

December

Dec 10 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm

Dec 17 Caroling Fellowship 2:45 p.m.

Dec 17 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm

Dec 24 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm

Dec 31 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm

DEVOTIONALS AT HOMESTEAD

We are in charge of devotionals the month of December at Homestead Assisted Living Center at 500 North Plum. They will be every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

CAROLING FELLOWSHIP

December 17, Caroling Fellowship. Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. for Christmas caroling, cookies and cocoa. All are welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Jordyn Clark.

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. Questions see Kendall or Jennifer.

Non-Perishable Food Items:

Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna, Ham, Chicken

Canned Soups, Stews, Chili

w/pull top lids

Canned Goods w/pull top lids

Granola/Protein Bars

Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers

Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta

Kitchen Staples (flour, sugar, salt/pepper)

Pasta Sauce, One Box Meals or Mixes

Hygiene Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner

Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss

Brushes/Combs

Deodorant

Body Wash

Winter Items

Gloves

Hats

Socks

JUST FOR GIGGLES

The little boy came home from Sunday School and told his mom he learned about houses in the Old Testament. He went on to explain, “There is my shack, your shack and a bungalow.”

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

December

Dec 10—Linda Wartick

Dec 17—Audra Hudspeth

Dec 24—No Children’s Church

Dec 31—Kaitlin Francisco

FELLOWSHIP ROOM SCHEDULE

Dec 11—Kendall LeFlore

Dec 17—Jordyn Clark

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Origin of Finger Pointing

Mankind didn’t have to be in existence for very long before the finger started to point. We can trace the origin of finger pointing all the way back to Genesis chapter 3.

Satan tricked Eve into believing a lie which caused her to lose trust in God and disobey His command to not eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden.

It’s easy to overlook, but after Eve disobeyed, the scripture immediately says in Genesis 3:6 –

...and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Adam was with her the whole time, yet said nothing and did not intervene in any way, but instead, participated.

When God confronted Adam and Eve about their disobedience, finger pointing was born. In verse 12 of chapter 3, Adam says,

“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”

Adam doesn’t say the words, “It’s your fault,” but he definitely implies that had God not given him the woman, he would not have disobeyed. He pointed the finger at God.

When God confronted Eve, she replied in verse 13,

“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

And for the second time in human history, the finger was pointed.

Was the finger pointing justified? Partially. What Adam and Eve both said was true, however, blaming others for our moral failures is never accepted by God.

But God does take all things into consideration when He considers our failures, that’s why Adam, Eve and Satan all received consequences, each for their own sin.

Let’s not be a people who point the finger at others as an excuse for our moral failures. Do others play a part sometimes? Sure they do, but God will not hold you responsible for anyone’s actions except your own. And you will never be forgiven your sin by blaming others.

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FAMILY NEWS

Gary Bodine—will have a second bladder surgery on December 11. He is then scheduled to meet with his surgeon/urologist on December 19 to hear the pathology results and to determine the plan for follow-up treatments. He petitions your prayers.

Darlene Larson—suffered another stroke. She is on the hospice floor at St. Francis

Prayer List: Tim Evans, Claire Norris, Marvin Kline, Gary Bodine, David & Rita Carroll, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Darlene Larson, Larry Helton, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Brenda & Marvin Kline and family on the death of Brenda’s brother, Steve Mercer. Steve passed away last week. Keep this family in your prayers.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Our Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes is “Jesus is Alive.” Jesus’ resurrection was no secret. For 40 days, Jesus appeared to His disciples and hundreds of others so that they would know He is alive forevermore. Jesus wants everyone to know Him, trust Him, and live for Him. Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.

December 10—Jesus Appeared to Thomas; John 20

December 17—Jesus Forgave Peter; John 21

December 24—God Wants Us to Know Him; Matthew 28

Big Picture Question:

Q: How do we know that God wants us to know Him?

A: We can know that God wants us to know Him because He has revealed Himself through His word.

This Month’s Bible Verse:

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3 (NIV)

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Better to confess your sin to God, ask for His forgiveness and then move forward in His grace. God will comfort you when you do and, better yet, because of Jesus’ sacrifice, your sin will be forgiven.

Much love,

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