

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 11.11.17 Men's Bible Study, 9:00a.m.
- 11.18.17 Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up, 8:30a.m.
- 11.21.17 Thanksgiving Community Service at LCOCC, 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

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

"ALL IS WELL"

Are you bitter about something? Are things not going so well for? Are you thinking where is all the joy and all the blessings in all your struggles? Most people have some burden all the time and some people have immense burdens all the time. Yet, we are to have faith, hope and joy, continually 1 Corinthians 13:13. It can be hard to reconcile.

In ancient times, there was a well to do woman with an old husband and no child. She made a space in her home especially for Elisha the man of God, who was known to stop by and eat as he went through the region. She wanted him to have overnight accommodations. This woman lived in the town of Shunem and thus she is called the Shunemite woman. Her hospitality attracted God's attention and thereby Elisha promised her a son within the year. This was too good to be true but nonetheless it came about. The son arrived and brought great joy to the home. Sounds like a fairy tale so far.

The son got ill and died on his mother's lap. Can you imagine the sorrow this woman carried? She was first barren, then she conceived, carried, birthed, and raised her only son to a tender age. To lose your only son at an age when he sits on your lap seems like the worst of tragedies. The Shunemite woman must have been in extreme pain. How would you deal with such a loss and such shattered dreams?

This woman turned to God. She mounted a donkey and went straightway to Elisha. Elisha saw her from a distance and sent his servant to her who asked "are you and your family ok? The obvious answer is no but this woman said, "it is well" or some versions say, "everything is alright." Elisha said, "her soul is troubled within her." How can she say all is well in a moment like this?

This story embraces pain and loss, even for the people who love God. Pain and loss are real. This story teaches us all that we can say "it is well" even under great distress. This story teaches us to go to God in very literal ways when in great pain. Often, we do the opposite. When in pain we fall off the wagon, stay away from our church family, disappear, try to go alone, etc. Job's wife said to him: "why don't you curse God and die." Job replied, "even if he slay me yet will I hope in Him." We act like God is nowhere around, but He is. The woman's faith was rewarded. Elisha went to her home and into the room where her boy lay and raised him from the dead.

We may never lose a son, but God lost one. God felt the loss of His son in much greater ways than the Shunemite woman. The Shunemite woman's story ends in the resurrection of her son. Our story ends the same way. The joy she had is ours. God is present! God is sovereign. God rules over death. Because He was resurrected we can all heartily affirm "all is well."

What a life!

Let's be God's people! Let us be the ones who say heartily "all is well" even in our bitter losses. Let's be the people who believe all is well in spite of our pain. Let's know God is present and then look for Him to show up. He will!

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 82
AM Bible Class Average 90

AM Assembly 134
AM Assembly Avg. 130

Contribution \$12,611.00
YTD Average Weekly \$7,728.75
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

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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:

- 11.8 John Turner
- 11.8 Robin Kellis
- 11.8 Trenton Black
- 11.10 Robin Smith
- 11.10 Amanda Wood
- 11.11 Kris Black
- 11.11 Deon Stewart
- 11.13 Dash Dowdy
- 11.14 Larry Baker

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Opportunities to Serve November 12, 2017

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:
Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Stephen Wood

Servers in November:

Justin Muery
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Cliff Brown
Rob Brannan
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YOUTH NEWS

Most people call Wednesday hump day, and I'm not sure if that's a good thing or a bad thing. I guess it all depends on whether you're a glass half full kind of person, or a glass half empty kind. I'm not sure which way I lean, but I do love Wednesdays. That is because I look forward to being with the teens at church, and I am really loving this Gospel for Everyone theme that we are doing! Two weeks ago Krysten Miller came in to teach from John 8, the woman caught in adultery, and boy did she ever captivate us all with her dynamic story telling abilities! She very craftfully brought every one of us into the story so that we could relate with one of the characters in the story, if not all of them. It was truly amazing! This was a tough act to follow, by the way! Thanks to a last-minute cancelation, I had the honor of putting together a message and teaching the very next week. The only thing I could think of after a long weekend of class at Lipscomb was food, so I ordered Chick-Fil-A for the group, and came up with a lesson about table fellowship, which turned out to be pretty good after all. I used the book of Luke to show how Jesus ate with all kinds of people, from the Pharisees to tax collectors and sinners, to the poor and disabled. Sharing food is sharing life, and we are called to do this daily, at the lunch table, in our homes, at church, and in our community. I encouraged the kids to seek people out to share a meal with, or to go have coffee with, and to talk to them, listen to them, and love them. I would encourage you all to do this. No matter what stage of life you may be in, sitting down with people to share a meal can be so meaningful and rich! Take the time; it will be worth it!

This week Caleb Surface will speak on doubt and then next week Heather Elliot will present a message to the teens. On Wednesday, Nov 22nd, we will not have youth group, but I hope you all will attend the Community Thanksgiving Service that is being hosted by our church on that Tuesday, Nov 21st. This will be a very encouraging event for the whole family!

Blessings, Dawn

MEN'S NEWS

Can I just say that it is great to be back home?

I have truly missed my brothers and the strength that is gained from a fellowship that keeps my armor in tip-top shape.

I had the opportunity to spend time with family and that allowed me time to reflect on the effects that we have as individuals with our choices. It is usually rather evident to see the effects that a father or a brother have on their family or siblings by their individual choices. Hopefully we all have plenty of positive choices and effects to reminisce on when it comes to our earthly families.

Thank you for everyone who was part of the work day and the ramp build this last week! It's important to take the time to reflect on the individual choices you make in God's family as well and realize that you never know how far reaching those positive "injections" of light might penetrate this world. Thank you again for all you do as grandfathers, fathers, brothers, and friends. It really starts to make sense when we tie this in with the principle behind the first and second of the ten commandments.

Exodus 20:5-6

for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Can you imagine? A single act of love towards God having trickle down effects to hundreds or thousands of generations? That's the beauty of God's power where he can take small acts of obedient faith from us and produce mind-boggling results as the ultimate master of the harvest! Amen!?!?

See you Wednesday @ 7pm as we discuss the 6th and 7th commandments of Honoring Your Father & Mother and Thou Shall Not Kill.

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