



NEWS & EVENTS

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Growing in Faith

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November 21, 2023

COUNT ME IN!

Week #5 of our Stewardship Campaign focuses on **GENEROSITY**. What a perfect way to wrap up our campaign as we head into Thanksgiving week! This week's challenge is to commit to 5 acts of generosity. Generosity is the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish. Give thanks and praise God through your acts of generosity this week!



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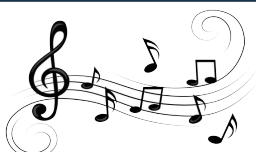
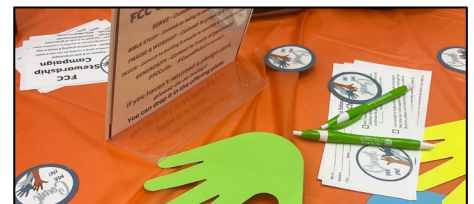
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Stewardship Appreciation Breakfast was delicious! We had eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, little smokies, and donuts. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed delicious food prepared by our Stewardship Team!



Thank you to everyone who filled out a commitment card either in-person or online. Cards are still available on the Sanctuary entryway table if you'd like to fill one out.



Choir Notes

No rehearsal this Wednesday.

Cantata Rehearsal Schedule

- 7 p.m. Wed., Nov. 28
- 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2

Performance

- 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 3

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!



Sunday, Nov. 26 following worship we will **DECK THE HALLS/SANCTUARY!** We will have pizza and drinks and have all the supplies to decorate. We need a lot of hands to make it efficient! *Many hands make light work!*

Kid Min Minute

Our Sunday morning studies of Joshua and his challenge of leading God's people into the Promised Land. It was up to Joshua to make sure they were "on the right track!" Since we will be wrapping up our series this upcoming Sunday, that means it's the last day to try to say this month's verse by memory! If they have learned it and can say it by memory, they will earn a trip to the prize box! I hope everyone gives it a shot, this one is a good one!

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23 (NIV)

WEEK 1
Obstacles are **NO PROBLEM** for God.

WEEK 2
COURAGE comes from knowing God's words.

WEEK 3
God can use someone **LIKE ME**.

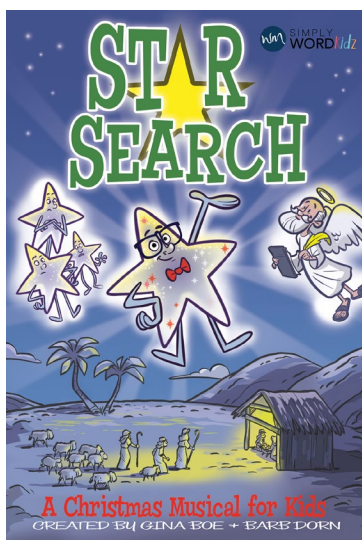
WEEK 4
With God, there is **VICTORY!**

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)

FCC Annual Children's Christmas Musical

Dec. 10 — 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Tasting Party to follow — bring a holiday treat to share!



Sunday, Dec 3 @ 10:30 a.m.

join us for a musical delight as we "Hang the Greens" (decorate the sanctuary) while the choir shares their Christmas Cantata!



Prayer Requests

We pray for those who have lost loved ones: Debbie Williams in the death of her mother Joan Putman, Anita Plummer Owen and Treva Seals in the death of their uncle Dean Smith, Shannon Doles and family in the death of her grandfather Basil Belveal, Sr.

We pray for our church family: Keith Young, Gerald Whitfield, Joan Dreessen, Rodney Stewart, Diana Dewart, Jake Doles, Marlin Jarnigan, Jennifer Bounds, Gene Owen, Denise Shoun, Annette Keller, Lydia Gates, Sarah Anderson, Marie Lynch, Debi Shore, John Shore, Dennis Lynch, Steve Ochs, Carl Biggs

Our church family currently in the assisted living or nursing home: Cynthia Baker, Joan Dreessen, Mickey Eckley, Dorothy Smith, Bonnie Reynolds

