

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 11.2.17 Ladies Night Out, 6:30p.m.
- 11.4.17 Emmanuwheel Ramp 8:00a.m.
- 11.4.17 Second Chance Music Ministries, Icehouse Theater, 12:00p.m.
- 11.5.17 Honduras 2018 Meeting right after Bible Class.
- 11.18.17 Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up, 8:30a.m.
- 11.21.17 Thanksgiving Community Service at LCO, 7:00p.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 and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Robin Smith
- Dominick/Daniel Family
- Evelyn Gist, Mary Turner's Mother
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- Karyn Giles

"DRESS AND KEEP"

God made Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden and said "dress it and keep it." The verb **put** shows that our circumstances and context are sovereign with God. We have relatively little to say with where we find ourselves existing. Life gains energy when we start dressing and keeping the environment we are in. This was the original job God gave Adam. I am sure it was overwhelming. Adam had no John Deere Tractor or pruning hooks.

The absence of specific instructions or tools to work with demonstrate God's confidence in Adam. The situation teaches that God knew He had placed His own image in Adam. It's thrilling to ponder what this commission to Adam suggest about the capacity within every one of us. We are able to find a way to nest and nurture (dress and keep) our surroundings. Look for it.

When a man and a woman marry and have children the mother has an innate drive to make the children beautiful. It shows in all she does: shopping, dressing, grooming, pushing, etc. She also pays a lot of attention to the nest the children are in. It is because she values the children, not because she values the couch or the dresser. The man innately knows his role as well. No matter how we team together the aim is to dress and keep that which we treasure. Finally, we treasure our people because they have intrinsic value. We treasure our environment because the people live there. This was true with God from the very beginning.

May we all observe our individual gardens and our collective gardens as well. Your families, your work opportunities and your relationships with all you meet are part of your garden. Everything at our disposal is part of the garden God puts us in. Our gardens resemble Adam's more than you might think. Like Adam, we can be overwhelmed and under tooled. Like Adam, we possess uncanny capacity to solve problems and create beauty.

All of these complementary pieces come together in the word beauty. God is the author of beauty! Beauty gives energy! You know this in your own life. We feel the loss of energy when anything is physically, emotionally or spiritually broken and in disarray in your life. Conversely, we feel the energy when we gaze upon magnificent landscapes or well-done landscapes. We feel the energy when we look upon a well lived life! Have you not labored intensely over your own yard or kitchen and looked back and said to yourself **"wow, that looks good and I feel good?"** Looking good and feeling good are duller words to say beauty and energy. It is all from God and it grows out of the very ancient job description first given to Adam.

As a family, we have the opportunity to dress and keep our own Church Building. I'm talking about 101 Ball Park Road. The word "dress" connotes making better. The word keep connotes maintain, or nurture. If you keep sheep you feed them day by day, and care for their needs as they arise. Keep may mean to hold on to as well. So what we have is a commission to make better, to maintain and treasure the space God has made available to us. In a word, we have a divine responsibility to make our church home better and treasure it for the long haul. This is because we treasure people not because we treasure paint.

We invite you to get involved with our present "uplifting" of our own church building. It is everyone's opportunity to gain energy and joy from dressing and keeping, what God has entrusted to us. Take an interest, encourage those who are working, share ideas, work yourself, or give money. Let's all dress and keep our garden.

May God's blessings come as we honor Him.

Your 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 81**
- AM Bible Class Average 91**
- AM Assembly 119**
- AM Assembly Avg. 130**
- Contribution \$9,070.00**
- YTD Average Weekly \$7,617.79**
- Weekly Budget \$8,143.77**

Shepherds

- Larry Baker 542.1600**
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Anniversaries:

- 11.8 Stephen & Amanda Wood
- 11.10 Jason & Meredith Falls
- 11.16 KJ & Sammie Binnicker
- 11.23 Juan & Lucy Ortiz
- 11.28 Ernie & Karen Oliver

Birthdays:

- 11.1.17 Vern Lowe
- 11.8 John Turner
- 11.8 Robin Kellis
- 11.8 Trenton Black
- 11.10 Robin Smith
- 11.10 Amanda Wood

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**Opportunities to Serve
November 5, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:
Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Ernie Oliver

Servers in November:

Justin Muery
Michael Spame
Cliff Brown
Rob Brannan
Derek Baxley
Hayden Oliver

Door Greeters in October:

Ernie & Karen Oliver

Nursery:

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

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Last week in the elementary class, the lesson was titled The Living God. It became so evident as I was preparing and teaching that this isn't just an elementary lesson- it's a lesson, a reminder, for all of us.

Young children often think that inanimate objects are living beings. In their minds, teddy bears and dolls can be like real people. Their toys are playmates to which they tell their secrets. As they grow up, kids put away that is childish, yet normal, games. But idolatry is a different thing. Idolatry as described in Isaiah 44 might take a more sophisticated form in our society, but it has fundamentally remained the same. People still offer idols honor, prayers and offerings. Men, women and children alike still put their trust and safety in idols. Whether statues, medals of saints, lucky charms or crystals- idols still take God's place in the hearts of little ones as well as grownups.

In class, we created some objects out of playdough to represent the structures that some people worked very hard to create and it seemed silly to the kids that they then put their trust in these lifeless objects. But don't we still have a tendency to do this?

Our God is a **living** God-the Bible says so and nature proclaims it. He's **ALIVE** and we can **listen** to Him, **talk** to Him, and **trust** in Him! God wants us to look to Him to be saved and for strength to live our day-to-day lives.

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan

We live in a developed society where when anything happens we like to know why.

If it's a good circumstance we like to figure out how it happened and how can we make it even better next time.

If it's a less than fortunate circumstance we try and figure out what went wrong, how it went wrong, and how can we prevent it from happening again.

The truth is that many of these "happenings" turn out to be pivotal circumstances in our lives.

As we know, God is in all circumstances. We obviously play a part in how we interpret those circumstances.

There are two significant factors that hold sway in how we interpret circumstances:

- 1) Our worldviews.
- 2) Who we are doing life with at the time.

We aren't going to change our worldviews overnight, but they can be molded differently over time.

We can make daily decisions regarding "who" we are "doing life with". God has shown throughout scripture how he uses humble and less than fortunate circumstances to work wonders.

I know from my own story that good things do happen to bad

people 😊

God has been with you all along and the challenge is always for us to find him in the storm or the tranquility.

Be blessed!

Let's do Wednesday night together as Travis and Steve lead the discussion of Sinai Summit @ 7pm.

Leadership Opportunity this weekend:

4 November - Emmanuwheel Ramp Build - Point of Contact - Cliff Brown - 803.454.5157

- Looking for 15+ volunteers.

- Good opportunity for teens seeking validated community service.

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