

September calls us back to the merciful work God gives us to do as the church. Even though we have not been gone long, we were able to take a break for a minute, recharge, and remember we are the temple of God, we edify the temple with the scriptures, we live our lives with joy and walk humbly with our God.

What is an Acolyte?

An acolyte is a person, generally a youth, who helps the clergy with the service.

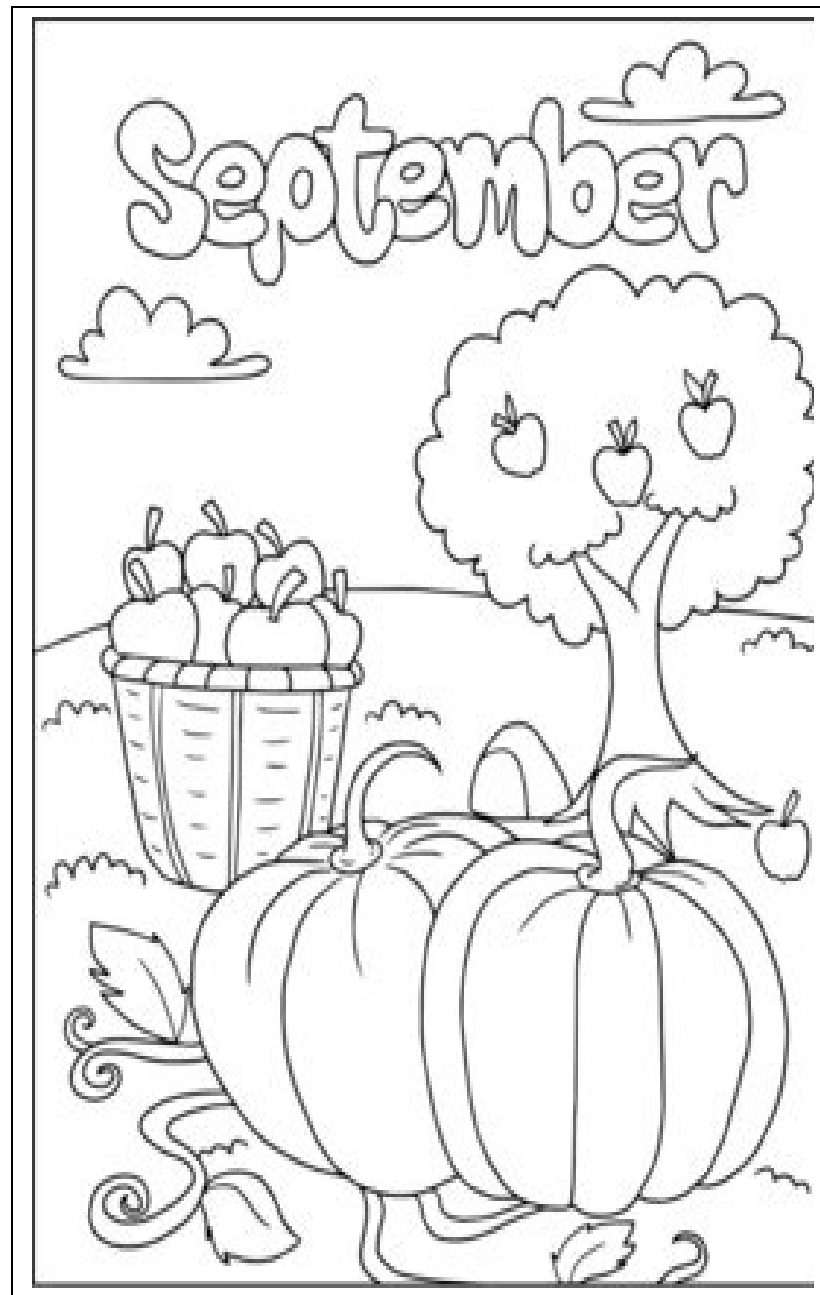
We usually think of acolytes as the persons lighting the candles at the beginning of the service and extinguishing the candles at the end. The light the acolytes bring into the service is the light of Christ coming in from the world to reside with us during the service and the acolytes take the light of Christ out to the world leading us into His mission.

In some churches, an acolyte brings the cross of Christ into the church leading a procession while holding the processional cross. This brings the body of Christ into the congregation for worship and adoration.

The acolytes are also trained to assist with the Sacraments of the church, setting up communion and assisting with Baptism hardware (moving trays or baptismal fonts to where they need to be, replenishing supplies, etc.).

Acolytes can also assist the ushers with offering duties ensuring the plates are ready for the ushers and returning them to the altar when the offering has been taken.

Acolyte is a word derived from Greek meaning attendant or helper.



Bring completed picture to Pastor for a special prize!

Announcements and Happenings

September 23 Trailer of Hope- Look for sign up in the Narthex

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES

September 6 — Honoring God
September 13 – Seeing the Gospel
September 20 – What is required?
September 27 — Do it well

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CHURCH FINANCES

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The Pleasant News

Sunday Worship 10:00am
Bible Study 9:00am

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Pastoral Ponderings

When I was a kid, we always had a “homecoming” celebration in September at church. We usually had a picnic; everyone was invited to bring food and invite someone who had not been to church in a little while. September brings us home from all the summer fun and travel to get back into the word, back into worship and renew our pledges to God.

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit who resides within us at the good will and pleasure of our magnificent God. We honor God by caring for ourselves as the temple. Edifying ourselves in the word and through prayer. Avoiding negativity. Exercising our connection with God through prayer.

How can we see the Gospel in the world around us? First, we need to look into the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Then, we must know there are glories to come. We can inquire into the Gospel through Bible study, through meditation and through discussion in conversations or Bible Study. We can see the Gospel and grace of Christ in our world.

God has shown us what is good. He knows we are mortal and He loves us, but what is required? He asks us to do justice. Be fair, help those less fortunate than we are, feed the hungry, give out of our love for each other. He asks us to love mercy. Love to show mercy. Think rightly of yourself. Walk humbly with our God.

We are also called to live out our lives well. We are called to complete the tasks given to us by our God well. We are called to enjoy the lives God has given us by performing our work, our communications with others, and shouldering the tasks we have been given the opportunity to complete with the love, grace, and mercy Christ has shown us.