

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

10.14.17 Men's Bible Class,
9:00a.m.

10.20.17 Youth Lock-In
Opened to all 6th-12th Grade
Please register by the 18th.

10.21.17 Church Wide Clean-up

10.28.17 LCOC Church Wide
Clean-Up

10.29.17 Fall Festival/Chili
Cook-Off, 5:00p.m.

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Poland/Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright- Karen Oliver's Uncle
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig, Kathy Upton's Daughter
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Malar Stewart-Saliha Stewart's mother
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Robin Smith
- Wanda Pearson-Danae's Mother
- Dominick/Daniel Family, Howard & Karen Daniel on the loss of Howard & Karen Daniel's son John Wyatt Daniel

"CHOICES"

The lives we experience are a blend of God's design and hopes for us and our own choices. God designs the context and the circumstances but we choose how we relate to them.

Abraham and his nephew Lot camped together between Bethel and Ai. God had blessed them so much that the land could not hold their men and their livestock. Strife was stirred between Lot's herdsmen and those of Abraham. Abraham took the lead and said to Lot, "there should be no strife between our herdsmen or between us. Look at the land to the left and look at the land to the right. Choose one for yourself and I will choose the other. So, Lot, noticing the well-watered valley of Sodom, chose for himself all the valley of Jordan.

Lot moved east all the way to Sodom and pitched his tents near the city where the men were exceedingly wicked and sinners before the Lord. Abraham was left with the dry hill country where the farming was tough. God said to him: "look north, south, east and west Abraham; you can have it all for I will give it to you." So, Abraham settled in Hebron by the oaks of Mamre.

Lot's choice led him to be influenced by the wicked men of the city. In time, the affluence came to be a negative. Lot's pocketbook may have grown but his soul diminished, along with all his neighbors. Foreign Kings got together and attacked all the inhabitants of Sodom, the surrounding areas and also Lot. The people and all their possessions were captured and hauled away. It didn't work out so good when Lot pursued the choice piece for himself. The easy life and the lure of being comfortable became the pathway to captivity, for Lot.

Quite the opposite for Abraham. The less desirable land for cattle proved to be the better land for human development. An escapee came to tell Abraham that Lot and all their people were captured. Long story short, Abraham had enough capable fighting men to track down the raiders, engage them in battle and recover all of Lot's people and possessions.

There are many lessons here. Our choices have consequences. Sometimes being last is being first. What you desire with your eyes or your heart might not be so good for your soul. The rich bottomland might have too many weeds of too many kinds in it. The rugged Hill country might make for a better life and a better person.

We make choices every day. This story teaches that we should consider all our motivations before we decide and then we should choose from right motivations. Do not worry about what you will eat, or drink or what you will wear for the pagans run after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But, seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

A woman, *love Maria Whitcomb Willis* penned these words in 1859.

"Father hear the prayer we offer, not for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength to live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be; but the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly.

Not forever by still waters would we idly rest and stay; but would strike the living fountains from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide. Through endeavor, failure, danger, father be thou at our side."

Let's do this!

Our Shepherds

Assembly Times

Sunday Worship
9:30AM

Sunday Class 11 AM
AWANA, Sunday
10 AM

Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study

Weekly Stats

AM Bible Class 93
AM Bible Class Average 91

AM Assembly 137
AM Assembly Avg. 131

Contribution \$7,258.40
YTD Average Weekly
\$7,490.01
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REMINDERS

Sign-up Sheets are on the podium
for Geoffrey Cottrell and Suzanne
Kennedy

Feed the Teens Link:

[http://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/508084aa5ad2fa0f94-
feed](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa5ad2fa0f94-feed)

Anniversaries:

10.12 Robin & Mandy Akers

10.20 John & Mary Turner

10.26 Rick & Sandi
Chamberlain

Birthdays:

10.18 Lanie Guill

10.28 Beverly Brown

10.31 Wayne Kellis

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**Opportunities to Serve
October 15, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

David Dowdy

Servers in October:

Larry Baker

John Turner

Corey Wisniewski

Nick Joy

Chris Tate

Hayden Oliver

Door Greeters in October:

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AIM Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill & Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

So, October is flying by! Wednesday nights have been awesome! The Gospel For Everyone has been very impactful. Two weeks ago, David Dowdy came in to speak about how our Direction Determines our Destination. He used both the story of Lot in Deuteronomy 30, as well as his own personal testimony to show how important it is to choose carefully where you "pitch your tent", and who you associate with. These everyday decisions can alter the course of your entire life. Justin Muery followed this up last week with a message about the life lessons that we can learn from King David. Although David made a lot of mistakes, he always knew where to turn to at the end of the day when he had really messed up. He was humble enough to know he needed God, and it's important for us to recognize this as well. Rob and Lauren Brannan will be teaching the lesson this week, and then Travis Jex will follow the next week, so I hope you all will continue to come and be a part of this special series!

October 20th is our Youth Lock-In from 10pm-6am! Rob Bramman is helping me plan this event for all 6-12th students and their friends. I will put out a sign-up sheet on the orange table in the youth room. You can also text or email me if your child plans to participate. It is important that we have a headcount by Wednesday, October 18th so we can plan appropriately for food and games. Cindy Cox has agreed to cook breakfast for the kids, but she could use some help, so please let me know if you are willing to come in early Saturday morning to help her serve the teens.

Looking Ahead...

Winterfest is Feb 16-18 2018 in Gatlinburg, TN. Mark your calendars, and start inviting your friends. This is for 6-12th grade students, and the cost will be around \$125.

Blessings, Dawn

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Proverbs 22:1

What are some ways that your good name is better to you than great riches???

We think about that long enough we can start to draw some parallels to God's name.

I AM.

There are ways that God's name is better than great riches as well.

God's name is a claim to **Authority**. Power!

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

God's name is a call to **Integrity**. Be who he has called you to be!

The Lord knows those who are his, and Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness. 2 Timothy 2:19

God's name is a call to **Intimacy**. **I AM** wants you to call him by name!

My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. John 16:23

I look forward to seeing you all for study of Sinai Summit Wednesday @ 7pm. We'll be covering chapters 4-6 this week with Travis leading the discussion. Be there.

Saturday, Men's Bible Study 9:00a.m... Be there.

Seek first His Kingdom, His glory, and His righteousness. Hope in the eternal. Live for a greater reward.

#grabtheoar
-Justin