

# 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
- Dave Watkins

## "LAME IN BOTH FEET"

When David became King in all Israel he asked: "Is there someone left of the house of Saul that I can show kindness to." A servant said there is a man named Mephibosheth who is lame in both feet who is the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul and he lives in Lo Debar. The name Lo Debar means "no pasture" or "no word." So, Mephibosheth lived with no word and no pasture with two crippled feet. Yet, he was from earlier times a son of the king.

But King David knew his story and began to inquire. David sent men to Lo-Debar to get Mephibosheth and bring him to Jerusalem. Upon his arrival at Jerusalem David said to Mephibosheth "I will return to you all that you have lost, and you will always eat at my table."

Is this story not our story? We are Mephibosheth. We are born into this world a child of the king and whole. Life takes its toll and we wind up in a desolate place with no word from God.

We live in Lo Debar, lame in both feet! A casual but honest survey of our lives can see how, apart from the Gospel we live in Lo Debar broke and separated from God.

The good news is that our King sent someone to Lo Debar to rescue us, to restore us, and to bless us. It was his idea. Never in a million years would we come up with the ending of Mephibosheth's story. It reads like a fairy tale and yet it is true on so many levels. We are lame in both feet, unable to do for ourselves. We are alone with no resources except for the initiating love of God. So now through faith in Jesus we are invited to eat forever at the Kings' table. God has come for us and invites us into His palace, to be a part of His family and enter into life with Him. Now that is the fairy tale of fairy tales. Yet, it is true for Mephibosheth! It is true for you as well. God wants you with Him, lame feet and all. He wants you at His table forever.

Much has been said about David having a heart like God's. Saul's family was once David's enemy and yet David's heart longed for a relationship with them. Jonathan was his dearest and closet friend. So, it is with God. He longs to put an end to the conflict and rescue us from Lo Debar. God desires we be a part of His family. God wants us to live forever with Him and eat from his table.

The king is looking for someone left He can show kindness to!

Let it be you!

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 98**
- AM Bible Class Average 89**
- AM Assembly 130**
- AM Assembly Avg. 130**
- Contribution \$5,879.30**
- YTD Average Weekly \$7,476.64**
- 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:

- 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 & Cliff Brown

**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:**

Christine Stewart  
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**YOUTH NEWS**

**MEN'S NEWS**

We have been working through the season of Advent each Sunday morning for the last several weeks. Each week, we have focused on a different gift we've been given through the birth of Christ. There are some questions asked each week that we should revisit throughout the season to check our "pulse", the condition of our heart. Let every heart prepare Him room.

Week 1: Expectation- What are we expecting/what are we expectant for this season? The Bible tells us that everyone was expecting the coming Messiah. Everyone's expectations for this Messiah were different- and they were all skewed! They missed the best gift because their expectations were wrong.  
Week 2: Hope- Where is our hope? Mary's song gives us a window into the unshakable hope that she had, even in the midst of her circumstances.  
Week 3: Peace- Are you experiencing peace? Where does it come from? Isaiah 9:6 describes the Son to be given as a "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace". Do you know the Son, the Prince of Peace?

We have been given a free and perfect gift. This season, let's make it the celebration of our heart that the Son of God came to Earth to live and to die with you and me in mind.

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan

Keeping in step with the book study, the latest topic is the commandment of "Thou Shall Not Commit Adultery".

It's one of those "activities" in society that carries "less" consequence and ridicule than say murder does.

So why does God place such importance on this principle?

Us staying faithful to the marriage covenant is a reflection of our commitment to the covenant he has made with us as our God and redeemer.

We can all agree that the future is unpredictable, but we can also commit before God and all those who witness that we will remain together as husbands with our wives. That commitment and promise is not based upon two changeable people, but on faith in the one unchangeable God.

God stands ready to protect our marriages.

Our marriages are designed by God to be a reflection of Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:31-32).

Just as Christ will never abandon the Church and the Church is always loved by Christ and provided for; in the same manner Husbands and Wives are never to abandon each other or withhold love from each other.

Let's be honest...that's a lot of pressure...a big commitment.

You're gonna need God's help and the good news is that he's already "in it to win it" for your marriage.

#Godfirst

-Justin