



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

11/5 Linda Upole
 11/5 Bri Llewellyn
 11/17 Theresa Brenneman
 11/23 HyunJoo Moon
 11/30 Shirley Bender



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

11/14 Larry & Kelly Rock
 11/23 Harvey & Hannah Hershberger
 11/29 Franklin & Allison Broadwater



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mission gifts given in November will benefit: *Operation Christmas Child*.
2. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please take up the challenge of packing at least 1 box for every member in your household by Sunday November 16.
3. Anyone interested in playing in our Adult or Kids Handbell Choirs this Christmas... please touch base with Lori Wilt.



THE CALENDAR:

Wednesdays **Mid Week Bible Study (6:00-7:30pm)**

Sun. November 2 **DST (Fall Back), Friend Sunday!**

Fri. November 14 **VBS Paint Party Fundraiser (7:00pm)** *reserve by 11/7 to Bri*

Sun. November 16 **Council Meeting (noon)**



COFFEE BREAK SCHEDULE:

Nov. 2 - Allison Broadwater	Nov. 30 - Emily Widder
Nov. 9 - Emily Widder	Dec. 7 - Allison Broadwater
Nov. 16 - Amanda Carey	Dec. 14 - Sherry Carey
Nov. 23 - Sherry Carey	Dec. 21 - Amanda Carey



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To begin the process of joining the church as a member, please touch base with the Elders.

SOLA GRATIA **SOLA FIDE** **SOLUS CHRISTUS** **SOLA SCRIPTURA** **SOLI DEO GLORIA**
 BY GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE BY SCRIPTURE ALONE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE



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 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES - 9:15AM - SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30AM

2 NOVEMBER 2025 ✠ LORD'S DAY 44

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders; you have made known
your might among the peoples. - Psalm 77:13-14 ^{ESV}

GOD IS HOLY HE IS TO BE ADORED.

The Call to Worship | Psalm 77:13-14

Song | *The God We Love*

Prayers of Praise ^{Larry}

Welcome

GOD'S WORD IS TO BE HONORED.

The Gospel Reading | Luke 8:1-15 ^{Amanda}

The Offering

Kids Message | Psalm 77:11-12 ^{Gracie}

GUILT & SIN IS TO BE CONFESSED & REPENTED OF.

Scriptural Call | Matthew 25:35-36

Hymn #577 | *Abide with Me*

Prayers of Confession & Silence ^{Jeff}

GOD'S GRACE LEADS US TO GRATITUDE & GODLINESS.

Scriptural Assurance | Isaiah 55:6-9

Song | *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Request ^{Matt}

GOD'S WORD IS TO BE PROCLAIMED.

The Sermon Text | Isaiah 65:1-25 (p. 792)

The Sermon | *"The Zion Yet To Be"*

GO SERVE IN OBEDIENCE.

Song | *There Is One Gospel*

The Benediction



THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS CHRIST SAVES SINNERS.
So then: Repent, Believe, and Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES (9:15-10:15am):

11/2 5. The Sun Stands Still - Joshua 9:1-10:25 ^{Matt}

11/9 Joshua 11-24 ^{Matt}

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

	PRAISE	GOSPEL READING	CONFESSION	THANKS/REQ.	SERMON
NOV. 2	Larry Rock	Luke 8:1-15 Amanda Carey	Jeff Clevenger	Matt Widder	Isaiah 65:1-25 The Zion Yet To Be
NOV. 9	Jess Carey	Luke 8:16-21 Larry Rock	Matt Widder	John Carey	Isaiah 66:1-24 The Word
NOV. 16	Harvey Hershberger	Luke 8:22-25 Jack Carey	Johnny Carey	John Carey	TBA
NOV. 23	Adam Winkelvoss	Luke 8:26-39 Brayden Broadwater	Franklin Broadwater	John Carey	Luke 8:39 How Much He's Done

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM – 1563

Q1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of
my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of
eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now
on to live for Him.

