

Serving Soon

	Next Week Apr 28	Two Weeks May 5
Volunteers		
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Nate Strawser	Jamie Fee
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Gary Forrester	Barry Bergsten
<i>Communion</i>	Jeremiah Forsythe	Gregg Lowe
<i>Announcements</i>	Bill Daufen	Jimmy Williamson
<i>Children's Church</i>	Shelly & Caden	Shelly & Caden
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Jordan Rlnard	Jamie Fee
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Carol Daufen	TBT
<i>Ushers</i>	John, Kenny, Patrick	Jeff, Scott, Tim

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

Statistics

Attendance

Sunday Bible Classes 84
 Sunday Worship 168
 Small Group 58
 Wednesday Classes 40

Budget

Contribution \$7,698

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

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Sunday, April 21, 2024



This Morning

Welcome Chuck Forsythe
 Worship Leader Jacob Glaspell
Doxology
Shout Hallelujah
 Prayer Ken Warfield
Days Of Elijah
Just As I Am
 Communion Kenny Williams
Thank You Lord
 Offering
 Children's Church Kim & Kara
Holy, Holy, Holy
 Sermon Andrew Hicks
Victory In Jesus
 Announcements Gary Stidham



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The Best Preacher For You

In our post-COVID world, work and family rhythms have been permanently altered. So have attitudes toward church participation. Many people have pulled back from church involvement in favor of consuming podcasts and broadcasts.

This is not okay. Setting aside for a moment the Bible’s urging of every Christian to practice one-another ministry (an exhortation that’s difficult to obey from your couch), it’s clear God has a different vision of how his people are to hear his word. We are embodied people.

Therefore, the best preacher for each one of us — the preacher we really need — is an embodied one, someone who stands in our physical presence to proclaim God’s word to us. We need more than a voice in our ears; we need a life before our eyes. Podcast sermons from people we don’t know are potentially a tremendous supplement — and certainly a terrible substitute.

I’m a preacher. On most Sunday mornings for the past fifteen years, I have walked onto a platform, and proclaimed God’s word. But I have many more years of experience receiving preaching.

When I consider those who have fed my soul, I recall them expounding the Scriptures, and I remember times when their preaching spoke deeply to me, firing my passion for God. I also remember the times when we sat together and argued, or I confessed sin and they reminded me of God’s grace, or they prayed for me. And these moments mattered for how I heard their proclamation.

In the Bible, teaching is understood not mainly as a delivery of ideas from brain to brain, but as the formation of a person in the context of embodied relationship. Paul wrote, “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:9). Notice, they didn’t just hear Paul — they saw him.

Stephen Witmer, *edited*

News and Events

GUEST SPEAKER: Andrew Hicks, a candidate for our next pulpit minister, will be joining us today and preaching the sermon.

BLOOD DRIVE: April 21st , in the fellowship hall 1 -7pm. Please see Chuck if you can volunteer.

WALK FOR LIFE: Hope Rising Pregnancy Center Walk For Life is April 27th. See Blanche if you’d like to be a walker or to donate.

MEN’S BREAKFAST/WORK DAY: May 11th, a breakfast will be held in the fellowship and following will be a “Spring Spruce Up” for the outside of the building. See Jacob Glaspell and Nate Peterson for more information.

PULL TABS: Please turn in your Ronald McDonald House pull tabs no later than Sunday, May 12th.

LACOMEDIA - Friday, May 31. Church Basement Ladies, “Plowin’ Thru”. Cost is \$53 per person, due to Blanche by April 28. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

HOPE RISING NEEDS: 4T-5T pull-ups, Baby cereal, Shoes for boys and girls, size 7 and up & Boys gently used clothing size 5T

SPRING QUARTER CLASSES:

Sunday Morning (Auditorium)

James & Jude: Jimmy Williamson is teaching from the books of James and Jude

Sunday Morning (Fellowship Hall):

Temptations: Not the Singing Group: taught by Gregg Lowe

Wednesday night (Fellowship Hall):

(brown side) Joseph: Man of Integrity and Forgiveness taught by Dick Moore

Wednesday night (Fellowship Hall):

(white side) Ladies class The Well-Watered Woman by Gretchen Saffles taught by Arvilla Fee

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	Charlie Ayers
Charlie Lightle	Garringer Family Jim Villinger

College Students

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

Student Ministry

grow up, grow out, grow together

VBS 2024: Save the Date!! July 14th-17th. This year’s theme is “Our God is Awesome!” More details to come.

Nerf War: May 3rd at 6:00pm will be a church-wide Nerf War. Bring your Nerf gear and get ready to team up to win! Snacks will be provided. Sign up in the foyer.

Elmer-Parsons Youth Retreat: May 17th-19th. See Jacob if interested in going.

Lock-In: June 9th 7:00p-June 10th 7:00am. Volunteers needed. See Jacob to volunteer!

Drive-In Movie: June 14th. Join us for a church-wide drive in in our parking lot (weather permitting). Movie TBD.

Fort Hill Camp: Register now for Fort Hill! June 30th-July 6th. See Jacob if you have any questions.