

Serving you...

NOVEMBER 2023

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**CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**



Worship With Us....

~ Sundays ~
Bible Study 9:30
Service 10:45 am
Nursery provided
~ Wednesdays ~
Meal 6:00
Bible Study 6:30
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**Office Hours**  
Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am to Noon & 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Closed Fridays

**Church Schedule**

**Sundays** 9:30 Bible Study for children & adults  
10:45 Church service  
**Wednesdays** 6:00 Meal  
6:30 Bible Study  
**Saturdays** 9:00 a.m. Men's Coffee at Church  
10:00-11:00 Drive-up Prayer

**Upcoming Events**

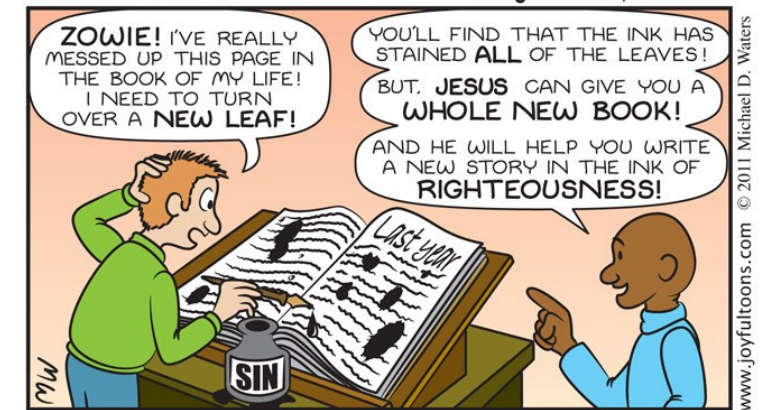
**Saturday, November 18th** - Agape Service and Church-wide Thanksgiving meal

**National Night Out  
Block Party!**



On Tuesday, October 3rd, we hosted a National Night Out Block Party. The rain didn't stop us! By the end of the evening, we had over 60 people visit. There were church members, guests, STEM middle school faculty, some from St. Francis down the street, and people from the city police and sheriff's department. We had a great time. If you didn't get to join us this year, hopefully you can make it next year!

**A NEW LEAF?**



We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. — ROMANS 6:4 NIV



~ UNITED ~ One Body in Christ~

Pastor's Corner

Hey United family,

The past few months I have been sharing with you ways that you can live out the gospel life on the days you are not at church. This month I want to highlight work. **How can we share the gospel with others through work?** Everyone of us works. Whether we are getting paid for a job or we are serving our families or volunteering our time, we all engage with work. It is important for us to remember that work is designed by God as a blessing for humanity. It is not punishment. Genesis 1 and 2 give us a basis for this understanding. First of all we see God working. He is modeling this for us as he is creating. Secondly, in Genesis 1:26 we see that work is tied to the blessing of being an image bearer of God. We work just as he does. The call to rule the created things of the earth was not one of harsh rulership, but one that reflects God's rule of mercy, love and kindness. When we work (when we create, when we serve, when we help, when we care for, when we fix, when we clean, when we teach, when we tear down and rebuild, etc...) we are displaying God to the world. Though we can often feel stuck in our jobs, these verses remind us that we have work for a reason. The curse of sin has often made work hard and unfair.

Colossians 3:22-24 acknowledges this as Paul gives instructions to Christians who were facing slavery. Though their situation was unfair and they were mistreated, they were still called to work, not for the sake of their masters, but for the glory of God. Though work has been corrupted by sin and we have to deal with, and work to correct the effects of this brokenness, work in itself is still God ordained and important to Him. When we work with intentionality knowing that it is for the glory of God and we combine that with the godly character that I talked about last month, we can be a gospel witness to those around us. So this thanksgiving, as you are thanking God for all the blessings that he has given you, take some time to thank him for the work that you have been given and the witness that you bring to others when you engage with it.