Q2: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

First, how great my sins and misery are;

second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery:

third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

God's redemption of sinners will ultimately result in the transformation of the universe into a new creation unharmed by the curse against man's sin. If this fallen world retains much beauty and pleasure, to a much greater degree will the new heavens and the new earth be a paradise of happiness for the church. All our desires will be satisfied by the God who made us.

However, before we can enter into the new creation, the new creation must enter into us. We must be created anew in Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit. One fruit of this new creation is a new joy in the Lord Jesus, a spiritual delight in the loveliness of Christ. Another fruit is that we truly become one of the servants of the Lord, doing His will.

Are you part of God's new creation? How do you know?

Today in Christian History

1164

Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket, 45, began a six-year self-imposed exile in France. Once a close friend of England's Henry II, Thomas had more recently become an outspoken opponent of the king's royal policies.

1637

Trial begins for Anne Hutchinson, who will be exiled to Rhode Island as a result of heretical teachings. She had led religious meetings in her home and advocated a radical antinomian view of grace.

1789

During the chaos of the French Revolution, the property of the Church in France was taken over by the state.

1917

British foreign secretary Arthur J. Balfour, 69, issued the Balfour Declaration, calling for "establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." The document's recognition of a Jewish nationalism planted the seed which in 1948 led to an establishment of the modern state of Israel.

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your might among the peoples. - Psalm 77:13-14 ^{ESV}

Prayer Points for <u>Monday</u>	Prayer Points for <u>Tuesday</u>	Prayer Points for <u>Wednesday</u>	Prayer Points for <u>Thursday</u>	Prayer Points for <u>Friday</u>	Prayer Points for <u>Saturday</u>
*For Inactive Members.	*For the Church in India.	*For 15 minutes in the word.	*For dying in Christ.	*For inviting friends to church.	*For Pastor Matt & Emily.
*For living unto God.	*For glorifying God.	*For knowing God.	*For cheerful labor.	*For foreign missions.	

Prayers of the Puritans - Morning Needs:

Holy Spirit... Teach and help me to do good to all men,
and especially to my fellow Christians. And to You be the glory.

<u>Pray for health/comfort for:</u> ^{Psalm 121:1-2}	<u>Pray for those serving our country:</u> ^{Isaiah 41:10}
Harper Struntz (local girl)	Nathan Brenneman (and the family)
Fred Holiday (friend of the Broadwaters)	
Jeff Iler (friend of Jaden Carey)	<u>Pray for those in nursing homes:</u> ^{1 Timothy 5:1-3}
Becca Kilgus (friend of Linda Upole)	Helen Bender
Bri Llewellyn & baby girl	Shirley Bender
Maci Rae Llewellyn (niece of Eric & Bri Llewellyn)	
Lauretta Maust (mother of Jen Hershberger)	<u>Pray for those battling cancer:</u> ^{John 14:27}
Sandy McKenzie (friend of the Broadwaters)	Nick Brown (young local boy)
Bill Murray (family friend of Michele Carey)	Linda Handwerk (daugh. of the late Wanda Sheffield)
Patty Rice	Steve Hershberger
Trina & Miranda Rounds (friends of the Broadwaters)	Shelbi Knauer (friend of Hannah Hershberger)
Dave Streets (friend of the Broadwaters)	Daisy Murray (friend of John Carey)
Ruth Yoder	Cindy Widder (family of the Widders)
	George Winkelvoss (father of Adam Winkelvoss)
<u>Pray for our fallen world & global concerns:</u>	Wyatt Wilkens (friend of Jack Carey)
The call & response of the lost. ^{Matthew 18}	Indy Yoder (local 4-year-old)
The end of abortion practices. ^{Exodus 20:13}	Gay Ziegler (friend of Linda Upole)
Close of the abortion mill. ^{Proverbs 6:16-19}	
The sins of sexual rebellion. ^{Genesis 1:27}	<u>Pray for those mourning the loss of:</u>
Peace in Israel & Nigeria. ^{Psalm 25:22}	
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"You are before the Lord; let your words be few, but let your heart be fervent." - C.H. Spurgeon

Please note we "re-fresh" the health/comfort list at the beginning of each month. Thank you for your help in keeping the list up to date.