We pray for our friends and family members: Barb & Kara Sawyer, Lillian Butler, Grilley, Don Channel, Mike Brown, Abby Blake, John Timmons, Linda Beedle, Charlotte Cascio, Derrald Kizzia, Bradley Butt, Teal Esmeyer, Hendrix Beutler, Tonya Stansbury, Dennis and Norma Kelley, Mike London, Sam Porter, James Stowe, Mike Bell, Jodie Flurry, JD Inda, Woody Green, Gary Kragh, Blake Alaniz, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, David Brown, Susie Ellison, Mary Wheeler, Penelope Ivey, Teresa May, Elsie Steinbeck, Ed & Katherine Walton

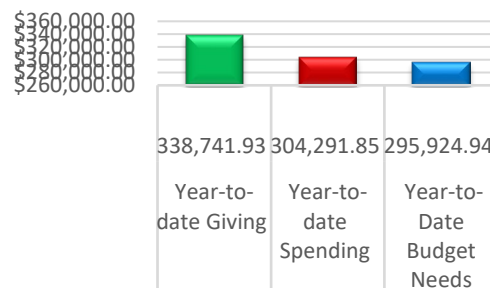
And our military all over the world: Sonny Crick, Court Machtolff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames

FCC Attendance

November 19 – 148

Average Nov. Attendance – 157

FCC Financial Update





FCC Christmas Stocking Drive for GPS Students

On Sunday, we kick off our annual **Stocking Drive!** We have 82 stockings left for adoption. You can call the church office at 405-282-4080 or pick up a tag in the entryway on Sunday to shop for a student in Guthrie Public Schools or make a donation to “Stockings” and we will do the shopping for you! It is recommended to purchase a gift/toy around \$25 for each student. Below is a list of gift ideas and the ages, grades and school for the students that remain. Gifts must be returned to the church by Dec. 3 and should NOT be wrapped, as we put them all in white paper gift sacks so each student gets a similar style package.

Students available for gift adoption

Central Elementary

- 1 PreK – girl
- 1 Kindergarten — girl
- 2 Kindergarten — boys
- 1 3rd Grade — girl
- 1 3rd Grade — boys
- 2 4th Grade — girls

Charter Oak Elementary

- 2 PreK – girls
- 2 PreK — boys
- 1 Kindergarten — girl
- 1 Kindergarten — boy
- 1 1st Grade — girl
- 3 1st Grade — boys
- 3 2nd Grade — girls
- 8 2nd Grade — boys
- 4 3rd Grade — girls
- 3 3rd Grade — boys
- 4 4th Grade — girls
- 1 4th Grade — boy

Cottoral Elementary

- 1 PreK – boy
- 1 Kindergarten — boy
- 5 1st Grade — boys
- 2 2nd Grade — girls
- 2 2nd Grade — boys
- 3 3rd Grade — girls
- 3 3rd Grade — boys
- 4 4th Grade — girls
- 6 4th Grade — boys

GUES Elementary

- 2 5th Grade — girls
- 2 6th Grade — girls
- 7 6th Grade — boys

Special Ed Students

- 8 — donation of \$25 per student and we will shop based on teacher information about student's needs.

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Still waiting on list, will have Sunday

Gift ideas for each grade level

Pre-K/Kindergarten

Babies, Barbies, dolls, dress-up and accessories, purses, plushies, pretend play, coloring/marker sets, craft supplies, books, dinosaurs, remote control cars, board games (Hedbanz, Guess Who), Magnatiles, Matchbox cars, trucks, sport balls, tractors, Legos, action figures

Hot Characters for Pre-K and Kindergarteners: Barbie, Bluey, Disney princesses, Marvel, Star Wars.

REMEMBER: No Nerf guns or weapons can be handed out at the schools.

1st and 2nd Grade

Barbies, Surprise Minis, Squishmallows, Doorables, art sets, books, remote control cars, drones, games (Trouble, Connect Four, Uno), NeeDoh Balls, Fidgets, MagnaDoodle, Hot Wheels, super heroes, Legos, action figures

Hot Characters for 1st and 2nd graders: Barbie, Trolls, Star Wars, Marvel

Also: anything surprise or mystery package related, sketch pads, stickers, unicorn for girls, sport balls for boys.

REMEMBER: No Nerf guns.

3rd and 4th grade

Barbies, Squishmallows, Surprise minis, hair/nail accessories, American Girl, art sets, diy craft kits, books, journals, fun pens/markers, remote control cars, drones, games (Monopoly, Jenga, Uno), science kits, coding and STEM activity kits, Legos, sport trading cards, **NO NERF GUNS.**

Hot Characters for 3rd and 4th graders: Barbie, Star Wars, Marvel **Also:** anything surprise or mystery package related, water bottle stickers, or jewelry for girls, sport balls or Bluejay gear for boys.

