

Weekly Calendar

November 8, Sunday

Early Morning Worship Downtown.....8:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship at NorthPoint9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study Downtown.....9:45 a.m.
 Bible Study at NorthPoint10:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Downtown11:00 a.m.
 Young Adult *Multiply* Study (FLC).....5:00 p.m.
 Shoebox Packing Party (FLC).....6:30 p.m.

November 9, Monday

Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC).....9:00 a.m.

November 10, Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study (Room 321).....9:00 a.m.
 Celebrate Recovery (FLC-Loft/5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Time).....6:30 p.m.

November 11, Wednesday

Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC).....9:00 a.m.
 Youth & Children's Choirs5:15 p.m.
 Mission Friends (3s, 4s, 5s & Kindergarten)6:30 p.m.
 Square 1 for Children (Grades 1-6)6:30 p.m.
 The Loft for Youth (Grades 7-12)6:30 p.m.
 Life University6:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Worship Center)7:30 p.m.

November 13, Friday

Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC).....9:00 a.m.

November 14, Saturday

Preschool & Children Teacher Training (FH)10:30 a.m.



Operation Christmas Child 500 Shoebox Packing Party

Sunday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Contents for the shoeboxes have already been purchased. We are accepting donations for the shipping cost which is \$9 per shoebox.

A simple meal of hotdogs, chips, cookie and drink will be provided. We need you to sign up so we will have a count for the meal. Call the church office by Friday, November 6.

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Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 16-23

The Pastor's Corner

This week our Thanksgiving series takes us to the book of Esther. I briefly considered ending my article with that and leaving you to wonder where on earth this sermon is going, but I won't. When we give thanks it is most often for the good things we have recently received. When you consider the life experiences of Esther, her life was fraught with loss, uncertainty and danger. Not exactly things most of us would be thankful for. In each of her challenges God provided and in doing so worked out a great salvation for her people. This week we travel to Babylon to consider being thankful for the hard things. If you have ever struggled with challenges in life, this message is for you. Shalom.

Pastor James

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

Not Too Late to Sign Up!

Call to schedule an evaluation time, 846-0003.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. & every 30 minutes thereafter

Cost: \$45

Registration forms available at the Family Life Center, church office or online at

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW70956>

Practices begin the week of November 30

Games begin January 9

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery occasionally. If you are interested, contact Rebecca in the church office, 847-2965.



Help Needed!

► Audio/Video to help run the sound board, video or computer on Sunday mornings. Will train. See Zack.

► Musicians to help lead worship. If you play an instrument of any kind (piano, percussion, wind, stringed, etc.) see Zack.

A Note from the Youth Minister

It's November, and you all know what that means. It's Christmas season! Just kidding. While we definitely need some Christmas cheer for 2020 and are all in need of an uplifted spirit, we still have much to be thankful for, including our savior Jesus Christ. In years past, a trend on social media has been to state one thing you are thankful for each day in the month of November. This is something I think is especially important now. We often get so caught up in the busy-ness of life that we forget to stop and smell the roses. On November 1, I was thankful for waking up an hour earlier than normal instead of an hour later! I hope you all take time each day this month to remember what you are thankful for.

Students have had a roller coaster of a year with a two week quarantine, school schedule changes and extracurricular activities changed, cancelled or postponed. They have been troopers through all of this, and I urge you to check in on teenagers and encourage them as they continue figuring out school during this time.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for Disciple Now to be March 12-14. This is such a valuable time for students to spend a whole weekend in God's word. Last year we were blessed to be able to have it before the pandemic effects had hit the U.S., and this year we will be sure to take extra precautions to ensure student health.

The ministry will be making another Christmas float for the parade this year. We'll begin working on it soon to start off the Christmas season. If you would like to find out how you can help, please contact me and I'll get you plugged in. Hope to see you at the parade!



Scott

Hospital Update

(as of 11-2-2020)

Chris Whittemire – Washington Regional, AR

Don Henderson – Mercy, Springfield

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Lonnie Yarnall and family in the death of his brother, Paul Yarnall.

Sympathy is extended to Scott and Susan Madison and family in the death of Scott's father, Lavern Madison.

Sympathy is extended to Virginia Easley and family in the death of her mother, Laurie Whitcanack.

Volunteer Opportunity



The LUC Boys Ranch in Lampe is putting together a Christmas light drive through for December 18, 19 and 20. They have two needs for volunteers:

- 1) Help stringing Christmas lights prior to drive through
- 2) Singing groups to provide 30-60 minutes of Christmas vocals on one of the three nights (ensembles, choirs, quartets, families)

Growing Through Gratitude

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude "fertilizer for the mind" because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. "Give thanks in all circumstances," he writes, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV). -copied