Isaiah 65:1-25 ^{ESV}

^{65:1} I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name.

² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;

⁴ who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

⁶ Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap

⁷ both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds."

⁸ Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it, so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

¹⁰ Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for my people who have sought me.

¹¹ But you who forsake the Lord, who forget my holy mountain, who set a table for Fortune and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny,

¹² I will destine you to the sword, and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter, because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen, but you did what was evil in my eyes and chose what I did not delight in."

¹³ Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame;

¹⁴ behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart, but you shall cry out for pain of heart and shall wail for breaking of spirit.

¹⁵ You shall leave your name to my chosen for a curse, and the Lord God will put you to death, but his servants he will call by another name,

¹⁶ so that he who blesses himself in the land shall bless himself by the God of truth, and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten and are hidden from my eyes.

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.



CONCLUSION

Recovering the Essentials

The 2025 State of Theology survey makes clear that many evangelical churches and individuals lack a firm grasp of the essential Christian faith revealed in Scripture.

The solution to this state of affairs is what it has always been—God’s plan for Christian growth and discipleship within the context of doctrinally sound local churches. As biblically qualified pastors lead God’s people in worship and the accurate exposition of God’s Word on a regular basis, healthy growth among believers will take place as the Holy Spirit causes the Word to bear much fruit.

Evangelical churches that do not prioritize sound doctrine and biblically qualified leaders who can accurately teach the Word will inevitably stray from the faith delivered once for all to the saints, exchanging truth for trends and substance for a superficial Christianity that bears little resemblance to what the Scriptures teach.

Additionally, survey results among evangelicals remind us of the enduring value and practical helpfulness of the sound doctrine expressed in the historic confessions and catechisms of the church. In a day when biblical literacy is in decline and serious discipleship is neglected, may the evangelical church increasingly recognize creeds, confessions, and catechisms as profoundly helpful tools for summarizing and teaching God’s truth to His people and discipling them in His ways.

As God’s people are strengthened in sound doctrine and grow in godly character, they will be better equipped to stand firm and share this truth with the world.

The State of Theology

What do Americans in 2025 believe about God, the Bible, and salvation?

Ligonier Ministries and Lifeway Research partnered to find out. The State of Theology is a nationwide survey revealing how people today view key doctrines of the Christian faith.

R.C. Sproul said that *everyone is a theologian*. The question is whether you’re a good theologian or a poor one.

Do your beliefs align with what God has revealed?

Are your values and priorities based in the truth?

Or do you embrace confused ideas that can lead your whole life astray?

Every few years, this survey takes America’s theological temperature, revealing what people actually believe—both outside and inside the church.

Our goal is to diagnose prominent errors and to prescribe the cure: the clear teaching of sound doctrine. We hope these findings equip Christians with insights for discipleship.

“Evangelical” Defined:

Evangelicals were defined by Lifeway Research as people who strongly agreed with the following four statements:

- The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe.
- It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Jesus Christ’s death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
- Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God’s free gift of eternal salvation.

Respondents can also be identified as evangelical in The State of Theology data explorer based on their supplied church affiliation.

Is God Holy?

The year 2025 marks the fortieth anniversary of R.C. Sproul's classic book *The Holiness of God*. Dr. Sproul wrote this work out of a desire that all people would know what Scripture teaches about who God truly is in His greatness, majesty, and holiness.

The responses of evangelicals in the 2025 State of Theology survey reveal that the true character of God as displayed in Scripture is either not being taught in many evangelical churches or not understood by individual evangelicals.

For example, the survey shows that many evangelicals hold theologically erroneous beliefs about the nature of God and the sinfulness of man—two critically important areas of doctrine that lay the foundation for all other theological beliefs.

Specifically, 64% of evangelicals believe that “Everyone is born innocent in the eyes of God,” and 53% affirm that “Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature.”



Such results display a profound misunderstanding among a significant number of evangelicals regarding the foundational scriptural teaching about original sin and the implications of Adam's sin for all mankind.

Psalm 51:5

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Romans 5:18-19

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Ephesians 2:1-3

^{2:1} And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.