5th and 6th grade

Hair/nail accessories, art sets, diy craft kits, journals, fun pens, stickers, books, games (Monopoly, Blokus, Apples to Apples Jr., Jenga, brain-teasers and logic puzzles), science kits, coding and STEM activity kits, NERF balls, Legos, Bluetooth headphones or speakers

Also: Fidget or Rubiks cubes, water bottles, jewelry and keychains for girls, sport balls, and Bluejay gear for boys.

NO NERF GUNS or WEAPONS

Reminder: Please limit your gift purchase to \$25

Return the gift unwrapped WITH YOUR NUMBERED TAG to the church by Dec. 3

Remember – no weapons, nerf guns, violent toys.

Turkey BINGO – Gobble, Gobble



We had a delicious Walking Taco Dinner followed by a lively Bingo game. Prizes were many and winners were too! Thank you to our Connection's Team for putting this event together and to everyone who donated food, prizes and those who came to play!

Congratulations to our big winners of the night - Abigail Simpson (Ham), Luke Gill (Turkey) and Lesley Cotton (Turkey)!



Marlin May Jarnigan



Born on Nov. 17, 2023
8 Lbs, 10 oz.; 21.5" long

Our little Blessing!

Congratulations to: Brittany and Brian Jarnigan
Proud siblings: Jewel and Harvey

Christmas PARTY

Connecting Point will have a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at the "old Balsiger's Tire Shop" (124 N Wentz). Connecting Point is for those ages 30-50 years old (and their spouses or significant other). Everyone is invited to the Christmas Party and participants are asked to bring their own drink and a lawn chair. There will be a dirty Santa gift exchange with a \$20 limit.

Christmas in the Country

Saturday, Dec. 9 @ 10 a.m.-noon

Janie Carey's Home

(we will send directions to those who sign up)

Holiday Treats
Gift Exchange
Christmas Music
Christmas Devotion



What to Expect!

- Christmas snacks and drinks will be provided.
- Gift Exchange will be scripture-based! Once we have 30 signed up we will have you choose from a list of scriptures and your gift will be based on that. Gifts can be something from your home or store-bought (\$20 or less)
- We will sing a few carols and share "Christmas favorites."
- A Christmas devotion will be shared.
- Great fellowship, food and fun!

Sign-up by Dec. 3 to reserve your spot!
(only 5 spots remain!)

YOUTH NEWS

November Birthdays: Taylor Mays = 6th & Gabby Bench = 8th!

GATHER

Sunday, 11/26 Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday, 11/29 6-7:30 Youth Nights!

Sunday, 12/3 Worship 10:30 am YOUTH EXTRA & 11:30 am - 2 pm ANGEL TREE shopping - bring \$5 for lunch!

GROW:

Scriptures: Joshua 2; Matthew 25:14-30

ARE WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK? Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to the *Promised Land Grand Prix!* Buckle up and check your engines as we'll be racing through the life of Joshua and the Israelites!

AND WE ARE OFF... During Youth Extra, we read about how God can use everyone! The Bible story of Rahab is a great example of someone the world might define as unworthy but God knew her heart!

If you want to race into this story, try these questions...

• SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- **Who did Joshua send to Jericho and why?** (*Joshua sent two spies to look over the land.*)
- **What did Rahab do to protect the spies?** (*She hid them, then told the king's messengers that they went in a different direction.*)
- **Why did Rahab help the spies?** (*She believed in the God of Israel and hoped the Israelites would rescue her when the time came.*)
- **Read Matthew 25:21. What do you think it means to be "good and faithful"?**

PIT STOP (Weekly challenge): Every racer needs to take a pit stop to stop and refuel. Ask yourself:

- I know that **God can use someone like me**, but what might that look like?
 - **Think of someone who taught you something.**
 - **Think of someone who helped you out before.**
 - **Think of another someone who encourages you and makes you feel great about yourself.**
 - **Think of someone else whom you would turn to if you were in any kind of trouble.**
- These are people that were *used by God* to do those things for you. If they had shrugged their shoulders and decided to pass on the opportunities, you might not be where you are today. We can't see God, but God gives us people we *can* see to show us what it looks like to love and care the way God does. So when you allow yourself to be used by God, you get to help someone know a little more about God!
- **How can you give THANKS to someone whom God used to help you?**

PRAYER: God, thank you for people like Rahab, who had faith and trusted in you. Help us to be on the lookout for ways you can use people like us, too. We know that no one is too small or insignificant to you. Amen.