In Christ, Pastor Jeremy

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TEAM & COMMITTEE NEWS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has been meeting and putting together the budget for 2024. It will be available this month and voted on in December at a called business meeting. Make sure you get a copy and look at where the money you give goes. If you have any questions before the called business meeting in December, ask one of the committee members. Or you can call the church office..

Committee members: Carlos Cantu, Bobbi Ellinger, Melanie Elkins, Lydia Garrett, Judy James, Winona Klacman, Jane Krause, Shannon Tillery, Mike Garrett, & Jeremy Prichard

BUILDING & GROUNDS ~ CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m., we will have a workday at the church. Come help us get things organized and decorate for the Christmas season!

MISSIONS



We gave a total of \$610 to the Mary Hill Davis Texas Missions offering!

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are due at the church Sunday, November 12th so we can take them to FBC Edna.

The Chosen

We will be showing episode 1 of season 1 of *The Chosen* in the fellowship hall Sunday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. Come watch with us!

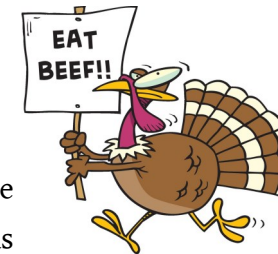


November 2023



| Sun                                                                                                           | Mon                                 | Tue | Wed                                                                    | Thu                                   | Fri                          | Sat                                                                              |
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| Regular Sun A.M. Schedule<br>Bible Study ~ 9:30<br>Worship ~ 10:45                                            |                                     |     | 1<br>6:00 Meal<br>6:30 Business Meeting                                | 2                                     | 3                            | 4<br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer<br><i>*Shannon Tillery</i> |
| 5 Regular Sun A.M. Schedule<br>6:00 P.M. Episode 1<br>Season 1 of <i>The Chosen</i><br>in the Fellowship Hall | 6<br>5:30 Finance Committee Meeting | 7   | 8<br>6:00 Meal<br>6:30 Bible Study<br><i>*Irene Sanchez</i>            | 9                                     | 10                           | 11<br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer                           |
| 12 Regular Sun A.M. Schedule<br>Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due                                           | 13<br>6:30 Church Council Mtg       | 14  | 15<br>6:00 Sandwiches<br>6:30 Business Meeting                         | 16                                    | 17                           | 18<br><i>Noon Agape Thanksgiving Meal</i>                                        |
| 19 Regular Sun A.M. Schedule                                                                                  | 20                                  | 21  | 22<br>6:00 Meal<br>6:30 Bible Study<br><br><i>Church Office Closed</i> | 23<br><br><i>Church Office Closed</i> | 24                           | 25<br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer                           |
| 26 Regular Sun A.M. Schedule                                                                                  | 27<br><i>*Jane Krause</i>           | 28  | 29<br>11:00-1:00 Feed the BSM                                          | 30                                    | *Birthdays<br>♥Anniversaries | Dec 2<br>9:30 Church Workday                                                     |

Agape Service Thanksgiving Meal



On Saturday, November 18, we will have our Agape Service as well as our church-wide Thanksgiving meal. We will have an Agape service an noon and celebrate new members. Then we will have the Lord's Supper and fellowship with a Thanksgiving meal. The church will provide the turkey. There is a signup sheet out for sides.

Bible Jeopardy

In Isaiah 6, Isaiah saw the Lord's robe in the Temple. How long was it?

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Thanksgiving Word Scramble

- SPATTOEO \_\_\_\_\_
- GPIMILR \_\_\_\_\_
- ALEF \_\_\_\_\_
- ATNSKH \_\_\_\_\_
- RTYEUK \_\_\_\_\_
- TEASF \_\_\_\_\_
- ODFO \_\_\_\_\_
- SYMA \_\_\_\_\_
- VNGIGI \_\_\_\_\_
- RHESA \_\_\_\_\_
- SNEBA \_\_\_\_\_
- IPE \_\_\_\_\_

Answers are on the other side