

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY: Join us for friendship Sunday **TODAY** following the worship service. We are providing lasagna and there is ham left over from Robinwood. If your name starts with A-M please bring side dishes and N-Z please bring desserts. Donations will be accepted, and please invite your friends.

ADULT BIBLE COMMUNITY each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15. We conclude our study on Mark next week and will begin **Resolving Everyday Conflict** on November 27.

PLEASE COME HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH BUILDING for Christmas this coming Wednesday, November 23 @ 9:30am. There will be opportunity for the whole family to participate.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT is next Sunday, November 27. A dress rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant is scheduled for noon. Bring a sack lunch.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: We rehearse every other week and our next rehearsal is Nov 28 at the building. For more information or to sign up please contact Michael Kuehn (eventhieves@gmail.com).

SYNERGY CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Preschool and Elementary will have separate parties at the same time: Friday, December 2 from 5-7pm. Bring \$2 and stocking stuffers; we'll have a Yule Log for supper.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! Wednesday, December 7 @ 6:30pm. Reception will follow.

VITAMIN DRIVE: The mission committee would like to raise awareness regarding the care and needs of orphans world-wide and allow the congregation of Grace to be involved runs for the entire month of November. Hard chewable vitamins are needed to supplement the feeding programs provided by Vision Trust International. Keep this in mind as you shop over the next few weeks and be prepared to help. Boxes will be placed in the foyer to collect the vitamins.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE will be held during Children's Church this week and next.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Mark your calendars; we are hosting the following weeks of the first half of 2012: Feb 5-12, Apr 8-15, and June 10-17.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES continue from 6 to 7:30 pm each Wednesday this fall. Join us for Women's Bible Study, MS Youth, Primary age activities, and Pre-K Groups. Nursery is provided.

LADIES' PRAYER MEETING: Please join us for a women's prayer/bible study. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Baum 336-210-6899.

HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP meets tonight at the Edwards' from 6-8pm. Bring your Bible!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED November 24 & 25 (Thursday and Friday).

POINSETTIA SALE If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, or would simply like to help make the sanctuary festive, fill out an order form and turn in with your check. Cost is \$8 for one plant or \$15 for two.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY NEEDS volunteers in all areas. Please contact Vicki Jones for more information or a no-obligation tour at 724-7875, ext 1043 or volunteer@crisiscontrol.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Barry Ingram (11/20); Ashley Norman (11/20).

"It is quite useless knocking at the door of heaven for earthly comfort; it's not the sort of comfort they supply there."

C.S.Lewis, Letters of C.S.Lewis, (3 December 1959)

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OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Coordinator: Gail Adams • Nursery Scheduler: Christy Ogburn

| Date | Walkers | 2-year-olds | Children's Church |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| TODAY | Jennifer Edwards Catherine Edwards | Jack & Amanda Goode | Nov 3/4yr Mike Lis & Mona Underhill K-2nd Clay & Nicole Howard 3th-5th Ted & Amy Mead |
| Nov 27 | Jeff Greene Laura Devonmille | Glen Hart Cara Mead | |
| Dec 4 | Doug & Nancy Jewell | Nick & Andrea Johnsen | Dec 3/4yr Chris DeBoer & Ethan DeBoer K-2nd Karl & Mary Freeman 3th-5th Larry & Darlene Clagett |
| Dec 11 | Thomas & Jean Klinkert | Gail Kuehn Hazel Kuehn | |

| Ushers | Greeters |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hugh Smith Ben Banks | November: Jewells |
| Dave Collins Doug Sonnenburg | December: Plybons |
| Matt Lievens Jim Dougherty | January: Bechtolds |

| Elder Prayer Rotation | Rapid Visitation |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| November: Don Bechtold | November: Amy Mead |
| December: Larry Clagett | December: Kay Glore |

| Deacon | | |
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| Today | Nov 27 | Dec 4 |
| | David Collins | Joe Dell'Arena |

| Worship Team |
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| Michael Kuehn, John Devonmille, Randy Edwards, Kristin Dougherty, John DeBoer, Jim Dougherty |

Our Church Officers
Session: Don Bechtold, Randy Edwards, Matt Lievens, Jim Plybon, Wynn Baum, and John DeBoer
Diaconate: David Collins, Joe Dell'Arena, Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, and Chad Sapp.

