

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

9.23.17 Church Beautification Meeting at 9:00a.m.

9.23.17 Men's Bible Class at 9:00a.m.

9.28.17 Ladies Night Out, 6:30p.m. Karen Bost is teaching a Pilates class. Bring water bottle and a mat or towel.

9.29-30.17 Men's Retreat. Please RSVP by 9.27 to Brian Devereaux, call or text (803) 422-8178

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 and Jeanie Frazier, Karen Oliver's Uncle and Cousin
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Kris Black & SCE&G
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker
- Mark Black-Kris Black's Father
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- The Close Family
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Robin Smith
- AJ McElfresh
- Wanda Pearson-Danae's Mother

“PSALMS 23:6”

In our natural state we often default to certain ways of thinking and processing that are actually toxic to our wellbeing, and also false. It makes a lot of sense to drop thoughts that aren't true, but especially if they rob us of our deep spiritual possessions. Often we could help ourselves immensely by trading in the lies about our reality for the truth about our reality. The truth does set us free, but it also gives us peace, joy, love, and all other spiritual blessings. How good is that!

One great example is in Psalms 23 verse 6. This classic, beautiful Psalm ends with a verse that gives deep insight into “a man after God's own heart.” David said “surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” David had a self-taught (or maybe God taught him) paradigm much different from many. It was that for sure life was going to unfold into goodness and mercy. Let's learn something here. A heart like God's thinks something good is about to happen. This is all over scripture and it is part and parcel of the BIG STORY, that is, that God came with the good news to save us when we were helpless. Paul said, “how would He who gave his own son for us, not give us all things?” Here is the deal: God is always up to something good and it is better than you can imagine. Now, that is a foundational truth we must get our minds around. When this truth is absorbed, Loving God is no longer dutiful but unpressed and joyful. This truth when grasped literally causes a person to love God. The truth then frees you from the slavery of all those fearful lies about what might happen. By this your heart is freed from the fear of tomorrow and made able to receive hope, peace, joy, love, and all the things that come in that package.

So one can say *goodness and mercy is about to happen* and then act on it. It is so powerful and so true. All that's left is for one to believe it.

Next David said, “I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever!” What an affirmation. Let's not be those people that wander around uncommitted to the House of the Lord. Let's be those people with hearts like God's that say: “**I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.**” This is a statement about your intentions. This is an affirmation that God will not allow anything to remove you. This is a prophecy of your future. This is the song coming from a heart of faith. This is a dream and a vision about the truth of our lives! This is claiming your inheritance!

All that is left is for you and I to believe it.

Why Not? Let's go!

The 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 88
AM Bible Class Average 90

AM Assembly 131
AM Assembly Avg. 130

Contribution \$6,290.60
YTD Average Weekly \$7,491.45
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

FIT Program

The Fit program is in need of the following items:

Instant Oatmeal, Grits, meals such as Ramen Noodles, Hearty Soups, Boxed Meals.

If you can donate please drop your items off by Sunday, Sept. 24th. Kathy will be taking the items over to LHS next week.

Anniversaries:

9.1 Vernon & Karen Lowe
 9.4 Eddie & Alma Ulmer
 9.8 Steve & July Baker
 9.29 Gregg & Penny Steinmeyer
 9.29 Terry & Kayla Kneece

Birthdays:

9.22 Cliff Brown
 9.24 Raquel Ortiz
 9.24 Stephen Wood
 9.28 Derek Baxley
 9.30 Mary Shokes

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Online Giving!

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Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve
September 24, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:
Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Burress

Servers in September:

Ernie Oliver
Jake Wisniewski
Vern Lowe
Steve Baker
Brian Devereaux
Hayden Oliver

Greeters in September:

George & Christine Stewart

Nursery:

Karyn Halstead
Kelli Daniel

Toddler:

Mary Joy
Landrey Daniel

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

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."
-Romans 12:2

As a parent, my hope and prayer is that my girls would experience the love of God in a real way so that when the "world" is telling them something, their hearts will not conform because they will know what is good and acceptable and perfect. My prayer is the same for every child, youth, and adult in our church family. Our fellowship with one another, abiding with God and studying His Word, and seeking Godly counsel are ways that we can renew our minds so that when the world is tugging, we can stand firm. We are better together, and we have the privilege of navigating this crazy thing called "life" together. Let's make it a point to renew our minds each day, love each other well, and weather the storms hand-in-hand so that we can be a reckoning force against worldly influences in order to point our children, teens, and lost people toward the love of our Savior, our God.

I love our church family here and I'm thankful to be a part of it!

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan

We, as human beings, have a special ability to critique anyone who takes a risk and comes up on the losing end. I have heard enough critical comments to last a lifetime listening to local sports radio in the past 3 days. The real debate is do YOU have what it takes to roll the dice and take a chance yourself.

Are you willing to step out in Faith as the leader of your family? As the leader of your employees? As a leader among disciples of Christ?

Exodus 14:10-31

Moses was staring down a 4th and 1 on the goal line with 1 sec left on the clock. Nothing bad had even happened yet and his own people had already started to lose faith. We have the luxury of knowing what the Israelites didn't know at the time...that God was actually going to show up.

The truth is that your children, your wife, your family, your friends, your employees, fellow Christians, the world are all staring down figurative "4th and 1s" all the time.

They're looking for YOU to go all in on God.

Verse 31 accurately sums up what happened then and what happens every time YOU go with God when everyone else is frozen with indecisiveness.

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in Him and in Moses his servant.

Be Moses.

Do you like hanging out around a fire with your friends? Do you like home-made french fries? Do you like steak? Do you enjoy watching and/or participating in sports? Do you love God?

If you answered "yes" to any of those then you will want to be at the Men's Retreat this next Friday and Saturday.

The retreat will kick off with dinner being served at 8pm Friday. The following morning will be dedicated to personal reflection and meditation and prayer. Saturday afternoon will contain flag football and steak.

Please call or text Brian Devereaux @ 803-422-8178 to confirm your participation NLT 27 Sept.

Be courageous. Fear God not man. Speak the truth in love.

#grabtheoar -Justin