

## Serving Soon

	Next Week Nov 12	Two Weeks Nov 19
<b>Volunteers</b>		
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Layne Garringer	Adam Pugh
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Dennis Hilby	Mike Wilson
<i>Communion</i>	Len Moses	Randy Shaw
<i>Announcements</i>	Dick Moore	Gary Stidham
<i>Children's Church</i>	Shelly & Caden	Shelly & Caden
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Evan Liles	Adam Vencil
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Carol Daufen	Kelley & Laura

## Statistics

### Attendance

Sunday Bible Classes .... 82  
 Sunday Worship ..... 129  
 Small Group ..... 49  
 Wednesday Classes ..... 50

### Budget

Contribution ..... \$6,042

## 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

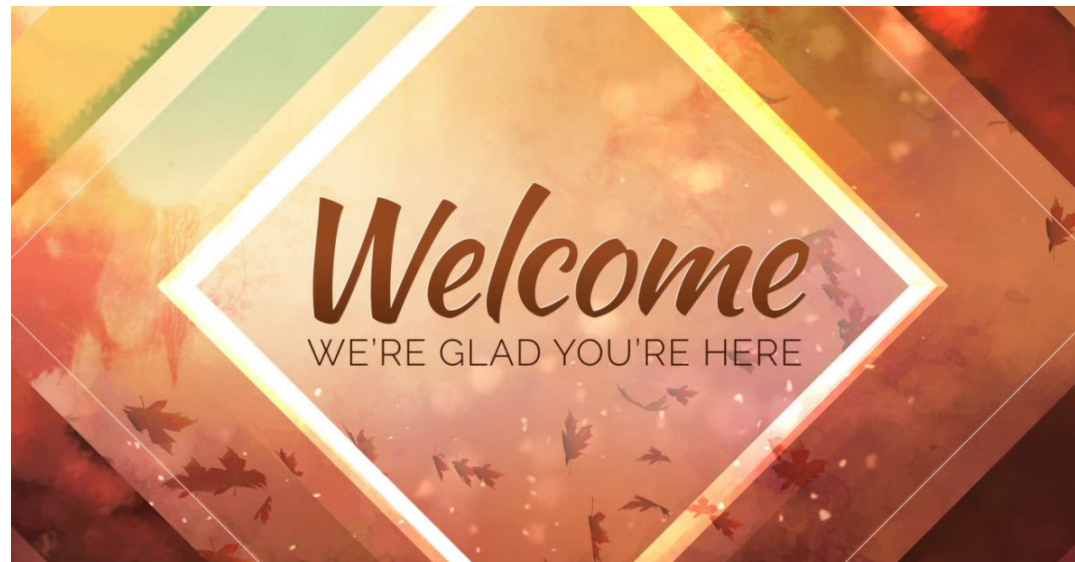
### Wednesdays

Bible Classes ..... 7:00

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

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**



## This Morning

Welcome ..... Chuck Forsythe

Worship Leader ..... Jamie Fee

*All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name*

*Revive Us Again*

Prayer ..... Barry Bergsten

*Up From The Grave He Arose*

Communion ..... Dennis Hilby

*Count Your Blessings*

Offering

Children's Church ..... Kim & Kara

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Sermon ..... Chuck Forsythe

*Trust And Obey*

Announcements ..... Jimmy Williamson



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# Not Always The Way We Want

Have you ever felt God just wasn't listening? Silent, uncaring, even absent? Perhaps you have a problem, a need, a pain, a burning question; you bring it before God, and nothing happens. You remember Jesus said persist in prayer, so you go on battering at heaven for an answer that doesn't come. Habakkuk doesn't pull any punches:

"O YHWH, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?" [Hab 1:1]

Here is the problem of unanswered prayer from a righteous man, a man of God who is asking on behalf of his people, not for himself. Habakkuk knows the thing to do with a problem is to take it to God. He has been doing just that. But he doesn't get any answer. His heart cries out in perplexed bewilderment.

Have you ever felt that way?

What makes the book of Habakkuk unique among the prophets is that Habakkuk never talks to the people of Judah. It is, instead, a dialogue between one man and his God. That is what makes it so immediate, so relevant. Like Habakkuk, each of us at some time wrestles with God's incomprehensible silence. As God answers Habakkuk:

"Look at the nations and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told." [Hab 1:5]

In other words, God says, "I am answering your prayer, Habakkuk. You accuse me of silence, but you just don't know how to recognize my answer. It is so different from what you expect that you won't even believe it when I tell you. But I'll tell you anyway."

God's ways are way beyond our comprehension. God does answer prayer, though not always the way we want.

## Small Groups

Beavercreek Group Jeff Eldridge 937-603-4269 Sundays at 6:00	Young Adult Group Gary Stidham 937-728-4700 Sunday at 6:00	Teen Group Jacob Glaspell 304-917-6912 Sundays at 6:00
Ladies Group Sharon Felzien 937-848-7641 Sundays at 6:00	Beavercreek Group Dick Moore 937-609-3530 Sundays at 5:00	Building Group Jimmy Williamson 937-776-5021 Sundays at 6:00
	Small Group Gary Forrester 931-993-2080 JD Sandoval 501-380-7475	

## 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 Teachers for Winter Quarter. 2s & 3s, 1st-3rd Grade, Teens

**HOPE RISING NEEDS:** Crib sheets, Hooded towels, Boys and girls shoes sizes NB and 7-13, Gently used diaper bags, winter hats size Preemie, NB, and boys 12 months

**LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Mark your calendar for December 5th, 6pm for the annual Ladies Christmas Party at the home of Debbie Eldridge. More info to come.

### Sunday Morning (Auditorium):

Song for Lovers: Chuck

Turn, Turn, Turn: Dennis

When Bad Things Happen: Ken

The Study of Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and Job

### Sunday Morning (Fellowship Hall):

Bible Warfare: How to Defend Your Faith:  
Jamie

### Wednesday night:

Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Saints: Dick, Jimmy, Jeff, and Gary

### Wednesday night Ladies Class:

*It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* by Lysa TerKeurst: Kelley

## Student Ministry

*grow up, grow out, grow together*

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY:** Thursday nights from 5:30-6:30 starting September 7th. See Jacob for link.