Church Staff and Contact Extensions
The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9am until noon.
 Randy Edwards, Pastor/Teacher • ext. 11
 Carla Collins, Accountant/Children's Ministry Coordinator/Preschool Director • ext. 12

| Weekly Financial Summary | General Fund | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | 2011 General Fund Budget \$323,870 | | | | |
| | | budget | contributions | expenses | needed to meet expenses |
| | MTD Nov 14 | \$ 26,990 | \$ 16,303 | \$ 21,588 | \$ 10,687 |
| | YTD | \$ 296,890 | \$ 300,138 | \$ 292,428 | (\$ 3,248) |
| Building | | Missions | | | |
| MTD Nov 14 | \$ 0 | MTD Nov 14 | \$ 958 | | |
| YTD | \$ 480 | YTD | \$ 6,698 | | |



For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

November 20, 2011

"The complaint was the answer. To have heard myself making it was to be answered. Lightly men talk of saying what they mean. Often when he was teaching me to write in Greek the Fox would say, "Child, to say the very thing you really mean, the whole of it, nothing more or less or other than what you really mean; that's the whole art and joy of words." A glib saying. When the time comes to you at which you will be forced at last to utter the speech which has lain at the center of your soul for years, which you have, all that time, idiot-like, been saying over and over, you'll not talk about joy of words. I saw well why the gods do not speak to us openly, nor let us answer. Till that word can be dug out of us, why should they hear the babble that we think we mean? How can they meet us face to face till we have faces?"

C.S. Lewis, Till We Have Faces

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request which you would like to have offered during the Pastoral Prayer, please speak with the pastor during the break.

Elder Prayer: If you would like prayer, Elders are available after the service to pray with you.

Men's Prayer each Friday Morning in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:15 am.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

WELCOME!

Bechtold

Don

Pew pads are located along the inside aisle. Please take a moment to let us know that you were with us this morning and to tell us how we can help you today.

OUR HISTORIC FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 47

Q122. What does the first request mean?

A. "Hallowed be your name" means, Help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, Help us to direct all our living--what we think, say, and do--so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

Jer. 9:23-24; 31:33-34; Matt. 16:17; John 17:3; Ex. 34:5-8; Ps. 145; Jer. 32:16-20; Luke 1:46-55, 68-75; Rom. 11:33-36; Ps. 115:1; Matt. 5:16

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Not What My Hands Have Done

CONFESSION OF SIN

(by a member of Grace)

Our Father, we come before you, the One who has richly blessed us at this season of thanksgiving and ask that you forgive us for ungrateful hearts that forget to daily acknowledge the many gifts you have bestowed on us. We admit that the attitude of our own selfish hearts reflect ambitions and purposes that do not reflect your holy will. We acknowledge that we are lured and enticed by temptations that we choose to act upon that dishonor your name. Rather than reflecting your mercy, forgiveness and grace, our walk becomes one of duty and obligation as we rely on our own strength and might. We are sorry. We pray for deliverance through the power of your Son as we confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord to whom belongs all the glory now and forevermore.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Psalm 145:1-5; 21

I will exalt you, my God, the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of your glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

MISSIONS MINUTE

Rebecca Angle, Grenada, Spain

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RENEWAL

GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Bechtold

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-32

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

SERMON

RESPONSE

REFLECTION

In Christ Alone

Jude 24,25

BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

FOR REFLECTION

"Women sometimes have the problem of trying to judge by artificial light how a dress will look by daylight. That is very like the problem of all of us: to dress our souls not for the electric lights of the present world but for the daylight of the next. The good dress is the one that will face that light. For that light will last longer."

C.S.Lewis, *The World's Last Night and Other Essays*, "The World's Last Night" (1952)

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