

December
Dec 04 Children’s Christmas Fellowship; 5:30 p.m.
Dec 08 Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship Meal; 6:00 p.m.
Dec 09 Ladies Holiday Party 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Room

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP
Church Family, come join us Sunday, December 4th at 5pm for our Children’s Christmas Fellowship as we celebrate the true reason for the season! We will be serving finger foods and drinks. Please RSVP in the foyer.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP
There is a Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship Meal, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please RSVP with Wes by calling or texting (918) 607-8489 or email huskerwes1@gmail.com or just tell him you are coming! Great food and fellowship to be had! Don't miss out!

LADIES HOLIDAY PARTY
Ladies, there will be a holiday party Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please bring an ornament to exchange and a favorite holiday snack to share.

*You will never look into the eyes
of someone God does not love.
Always be kind.*

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY
Thank you church for your continued support of the Blessing Box ministry. As we approach the colder, holiday season we know there are more and more people in our community who are in need and continue to look to our church for help. We appreciate your support as we serve the Lord by reaching out to our neighbors in need! Donation boxes are set up for your convenience in the foyer and west hallway. Dollar Tree or Dollar General continue to be wonderful places to find a lot of these options at a low price. Our current needs:

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items:</u>	<u>Hygiene Items:</u>
Boxed Meals	Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
Canned Soups/Bagged Soup Mixes	Hand Warmers
Canned Beans	Hair Brushes/Combs
Cake or Muffin Mixes	Lip Balm
Ramen Noodles	Pocket Size Kleenex
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Gloves/Stocking Hats/Scarves
Salt	

*Only Fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you.
—I Samuel 12:24*

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK
The Church?

As we’ve been studying the birth of the Lord’s Church in the first chapters of the Book of Acts, and discussing how the ideal thing for us is to capture the same essence, the same attitudes, and the same devotions as the first century Church, you may have noticed a word that is conspicuously missing from the text.

The word – church!

That’s not to say that we are wrong in our assessment of what we are seeing the Lord doing, but the word is not there.

The church was the biggest mystery of the first century followers of Jesus. We know nothing of the church, biblically speaking, until Jesus himself mentions it in Matthew 16:18 when He famously declares, ...*I will build my church...*

He gives some further instructions to His disciples in Matthew 18 on how to deal with rebellion within the church, but then we don’t see the word again until Acts 5:11 when Luke records these words:

“And great fear came over the whole church...”

Why was the church such a mysterious thing to the Jews? Because the Old Testament told of a coming Messiah who would rule and reign forever, but what it did not explain that the Messiah would come, then go, and then come again some day in a distant future.

That was the mystery. They had no way of knowing that between the first time Messiah came and the next time Messiah would come, that there would be a very long number of years in between when the Lord would use his followers to expand His Kingdom before the end would come.

Praise the Lord for the mysterious church age! If not for it, we wouldn’t get to be a part! Praise Him today for including us in His wonderful invitation to follow Him! Praise the Lord for His church, of which we, even we, get to be a part!

Much Love!

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FELLOWSHIP ROOM SCHEDULE
Dec 04—Kendall LeFlore & Jordyn Clark
Dec 09—Jennifer Hines & Kaylee Jenkins

Prayer List: Beth Brownlee, Dorothy Crisler, Henry Brownlee, Eliza Conwell, Helen Norris, Julie DeSoignie, Russell Day, Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow, Scott Percival, Tom Kirkwood, Kylie Lock, Darlene Larson, Max (Lonnie’s great-grandson), Tim Evans, Duane & Cathy McKinney, Larry Helton

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING
The Psalmist reminds us to enter His courts with thanksgiving. This is a wonderful season, it comes at the end of the year when we can look back and take stock of all the good things that God has done for us. We have not been without the struggles and heartaches but our blessings have always outnumbered our problems.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It seems to blend all together all that is American. It highlights the home and family, a time for family togetherness. The warmth of family fellowship, the good food, a game in the back yard. Then also for many it tends to turn our head and hearts heavenward. We realize that all the good things we enjoy come from the hand of a loving caring God. We think of the sun and the soil, the good refreshing rain, the good earth and all that God has created for our benefit.

It is time for quiet reflection upon the past, an annual reminder that the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever. All good things, the meal, the memories, the music, have a way of blocking out just a little bit of the selfishness that permeates our hearts and ushers in a spirit of gratitude, humility, and joy.

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*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.”
—Colossians 3:16*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
November
Nov 27—Kaitlin Francisco
December
Dec 04—Kaitlin Francisco Dec 11—Linda Wartick
Dec 18—Jordyn Clark Dec 25—No Children’s Church
If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!
January
Jan 01—Lynette Turney Jan 08—Linda Wartick
Jan 15—Kaylee Jenkins Jan 22—Starla Turner
Jan 29—Audra Hudspeth

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THOSE WHO SERVE				
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Nov 27</u>	<u>Dec 04</u>	<u>Dec 11</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	J. DeJarnett	C. Francisco	L. Lewis	W. Pierce
<u>Song Leader</u>	A. Shields	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds
<u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>& Prayer</u>	D. Pierce	N. Bradbury	M. Kline	W. LeFlore
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	W. Pierce	L. Turney	L. Turney	L. Turney
<u>Collection & Count</u>	P. Dodds	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields
<u>Ushers</u>	J. Rayl	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth
	J. Willson	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	T. Norris	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	A. Hines	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis
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<u>ATTENDANCE</u>				
SUNDAY—November 20				
Bible Class.....				57
A.M. Worship.....				105
Contribution.....				\$2,531
WEDNESDAY—November 16				
Auditorium—43		Teens—		
Bible Hour—		Total—43		
ELDERS		SCHEDULE OF SERVICE		
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	<i>Sunday</i>		
Tom Norris		Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.		
		Worship.....10:30 a.m.		
DEACONS		<i>Wednesday</i>		
Nathan Bradbury	Kevin Dodds	Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		
Aaron Hines	Leroy Lewis	Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		
David Pierce	Wade Pierce			
Alan Shields				
MINISTER				
Wes LeFlore				

