

October
Oct 01 Baby Shower for Americus Dodds at 2:00 p.m.
Oct 06-07 Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp
Oct 22 All Church Fellowship & BBQ Contest

BABY SHOWER FOR AMERICUS DODDS
There is a baby shower planned for Americus Dodds, Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. She is registered at Walmart and Amazon.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP & BBQ CONTEST
There is an All-Church Fellowship & BBQ Contest scheduled for Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. There will be a sign up sheet to compete coming soon!



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“We learned the fourth commandment:
‘Honor thy father and thy mother.’”

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY
Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Box! This project has become quite an outreach in our community. The pantry items are often taken within minutes of the box being filled, and we have neighbors who have been joining in our efforts and filling the box for others. We praise God that these “neighbors in need” are turning to the church for help in their hard times. We ask God to continue to sustain our program as we seek to honor Him and bless others!
As we move into the fall season, we are eager to add canned goods into our donation rotation. Donation boxes are located in the west hallway and foyer for your convenience. You may also donate money and we will be glad to shop for you! See Kendall or Jennifer with questions.

If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshipping our God.

FROM THE HEART OF THE PREACHER
The Endless Pursuit
I recently became enamored with a new song. It’s a folk song. Those style of songs are the ones I have most naturally gravitated towards in the last ten years or so. When I find a new song that I like, I listen to it to absolute death.

In the newest song I like, there’s a really neat, meaningful word progression. The singer is reflecting back on his life and begins with the phrase:

“I sold all my baseball cards, to buy me some clothes, but that’s how it goes,” symbolizing that as we mature our interests change and different things matter to us for different reasons. There comes a day when we trade the things that interest a child for more practical things.

As the song progresses, he later says, “I sold all these clothes, to buy me this land.” An even more mature statement as there isn’t anything a lot more mature or serious than the purchase of land. Buying land is a very grown-up thing to do.

But then the singer shows his hand as the very next line is, “I’m sort of happy, most of the time,” revealing that in his pursuit of what he thought would make him ultimately happy, he finds himself instead only “sort of happy” and even that isn’t always, but merely “most of time.”

He continues by explaining that he now spends a lot of time riding trains. Why? He’s looking. He’s searching. He’s pursuing. Pursuing what? He concludes the progression by saying, “I sold all this land to buy me some dreams.” It’s a sad song. It’s the song of a lot of people.

People “trade up” all through their life for the next thing they thing will bring them happiness or contentment or personal fulfillment, but few find it. Why? Because, relatively speaking, few find Jesus.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14 in what we call “The Sermon on the Mount,”

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

To pursue the things of this world for fulfillment, and ultimately salvation, is to be on the wide path that leads to destruction. It’s a life of chasing what you think will give you sustenance and purpose, but you’ll never find it.

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FAMILY NEWS
Darlene Larson—is in St. Teresa’s Hospital in Wichita with pneumonia and some infection. Please keep her in your prayers.
Prayer List: Scott Callaway, Helen Norris, Kerry Marshall, Rita Carroll, Marvin Kline, Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Darlene Larson, Brian May, Larry Helton, Pat Brundage, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

CHILDREN’S CORNER
Our Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes is “The Warnings of Jesus.” Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.
September 24—Jesus Warned about Not Acting (Matthew 25)
Big Picture Question:
Q: How is Jesus the perfect Prophet?
A: Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father and fulfills what the prophets spoke.
This Month’s Bible Verse:
“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.”
Deuteronomy 18:15 NIV

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
September
Sept 24—Audra Hudspeth
October
Oct 01—Starla Turner Oct 08—Linda Wartick
Oct 15—Need Volunteer! Oct 22—Audra Hudspeth
Oct 29—Need Volunteer!
If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

