#)

## Upcoming Events

Jeff Chappell & Anna Grier's Wedding September 4th  
Nathan Atwood/Guest Speaker PM Service September 5th  
Labor Day September 6th  
Senior Adult/Grandparent's Day (Guest Speaker: Bishop Ken Barnett) September 12th  
Women's Ministries Meeting 7:00 PM September 14th  
LifeBuilder's Bible Study 6:30 PM September 16th  
Deacon Installation September 19th and Sunday Night Sundaes after the p.m. service.  
Elder's Meeting 7:00 PM September 21st  
Work night for BBQ Sale 6:30 PM September 23rd  
BBQ Sale 11:00 AM until September 24th  
Membership Opportunity September 26st  
Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM September 28th

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