GIVE:

Sunday, 11/26 Reading Scripture = Bailey; Serving = Clayton & Colten 11:30 am Need help decorating for Christmas! There will be pizza ☺

Sunday, 12/3 Reading Scripture = Hallie; Serving = Blake & Zach

11:30 am - 2 pm ANGEL TREE shopping - bring \$5 for lunch!

DIG IN to the Word...Bible Study with us!



We have an ongoing group of people who do Bible studies together on the YouVersion Bible app. If you want to join the group and discussion, download the app, send a friend request to Karen Allen and she will invite you to each study.



Join us on the You Version Bible App!

YouVersion Reading Plan - November and December					
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan	Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Nov	Giftng and Growth	3 Days	3-Dec	Rediscovering Christmas in the Chaos	4 Days
2-Nov	Giftng and Growth	3 Days	4-Dec	Rediscovering Christmas in the Chaos	4 Days
3-Nov	Giftng and Growth	3 Days	5-Dec	Discovering Hope Through Joseph	5 Days
4-Nov	Stop, Drop and Worship	6 Days	6-Dec	Discovering Hope Through Joseph	5 Days
5-Nov	Stop, Drop and Worship	6 Days	7-Dec	Discovering Hope Through Joseph	5 Days
6-Nov	Stop, Drop and Worship	6 Days	8-Dec	Discovering Hope Through Joseph	5 Days
7-Nov	Stop, Drop and Worship	6 Days	9-Dec	Discovering Hope Through Joseph	5 Days
8-Nov	Stop, Drop and Worship	6 Days	10-Dec	We need Christmas	3 Days
9-Nov	Stop, Drop and Worship	6 Days	11-Dec	We need Christmas	3 Days
10-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	12-Dec	We need Christmas	3 Days
11-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	13-Dec	Christmas Prayers for your Heart	5 Days
12-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	14-Dec	Christmas Prayers for your Heart	5 Days
13-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	15-Dec	Christmas Prayers for your Heart	5 Days
14-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	16-Dec	Christmas Prayers for your Heart	5 Days
15-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	17-Dec	Christmas Prayers for your Heart	5 Days
16-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	18-Dec	Christmas Vocations	4 Days
17-Nov	The Five P's of Evangelism	8 Days	19-Dec	Christmas Vocations	4 Days
18-Nov	A Three Step Guide to Generosity	5 Days	20-Dec	Christmas Vocations	4 Days
19-Nov	A Three Step Guide to Generosity	5 Days	21-Dec	Christmas Vocations	4 Days
20-Nov	A Three Step Guide to Generosity	5 Days	22-Dec	Wonders of His Love	4 Days
21-Nov	A Three Step Guide to Generosity	5 Days	23-Dec	Wonders of His Love	4 Days
22-Nov	A Three Step Guide to Generosity	5 Days	24-Dec	Wonders of His Love	4 Days
23-Nov	5 Prayers of Gratitude	5 Days	25-Dec	Wonders of His Love	4 Days
24-Nov	5 Prayers of Gratitude	5 Days	26-Dec	Jesus the Creator, Carpenter, Gardner & King	4 Days
25-Nov	5 Prayers of Gratitude	5 Days	27-Dec	Jesus the Creator, Carpenter, Gardner & King	4 Days
26-Nov	5 Prayers of Gratitude	5 Days	28-Dec	Jesus the Creator, Carpenter, Gardner & King	4 Days
27-Nov	5 Prayers of Gratitude	5 Days	29-Dec	Jesus the Creator, Carpenter, Gardner & King	4 Days
28-Nov	Divine Demolition	3 Days	30-Dec	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days
29-Nov	Divine Demolition	3 Days	31-Dec	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days
30-Nov	Divine Demolition	3 Days	1-Jan	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days
1-Dec	Rediscovering Christmas in the Chaos	4 Days	2-Jan	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days
2-Dec	Rediscovering Christmas in the Chaos	4 Days			

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2. Send a "friend request" to Karen Allen
3. Karen will accept it and begin sending you invites to each study. You can choose to join a study or wait for the next invite.