

## November

Nov 26 Wednesday Night Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Nov 26 Traditional Wednesday Night Thanksgiving Service  
**December**  
Dec 06 Men's Day Hike & BBQ; leave at 5:00 a.m.  
Dec 18 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study; 6:00 p.m.  
Dec 19 Ladies Holiday Party  
Dec 24 NO Wednesday Night Services  
Dec 31 Wednesday Night New Years Eve Celebration;  
details below

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday night supper is at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person or \$10 per family. The meal this week is pizza. This will be our last Wednesday night supper for the calendar year.

## TRADITIONAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wednesday we will have our Traditional Wednesday before Thanksgiving service. The theme is "Time of Praise and Thanksgiving." There will be no children's classes. Everyone please meet in the auditorium.

## MEN'S DAY HIKE

A Men's Day Hike & BBQ is planned for Saturday, December 6. We will leave the building at 5:00 a.m. and will be returning home late.

## BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

**Thank you Church family for the cash donations and for your continued support of our Blessing Box ministry!** We are in high need of items! We are adding canned goods back in the mix. Also, we are still taking money so someone else can shop for you!

*"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:*

*"You shall Love your neighbor as yourself."* —Galatians 5:14 ESV

## BLESSING BOX IDEAS

### Non-Perishable Food Items:

Peanut Butter  
Granola/Protein Bars  
Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers  
Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta, Pasta Sauce  
One Box Meals or Mixes  
Kitchen Staples (Flour, Sugar, salt/pepper)  
Dry Soup Mixes, Seasoning Packets  
Canned Goods

### Hygiene Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner  
Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss  
Brushes/Combs  
Deodorant  
Body Wash  
Hats & Gloves  
Scarves  
Socks

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

### November

Nov 23—Darlene Cooney      Nov 30—Volunteer Needed!

If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

### Greatest Belief

In a writing exercise for her schoolwork the other day, my daughter Julia was given the assignment of writing a brief account describing her "greatest belief."

I wanted to share what she wrote, and by her permission, I am doing so.

### *My Greatest Belief by Julia LeFlore*

*My greatest belief is that Jesus died and rose to save me from my sin! Without this beautiful sacrifice, I, and no one else can be saved. But by the grace of God we can choose to believe in Jesus and become followers of the King. To make this choice is to dedicate your life to fully obeying God, sharing the good news, studying the Word, and giving glory to Him. As a follower, I know that this walk will be hard, but I am guided by the church to help me along the way. Because of this special belief, I can grow closer to Him each day and live happily forever in eternity.*

Sometimes the study of God, what we call theology, can be difficult. It should be difficult, because, even at our greatest, we can only catch a fleeting glimpse of our maker.

But what isn't difficult to understand is the Gospel. It isn't difficult to understand what Jesus has done for us. It isn't difficult to understand why we needed Him to do what He did for us. And it isn't difficult to understand the instructions He left for us.

I wanted to include Julia's wonderful statement of faith as an encouragement for all of us to, as Alistair Begg says, *"Keep the main things the plain things, and the plain things the main things."*

Preaching to myself, I say to not get too discouraged by the things that I don't understand and can't comprehend, but focus instead upon what I do know. What I know is more than enough to follow Jesus, by faith, all of my life. It is my prayer, that, by faith, you will do the same.

Much love,  
Wes LeFlore (918) 607-8489 or [huskerwes1@gmail.com](mailto:huskerwes1@gmail.com)

### Greek of the Week:

In our text this week, we are told by the Apostle Paul that we have "no excuse," which is the Greek adjective, *anapologētos*, which means without defense or excuse or that which cannot be defended.

You may recognize the Greek word, *apologia*, within the word. *Apologia* means to make a defense, but adding a compound of the negative particle, "a," meaning "not," changes the word to without defense.

## FAMILY NEWS

My sister Mary Lee Berg and her husband Karl of Wichita could use prayers. They go to the Northside Church in Wichita. She has been dealing with health issues and is going into a care facility. She is 91 and he is 92. It happened kind of fast so they have a lot of decisions to make. Thanks, Lonnie Bennett

**Prayer List:** Alan Shields, Teri Lundblad, Charlie King, Cody Martin, Jarrod Kline, Harry Riche, Chuck Cole, Brian May, Dianne Jeans, Marilyn Bartlow, Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

The theme for the month of November is "The Southern Kingdom." Here is a peek at this month's lessons,

Nov 23—Judah Was Taken Captive (II Chronicles 36)

Nov 30—Ezekiel Gave Hope (Ezekiel 37)

## COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS

Of all the hymns we sing, none expresses the joy of thanksgiving better than the 1897 song, "Count Your Blessings". With its true to life lyrics and lively tempo, it is difficult to sing the words without thinking upon the countless blessings we have received from a loving, caring, and benevolent God.

The first verse describes a life filled with difficulty; a life tossed about by the tempest of life. One can become discouraged, thinking there is no reason to carry on but then offers a simple remedy, count your many blessings, naming them one by one. The surprising result is coming to the realization of just how much God has done for us. The second stanza speaks of the heavy burdens and the cross one may have to bear. But remember that cross bearing is part of discipleship (Luke 9:23) and God has given us the church to help bear our burdens. (Gal. 6:2). The third verse mentions observing the wealthy of the world who seem to have it all. But for us, real wealth is found in Jesus Christ and we have everlasting riches laid up in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21). The fourth and final section describes a God who is in control of all things (Dan. 2:21) and our relationship with the Lord will give us help and comfort throughout our life's journey. With such encouraging words, confirmed by the Scriptures, how can we not have a song in our heart and rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4).

— Jay Launius 2024

*"Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done."*

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