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But it you pursue the things not of this world, but the next, you will find true fulfillment and actual salvation. How do I get on and follow the narrow way Jesus spoke of? Commit to knowing and understanding Matthew chapters 5-7. In these chapters, Jesus provides a roadmap to the narrow path.
Don’t neglect the rest of the Bible, but if you’re looking for a starting point, there’s no better place to begin than the great sermon of the Lord Jesus.
May the progression of your life be a progression of glory to glory.
Much love!
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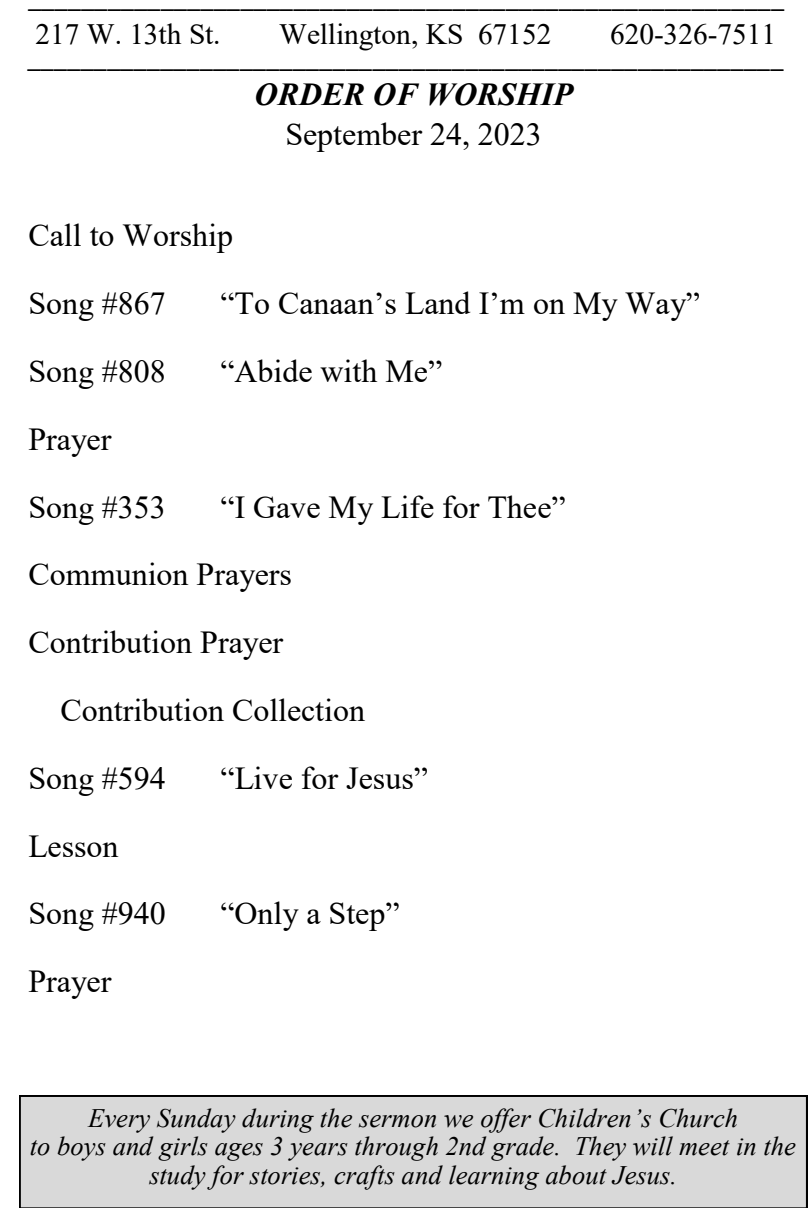
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THOSE WHO SERVE				
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Sept 24</u>	<u>Oct 01</u>	<u>Oct 08</u>	<u>Oct 15</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	L. Lewis	B. Turney	K. Dodds	M. Neal
<u>Song Leader</u>	K. Dodds	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>& Prayer</u>	T. Norris	J. DeJarnett	D. Pierce	N. Bradbury
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	C. Francisco	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth
<u>Collection & Count</u>	W. Pierce	P. Dodds	P. Dodds	P. Dodds
<u>Ushers</u>	A. Hines	D. Carroll	D. Carroll	D. Carroll
	T. Hudspeth	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	R. Harris	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	A. Hines	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis
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<u>ATTENDANCE</u>				
SUNDAY—September 17				
Bible Class.....53				
A.M. Worship.....92				
Contribution.....\$2,331				
WEDNESDAY—September 20				
Auditorium— 25				
Teens—5				
Bible Hour—11				
Total—41				

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Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.