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Parson to Person

What if Jesus tried to feed 5,000 in today's church? Maybe it would go something like this:

Jesus seeing the large crowd, He had compassion on them. So, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" Jesus said this in order to test Philip.

Philip said, "Great question, Jesus. I have been telling the other Disciples that somebody ought to do something. We have this large crowd here and we have no plan to minister to them. They should have some foresight, for crying out loud. As a matter of fact, I told Your boys, Peter and John, about it. They hadn't done a thing. That's pretty sorry leadership, if you ask me."

Jesus might reply, "Well, Philip, I didn't asked them. I asked you."

Philip said, "Me? Jesus, that's where You done messed up. Nobody pays me any attention or listens to me."

"But still. I asked you."

"Well, Jesus, if You must know, I looked into it. I went and asked Judas Iscariot how much money we had and if it would be feasible to help these people. And he told me that it would take about 7 months of work to pay for the bread for all of these people. So, I-I just let it drop. Can't get blood out of a turnip."

Andrew spoke up, "Yeah, like, Dude. All we got is nasty bread and sardines that this kid brought."

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down."

"Now, Lord. I feel You moving. And I'm excited. But I don't feel comfortable moving this fast. We're much better at doing this slow. May I suggest that we get a feeding study committee to determine the need. May I also suggest that we get Judas Iscariot to gather a Financial Feeding Committee to talk about fund raisers and to plan to put this in next year's budget. Of course we will have to establish policies and procedures on how to do a mass feeding. Then we will have to make sure that our church calendar is cleared. Because if You feed this crowd, we're going to have to do it for every other gathering."

Then another Disciple raised his hand and asked, "Hey, Jesus. I got a question. I'm all for taking care of people. But this is going to be a lot of work and I imagine that it will take a lot of money. Is this really worth the effort? I mean, we're going to feed them for a meal, not for life. And is this going to grew our Disciple numbers? What do we get for all of this expense and effort?"

Sometimes the only benefit is obedience. Remember, we are serving Him. And getting to serve the One who has given so much to me, is a real privilege. Our Feeding of the 5,000 is November 19. Please take some time and cook a sweet potato casserole or dessert. Please reserve some time to take a meal or help at the church

Grateful,
BroKen



November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3:30pm Deacons Meeting in FH (2027 budget)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 5:00pm Budget Presentation in Sanctuary	9	10	11 Budget Vote	12	13	14
15 3:30pm Deacons Meeting in FH	16 12:00pm L.I.F.E. Luncheon in FH	17	18	19 F-5K	20	21
22 7:30am Brotherhood Breakfast in FH	23	24	25 Office closes at 12:00pm	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 5:00pm Hanging of the Green in Sanctuary	30					

Welcome to our new members...



AJ Caldwell
with his parents, Matt & Anna Caldwell,
and his brothers

What's Happening this Month...

DUE If your child is signed up to go to CentriKid in the summer of 2027, the 2nd payment of $100 is due on Sunday, November 1. Please see Danielle if you have any questions.

L.I.F.E. LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 16 at 12:00pm for our monthly fellowship! Special musical guest will be Ricky Young. We will serve spaghetti, so bring a side dish and join us for lunch!

There will be
NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES
on Wed, November 25. Our office will be closing on Wed, Nov. 25 at 12:00pm thru Friday, Nov. 27. Normal office hours will begin on Monday, November 30.

MEETING

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, November 1 at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is to go over the 2027 church budget.

Sunday, November 15 at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Please make plans to attend both meetings.

FEEDING of the 5,000

November 19, 2026

F5K rec'd: $13,782.64

We need volunteers to make sweet potato casseroles & desserts. We need people to help deliver meals to homes, volunteer time to help prepare the food, and monetary donations to help with the cost. Sweet potatoes and pans will be available in the next week to use for this event.

NOVEMBER 2026 USHERS for FIRST DAY

Nov. 1-
Chad Anthony
Mark Vandiver

Nov. 8-
Ian McGregor
Jim Long

Nov. 15-
Mark Griffith
Zeb Collums

Nov. 23-
Cal Bryant
Kyle Walker

Nov. 30-
Ben Hill
Jon Micheal Hannon

HANGING OF THE GREEN

Join us at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 29 as we decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas season

Bus Pick-up & Drop-off Rotation for October

Novemeber 1-
Chase Jefcoat

November 8-
Ben Hill

November 15-
Whitt Gillespie

November 22-
Ben Ashley

November 29-
T.J. Kilpatrick

2027 BUDGET INFO

The 2027 budget will be presented to our congregation on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary.
We will vote on the budget on Wed, Nov. 11.

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, November 22 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Sunday School Total.....435
First Day Worship.....325 (26)
11:00am Worship.....142 (146)

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Sunday School Total.....374
First Day Worship.....306 (23)
11:00am Worship.....127 (12)

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Sunday School Total.....398
First Day Worship.....293 (24)
11:00am Worship.....136 (17)

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Sunday School Total.....406
First Day Worship.....336 (24)
11:00am Worship.....137 (14)

OCT. 2026 BUISNESS MEETING
Budget YTD.....$1,114,766.07
Received YTD....$1,073,157.08

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER MENU:

Wed, November 4-
Soups, Salad Bar

Wed, November 11-
Thanksgiving Meal

Wed, November 18-
NO MEAL

Wed, November 25-
NO MEAL

Wed, December 2-
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Salad Bar

DEACONS ON CALL for NOVEMBER 2026

November 1-
Chad Anthony
Mark Griffith
Ben Ashley

November 8-
Howard Hill
Kevin Morrow
Terry Wood

November 15-
Chase Jefcoat
Ellis Reeder
Billy Montgomery

November 22-
Kevin Koehler
Jody Stringer
Josh Purdon

November 29-
Jim Long
Eddy Taylor
Buddy Montgomery

11:00am USHERS for November 2026

(* indicates prayer door)

November 1-
*Zeb Collums, Mitch Montgomery, Steve Montgomery, Logan Poland, Jay Reeder, Pete Reeder

November 8-
*Sam Dowdy, Clark Sexton, Brent Spears, Randy Todd, Bryan Warren, Joe Austin

November 15-
*Mark Crenshaw, Mike Bowen, Rick Burgett, Terry Butler, Bill Cook, Phillip Cox

November 22-
*Eddy Taylor, Adam Gentry, Roger Gentry, Wally Henry, Ben Howard, Jay Hughes

November 29-
*Richie Chrestman, Sam Gibbs, Kevin Morrow, Ellis Reeder, Carey McMullan, Matt Koon

**If you are unable to usher, please find someone to take your place.