



# NEWS & EVENTS

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## COUNT ME IN!

Week #3 of our Stewardship Campaign focuses on **PRAISE & PRAYER**. This should be an easy challenge...Pray 5 times a day...when you wake up, breakfast time, lunch time, dinner time and before you go to bed. Praise God for the blessings He has given to you and remember to pray for those on our prayer list.

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## Choir Rehearsals for Christmas Cantata

We are excited to share that we have a plan for the Cantata! Since it is also Hanging of the Greens Day, Ronnie has put together a lovely interactive service to teach us about the seasonal elements decorating the sanctuary and what they mean to us at Christmas time. Our performance will include three songs, two of which will be familiar carols. The service will host Scripture readings, descriptive readings, congregational hymns, communion and our three choir pieces.

Jennifer Weeks Hibner has agreed to help prepare the choir and run the rehearsals. She is the capable, very talented daughter of Gary and Jane Weeks. Jennifer has served as a worship leader and has been a musician most of her life (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree). Anita will accompany our rehearsals, and our amazing praise band will perform with us for the Cantata.

Rehearsals will be at 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 8, 15, and 29 in the Choir Room. We will meet one last time before church on Sun., Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. The cantata will be on Dec. 3 at 10:30. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us! The more, the merrier... literally!

## Bible Study Opportunity

WHAT IS THE  
BOOK OF ISAIAH  
ALL ABOUT?

When I read blurbs like "Isaiah is quoted in the New Testament

More times than any other prophet" I find myself wanting to know more. What about you? Every Tuesday through the end of the year, I will be in the Choir Room at 6:30 p.m. reading the book of Isaiah and seeing what else I can find out. Please join me on this journey. This is open to all!

Wayne Elder

# Kid Min Minute

The Christmas program is coming right along. Our Wednesday practices have been going great and the show will be so cute! If you have not let Shana, Staci, or Natalie know what shirt color and size your child will need, please make sure to send an email to [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) before Nov. 15. We're asking for contributions of \$5 per kid to cover the costs of getting these shirts made. Thanks for your help with this!

There is still plenty of time to jump in on the November Gratitude challenge! In this month of giving thanks, it's a great time to acknowledge the people and the experiences we sometimes take for granted! Check out the Kids@FCC Facebook page for more info about that and all the need-to-know information from each Sunday morning's lesson to keep that family discipleship going throughout your week at home!

**ON THE RIGHT TRACK**

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Obstacles are <b>NO PROBLEM</b> for God.	<b>COURAGE</b> comes from knowing God's words.	God can use someone <b>LIKE ME.</b>	With God, there is <b>VICTORY!</b>

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

# Prayer Requests

**We pray for our church family:** Mike Carey, our Branson Trip attendees, Jennifer Bounds, Gene Owen, Denise Shoun, Bill Bowles, Annette Keller, Lydia Gates, Cathy Clark-Mitchell, Terri McNulty, Jake Carey, Sarah Anderson, Marie Lynch, Clara Price, LaDonna McCune, Debi Shore, John Shore, Dennis Lynch, Steve Ochs, Carl Biggs

**Our church family currently in the assisted living or nursing home:** Cynthia Baker, Joan Dreesen, Mickey Eckley, Gerald Whitfield, Dorothy Smith

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Don Channel, Mike Brown, Abby Blake, Gabby Roettger, Lupe Mendez, John Timmons, Linda Beedle, Charlotte Cascio, Derrald Kizzia, Bradley Butt, Clayton Carpenter, Teal Esmeyer, Hendrix Beutler, Tonya Stansbury, Dennis and Norma Kelley, Mike London, Sam Porter, James Stowe, Mike Bell, Jodie Flurry, JD Inda, Leland Dennis, Woody Green, Gary Kragh, Blake Alaniz, Carolyn Christie, Cindy Curtis, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, David Brown, Susie Ellison, Phil Young, 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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
Sunday, November 19 - We've got you covered for breakfast & dinner!

STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION

**Breakfast**

9:30 a.m.

**TURKEY BINGO!**  
5 P.M.  
"WALKING TACO" DINNER

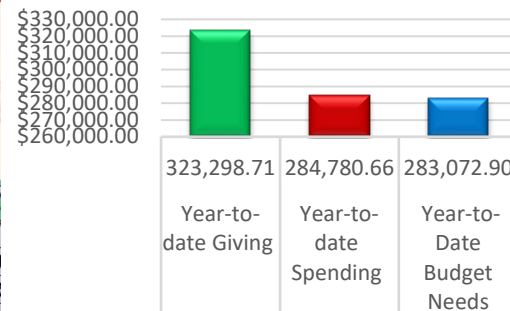


## FCC Attendance

November 5 – 151

Average Oct. Attendance – 155

## FCC Financial Update



# YOUTH NEWS

November Birthdays: Taylor Mays = 6<sup>th</sup> & Gabby Bench = 8<sup>th</sup>!  
Wednesday, 11/8 Lunch delivery = Pizza! 6-7:30 p.m. Youth Nights!  
Sunday, 11/12 Reading Scripture = Gabby; Serving = Max & Aiden  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Youth Rake & Run!

## GATHER

**GROW:** **Scriptures:** Numbers 13:18-20, 27, 31-33 & Numbers 14:7-9;  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37



**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 to see if they stay *On the Right Track* toward the land that God promised them!

**AND WE ARE OFF...** During Youth Extra, we read about obstacles of the Israelites and how God was there through all sorts of dire situations. We also discussed who else faced obstacles in the wilderness... Jesus! Jesus was tempted to go against God's plans, but He remembered God's words and was able to overcome. Sometimes, we can't see a way around an obstacle. All we can see is the obstacle in front of us — things like difficult school work, problems within friend groups, loved ones being sick, or feelings that bring us down. Sometimes, God will remove an obstacle, and other times, God might show us how to navigate around one. Just like with the Israelites, God has taken us through, over, and around many obstacles, so nothing can take us off track when following God! If we keep our eyes focused on God and not on the obstacles, we don't need to be afraid. We don't need to worry. God is with me, and God is with you.

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

- **Why did Moses send the twelve men to Canaan?** (They were sent to check out the land and the people who lived there.)
- **What did ten of the spies say about the land?** (They said that the land was good, but the people living there were too strong to defeat and the Israelites seemed like grasshoppers by comparison.)
- **How did Joshua and Caleb show they trusted God?** (They told the people God was with them, God would give them the land, and to not be afraid.)
- **In the passage from Psalms, what were some of the obstacles that God removed for the people?** *Hunger & thirst; people were lost & struggling.*

**PIT STOP (Weekly challenge):** Every racer needs to take a pit stop so their pit crew can refuel their cars, replace tires, and make any repairs needed. Find time this week to stop and refuel. Ask yourself:

- **What is one way you can take a break from or one way you can overcome the things, or people, that might be obstacles in your life right now?** Think of a time when you were faced with an obstacle or hard time in your life. How did you feel before facing the obstacle? How did you feel after? What is one way you can trust God with an obstacle?

**PRAYER:** God, we want to grow our faith so we can trust you like Caleb and Joshua did when everyone else was scared of the obstacles in the way. Thank you for helping us with the many struggles we face in our lives. We know they are no problem for you! Amen.

# 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.



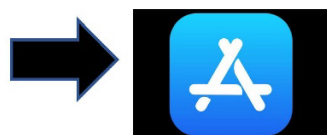
## Join us on the You Version Bible App!

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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<https://www.youversion.com/>

If you have an iPhone



App Store

If you have an Android  
(all other phones)



Play Store

1. Once you download the app, create a user profile
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.