

Serving Soon

	Next Week Dec 24	Two Weeks Dec 31
Volunteers		
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Jacob Glaspell	Nate Strawser
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Ken Warfield	Shane Barker
<i>Communion</i>	Bill Daufen	Randy Shaw
<i>Announcements</i>	Jeff Felzien	Jeff Felzien
<i>Children's Church</i>	Kim & Kara	Kim & Kara
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Jamie Fee	Jamie Fee
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Carol Daufen	Alisha Meadows
<i>Ushers</i>	Brandon, Roger, Scott	John, Kenny, Jordan

Statistics

Attendance

Sunday Bible Classes 84
 Sunday Worship 145
 Small Group 38
 Wednesday Classes 52

Budget

Contribution \$5,752

Leadership

Elders

Jeff Eldridge
 Dick Moore
 Gary Stidham
 Jimmy Williamson

Deacons

David Hubbard
 Kenny Hoyle
 Shane Barker
 Jamie Fee
 Jeff Felzien

Ministers

Chuck Forsythe
 Jacob Glaspell

Office Manager

Ashley Eldridge

Meeting Times

Sundays

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30
 Sunday Worship 10:30
 Sunday Evening 6:00

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00

Our mission is to bring people to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers who demonstrate God's love through service.

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Sunday, December 17, 2023



This Morning

Welcome Chuck Forsythe

Worship Leader Layne Garringer

Light The Fire

Unto Thee O Lord

Prayer Jeremiah Forsythe

Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

Communion John Wood

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Offering

Children's Church Stidhams

Joy To The World

Sermon Chuck Forsythe

Hark, The Herold Angels Sing

Announcements Jeff Felzien



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God Will Work It Out

Paul wrote: "Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith" (Philippians 3:1).

This theme of rejoicing runs throughout the New Testament.

Romans 5:3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

And Paul was not alone, Jesus' brother Jude told the early church: Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault (Jude 24).

Jesus' other brother wrote: Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy (James 1:2).

And maybe you're thinking, sure, they could rejoice. They didn't have the problems that I have. But Paul was wrongly accused, flogged, and now he's locked up. Well, there is only one thing to do: sing! Well, that may not be what I would do, but it's what Paul and Silas did.

It's midnight; they are sore from being beaten; they are cold and wet and they are praying and singing.

So, what made them sing, and what is this Joy that Paul speaks of?

Biblical "joy" is misunderstood! Normally when we think of "Joy," we think of having fun and a lack of problems. That defines "happiness," it doesn't define joy, at least not the joy Paul is speaking about. Joy come from knowing they mattered to God.

Our joy is a deep sense I matter to God and he will work it out.

Small Groups

Bevercreek Group Jeff Eldridge 937-603-4269 Sundays at 6:00	Young Adult Group Gary Stidham 937-728-4700 Sunday at 6:00	Building Group Jimmy Williamson 937-776-5021 Sundays at 6:00
Ladies Group Sharon Felzien 937-848-7641 Sundays at 6:00	Bevercreek Group Dick Moore 937-609-3530 Sundays at 5:00	Bellbrook/Xenia Group Gary Forrester 931-993-2080 JD Sandoval 501-827-0443 Sundays at 5:00
Teen Group Jacob Glaspell 304-917-6912 Sundays at 6:00		

Prayer Requests

Dessie Neatherton	Cole Garringer	Jim Villinger
Charlie Lightle	Charlie Ayers	
Mark Lewis	Chris Stewart	

College Students

Leah Hoyle	Alexis Johnson
Grace Beerbower	Jennica Fee
Boston Begley	Madison Liles
Nate Strawser	Shiloh Drake
A.J Keys	

News and Events

NEED TEACHERS: We need a Teacher for Winter Quarter. 4-5 grade for Sunday mornings.

HOPE RISING NEEDS: 5T boys clothes, jars of baby food, baby rice cereal and winter hats

COCOA & CAROLS: We will sing in celebration of Christ's advent, while enjoying an evening of hot cocoa. **TONIGHT** in the fellowship hall.

BABY SHOWER: There will be a baby shower in the fellowship hall Thursday, December 28th for Rachel Inouye (Stewart) at 5:30pm. They are registered on Amazon. Please sign up on the table in the foyer if you are able to attend.

GOSPEL MISSION: December 31st, please see Len Moses for questions about serving and sign up on the table in the foyer.

MIDWESDTERN CHILDREN'S HOME: Dan Beerbower is collecting gift cards for Mid-western for Christmas and the Gala in February – Kroger, Walmart, Target, and Meijer. If interested in helping, please contact Dan.

WINTER QUARTER CLASSES:

Sunday Morning (Fellowship Hall):

(round table side) Kenny Williams is teaching using the book: *Daniel: Living Among Lions: How to thrive Like Daniel in Today' Babylon.*

Wednesday night (Fellowship Hall):

(round table side) Len Mose is teaching Lessons from the Major Events in the Life of Christ

Student Ministry

grow up, grow out, grow together

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Thursday nights from 5:30-6:30. See Jacob for link.

WINTERFEST 2024: ACTS - Feb 15-18. Please see Jacob if you are interested in attending Winterfest this year. Price is \$125 per student. 6th-12th Grade.