

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 11.18.17 The Haven Yard Sale.
- 11.18.17 Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up, 8:30a.m.
- 11.21.17 Thanksgiving Community Service, 7:00p.m.
- 11.28.17 Emmanuwheel Matching Donation, www.facebook.com/search/str/emmanuwheel/keywords_search
- 12.9.17 Breakfast With Santa, 9:30a.m.
- 12.14.17 Ladies Christmas Party
- 12.16.17 LCOC Christmas Party with the Carillion Carolers

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
- Robin Smith
- 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'
- Connie McKee, Sandi Chamberlain's Father
- Evelyn Gist, Mary Turner's Mother
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- Karyn Giles
- Deborah Black
- Tom Dominick

“ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE”

Do you want an abundant life? Do you want a life filled with love, joy and hope? Do you want a life that could be described as springs of living water. It's yours for the taking. Jesus said "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly."

Often our lives feel like the opposite. We are filled with anxiety, fear, strife, and the like. This should not be the case. We should have the abundant life Jesus promised. We should be abounding in Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Paul said against such there is no law. What he means is: we can always, at all times, have all we want of these fruits.

These things can be ours if we enter through the narrow gate. I am struck that He affirmed we should both find the narrow way and enter the narrow way. It's like He expects us to have the innate capacity to seek, find, uncover, examine, etc. It's the exact opposite of certainty, where a set and rote program is offered. We are challenged, yet again by Jesus to look inside, look around, look up, look everywhere and find "the narrow gate that leads to life." He wants us to scratch it out and struggle and find for ourselves the way that leads to life. What a trust he has placed in us. Also I am struck with how positive this challenge is. He asks us to "find the way to life." There is actually a difference between solving a problem and "finding the way that leads to life." In the one you may find yourself patching a wound; in the other you are seeking a cure.

The Hero always enters the story. Jesus said "I am the Way, the truth, the life." He also said "I am the gate." It is also said "He upholds the universe with His powerful word" and in another place "He holds all things together." When we discover Jesus and the fullness of His reality we have found the Way.

We have to work it out mainly because we come to the answer with so many weed in our minds. Our thoughts are so wrong headed, our motives are so polluted and our culture is so wrong. Jesus warned many go down the broad road of destruction. But not for you because you know the way that leads to life. That way is to go all in with Jesus. Believe Him. Believe in Him. Become His disciple. Bet your life on him. Quit thinking you know the way, or you can figure it all out. Trade in your questions for faith in Him.

Choose Life

Assembly Times

- Sunday Worship 9:30AM**
- Sunday Class 11 AM**
- AWANA, Sunday 10 AM**
- Wednesday, 7 PM Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

- AM Bible Class 59
- AM Bible Class Average 90
- AM Assembly 116
- AM Assembly Avg. 130
- Contribution \$3,636.00
- YTD Average Weekly \$7,639.78
- 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:

- 11.19 Leigh Ann Cox
- 11.24 Jimmy Kirby
- 11.29 Karyn Halstead

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**Opportunities to Serve
November 19, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Ruben Macedo

Mary Joy

Lord's Supper:

Stephen Wood

Servers in November:

Justin Muery

Michael Spame

Cliff Brown

Rob Brannan

Derek Baxley

Hayden Oliver

Door Greeters in Nov.:

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

YOUTH NEWS

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”
Psalms 100:4-5

Tonight I'll be doing a thanksgiving lesson with the preschool-elementary age group. This is an easy concept for most of them to grasp because they are still dependent on mom, dad, and other family for food, rides to school and activities, shelter and so much more. They have a lot to be thankful for because they can recognize their dependence. But what about us- what about those of us that are more independent now? Do we still spend this season with a thankful heart as we realize that we are all still dependent? We are dependent, more than ever, on the love and grace of God. We're dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit that lives in us. In light of this, we start to become thankful for even the “little things” in life. May we offer Him our thanksgiving, our praise, and bless His holy name as we recognize our full

dependence on His goodness, love, and faithfulness in our lives!

To quote a VeggieTales favorite in our house: “A thankful heart is a happy heart. I'm glad for what I have that's an easy way to start! For the love that He shares, 'cause He listens to our prayers; that's why we say thanks every-day!”

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan