

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 12.14.17 Ladies Christmas Party, 6:30p.m.
- 12.16.17 Breakfast With Santa, 9:30a.m.
- 12.16.17 LCOC Christmas Party with the Carillon Carolers 6:00p.m.
- 12.17.17 Candle Light Service, 7:00p.m., refreshments will be served afterwards

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
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- Robin Akers & Family
- Deborah Black
- Tom Dominick

"THE FLOOD AND THE HARVEST"

The people camped on one side of the Jordan River. Across the river lay the promised land and it was harvest time. God's children were going to eat grapes from vineyards they had not planted and live in houses they had not built. There was a great deal of expectation and hope for what the future held. Across the River Jordan lay all the good things that our Father promised. There was only one problem. The River Jordan was flooded. Scripture said: "the River Jordan is always flooded at harvest time."

This is the story line for all of us. God has a promised land for every one of His children. For sure, we have Heaven containing inexpressible riches. In the promised land, we are going to have blessings we did not earn such as peace with our Father and the joy that brings. Beyond peace and joy we will have all the faith hope and love we want. It is always available, always free. Truly we can eat from vines we have not planted. Sounds like an ideal world doesn't it!

We need to believe. That is to say we need to believe this is our God and this is His way. We need to relish that God has a harvest. He has a place for us up the road. Stevie Wonder said: "there is a place in the sun where there's hope for everyone." This is bigger than Stevie Wonder. Stevie is just commenting on what he knows is true but it is way deeper than the truth found in a hit song. This is God our Father, the Creator of the Universe telling us there is a harvest in the land He is taking us.

But, between the harvest and God's children lies the flooded river, Jordan. So, it is with us. We are often flooded with insurmountable obstacles. God has staged life in such a way that it is no cake walk to wander into the harvest. The River Jordan is always flooded at harvest time. Nothing is ever easy and we need to quit thinking it will be.

We need to believe God is here, the harvest is here and the way forward requires God to show up and part the waters. We are in a continuous state of needing God and living under his promises, while also believing for more. We need to believe that we are actually in three places at the same time. We are here under the parted waters, we are here in the promised land and we are believing for more just beyond the parted waters. There is always a need for parted waters and there is always more of God's promises to come. What a life!!

I've known the best of mothers to say: "I'm a bad mother." I'm a bad mother because I am so tired of fevers and crying and nights with no sleep. I actually want to run from these demands. "I want to go away and hide." No, dear mothers. Your idea of blessings expects no pain and no miracle. Life requires both. The pain of being a mother is always present. It is never easy. But, at the same time the child itself and the Giver of the gift, ever present in your life become your promised land. It is not designed to be pain free, and we are not designed to do it without our God parting the River Jordan.

Come on! Pain is in our story. Difficulties, even impossibilities co-exist with God and His blessings. It doesn't matter if you are a mother or a money counter, a banker or a baseball player; The River Jordan is always flooded at harvest time. The best is always in front of us, more is to come, and the River Jordan is always flooded at harvest time.

Let's live in God's abundance and believe He will part the waters for everyone!
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 72
- AM Bible Class Average 89
- AM Assembly 132
- AM Assembly Avg. 130
- Contribution \$2,533.00
- YTD Average Weekly \$7,509.91
- Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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Anniversaries:

- 12.3 Justin & Janna Muery
- 12.27 Ory & Larkin Johnson
- 12.31 Matt & Mary Joy

Birthdays:

- 11.29 Karyn Halstead
- 12.6 Steve Baker
- 12.9 Vikki Hooper
- 12.11 Dawn Wisniewski
- 12.13 Wayne Burress
- 12.16 Mike Bridges
- 12.18 Marilyn Ojadi
- 12.18 Eduardo Diaz

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**Opportunities to Serve
December 3, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Chester Warren & Mary Joy

Lord's Supper:

Travis Jex

Servers in December:

- Higinio Cruz
- David Dowdy
- Stephen Wood
- Jason Falls
- Mark Cox
- Nicholas Joy

Door Greeters in Dec.:

Dennis & Sharon Carter

Nursery:

- Deborah Black
- Rochelle Kellis

Toddler:

- Earline White
- Krysten Miller

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YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

As always, this is my favorite time of year because it offers the perfect opportunity to share my deepest appreciation for everyone and everything God has blessed me with this year. It is almost impossible to express my gratitude, for there is so much to be thankful for. God has blessed me with an amazing family! I am so happy to have Bryan home from college for the week. It is so nice to see the boys playing basketball or video games together, to hear them all razz each other about silly things, and to sit at the table for meals as a family. God has blessed us with lots of extended family too. I always enjoy having all of the extra kids at my house that call me mom. I never mind the fact that we are always looking for extra blankets and pillows, constantly running out of milk, and forever trying to figure out what to feed everyone. Our house is in a constant state of disaster, but I love our mess because it reminds me that our home is definitely lived in and a welcome place for many!

God has blessed me with an awesome job! I love the fact that I can't really even call it a job. It's my life, and it's so much a part of me that I can't believe I get to do what I love to do every day and get paid to do it! How many people can say that about their jobs? I love spending time with teens, talking to them, listening to them, praying with them, encouraging them, and loving them... at church, in my home, in the community...on Sundays, Wednesdays, and every other day of the week. What a pleasure and an honor it is to be a part of their daily lives, whether they are learning about Jesus or playing sports, when they are going through tough times, making big decisions, or even just catching up on social media.

And of course, I am blessed with an amazing staff and leadership to work with on a daily basis. I am so thankful for the immense support I have in Keke, Karen and Lauren, whom I meet and pray with weekly and gain great encouragement, strength, and wisdom from. I truly appreciate the leadership and wisdom of our elders, who have also been a major source of strength and encouragement to me this year. There are times when ministry is tough, despite the incredible amount of blessing that it brings, and I cannot imagine being able to walk through the hard times or pull myself out of the muck without my leadership team.

And let me just add that we have an amazing church family! I have seen God use each and every one of you in such beautiful ways this year, and I am so impressed with how you all have allowed God to work in your life, particularly for His glory. Thank you for being a part of the work that He is doing in this church, in this community, and throughout His kingdom. May God bless you for your efforts.

Dawn

Many of us have been there...we wake up one day and take an assessment of our surroundings and conclude that we are in a pretty hopeless place.

In that state we can say we have hope but it may only be a wishful hope (against the odds) or an expectant hope (a calculated chance).

When I was 16, a friend and I took a canoe with a trolling motor out in Aransas Bay from a private island called San Jose Island. Well dry land started to get smaller...like the charge in the battery for the trolling motor. Then the charge became nonexistent...like the paddle in the canoe. 16 year old's didn't have cell phones then, so our options were quite limited. We figured there was about nothing we could do but just sleep through the night in the canoe and wake up and see where we ended up after a night of drifting. The wishful hope was that we wouldn't get hit by another boat and the expectant hope was that there was more water than boats. So from a surface area calculation we had a good chance of not getting hit by another boat.

When we find ourselves in a hopeless situation it's kind of like that. In the dark. Less than solid ground underneath us. Adrift.

Job 8:11-13 is summarized "those who forget God have no hope". Hopelessness is characterized by a drift away from God.

We have CERTAIN HOPE in God's promises.

Jesus would tell us in Matthew 7 that anyone who listens to and heeds His teachings is standing on solid ground.

Solid ground is where God builds an abundant life in and through you!

#grabtheoarifthereisone

-Justin