



November 2023

THE APPLE PRESS

Hey Appleton Family,

I am excited to kick off a new four week Sermon series all about the Gospel. Over the next four Sundays, we're diving deep into the heart of the Gospel. We'll explore its profound truths, its life-transforming power, and the joy it brings to our lives. Through these sermons, my hope is that you feel the Gospel's goodness and share the love with others. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to experience the joy of faith in a welcoming environment.

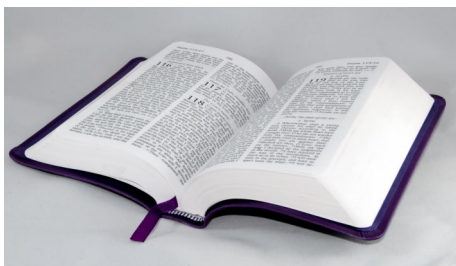
The Gospel is a source of inspiration, hope, and endless love. Please, join us as we explore its life-changing message and discover how it can impact our everyday lives. The plan is to have you leaving church each Sunday with a renewed spirit and a heart full of joy.

The four weeks will be:

1. What is the Gospel?
2. Why do we need good news?
3. What kind of King is Jesus?
4. Who is the God of the Gospel?

I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday. Pray that we continue to grow together in faith, build lasting relationships, and truly find joy in the journey.

With love and excitement,
Alan



November 2023

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| 1 | Surviving the Holidays, 1:00 PM—3:00 PM |
| 3 | Seniors on the Go, game day, 2 PM—4 PM |
| 3,10,17 | Cantata Rehearsals, 6 PM, @ FUMC |
| 4 | Daylight Savings time, turn clock back |
| 4 | Shoebox packing party, lower bldg, 9 - noon |
| 4 | “Understanding Spiritual Gifts” class, 10 - 11 |
| 5 | Last day to sign up for meal prep |
| 6 | Elder’s Meeting, 6:30 PM |
| 7,14,28 | Tuesday Night Men’s, Women’s, Children’s Bible studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM |
| 8 | Deacon Meeting, 6:00 PM |
| 11 | Meal Prep, 10-11:30 AM, last meal for 2023 |
| 11 | Veteran’s Day |
| 12 | Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal, 5:00 PM Potluck, please sign up |
| 18 | Funeral for Mike Ross, 10:00 AM, ACC, meal |
| 19 | Last day for shoebox drop off |
| 20-24 | No activities this week |
| 22 | Last day to sign up to help with “Polar Express” |
| 23 | HAPPY THANKSGIVING |
| 26 | Missions Team Meeting, 12 pm |

WEEKLY

- **Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Services**
 - **Sunday, 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School**
- **Tuesday Bible Studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM**

December 2023

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| 1 | Seniors on the Go, game day, 2 PM—4 PM |
| 2 | Cantata Performance, Palisade, 1:00 PM |
| 2 | Project 1:27 Event, “Polar Express”, 9:30-2 PM |
| 3 | Cantata Performance, ACC, 3:30 PM |
| 4 | Elder’s Meeting, 6:30 PM |
| 5,12,19 | Tuesday Night Men’s, Women’s, Children’s Bible studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM |
| 13 | Deacon Meeting, 6:00 PM |
| 16 | Christmas Extravaganza Event |
| 24 | Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM |
| 25 | Christmas Day, Baker’s Potluck Christmas |

My dear brothers and sisters, as Alan has begun his series on “What is the Gospel,” we need to understand what accepting of the gospel should mean in our lives. I came across this article from Oswald Chambers that I loved and wanted to share with you.

As we realize that Christ is King... how does our life change because of that truth?

Enjoy this challenge, and know that I love you all, Dan

The transfigured life

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor. 5:17.

What idea have you of the salvation of your soul? The experience of salvation means that in your actual life things are really altered, you no longer look at things as you used to; your desires are new, old things have lost their power. One of the touchstones of experience is—Has God altered the thing that matters? If you still hanker after the old things, it is absurd to talk about being born from above, you are juggling with yourself. If you are born again, the Spirit of God makes the alteration manifest in your actual life and reasoning, and when the crisis comes you are the most amazed person on earth at the wonderful difference there is in you. There is no possibility of imagining that *you* did it. It is this complete and amazing alteration that is the evidence that you are a saved soul.

What difference has my salvation and sanctification made? For instance, can I stand in the light of 1 Corinthians 13, or do I have to shuffle? The salvation that is worked out in me by the Holy Ghost emancipates me entirely, and as long as I walk in the light as God is in the light, He sees nothing to censure, because His life is working out in every particular, not to my consciousness, but deeper than my consciousness.

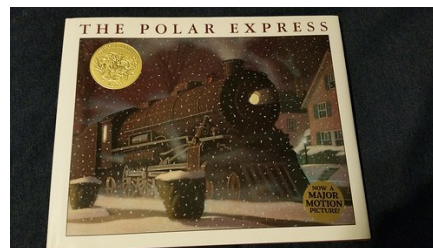
Oswald Chambers, [*My Utmost for His Highest: Selections for the Year*](#) (Grand Rapids, MI: Oswald Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering, 1986).

P127 Foster Family 2023 Christmas Event: Saturday, December 2nd – 9:30am to 2:00pm Get On Board the Polar Express!

You have the opportunity to give parents of foster children a day to spend however they wish during the holiday season. Appleton Christian Church, along with other Mesa County churches, will come together on December 2nd at Jubilee Family Church (430 30 Road) to host children of foster parents for a P127 Polar Express Event. There will be games, crafts, cookie decorating, a petting zoo, and a Polar Express train for the kids to ride.

ACC is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please keep in mind there will be opportunities to help prior to the event, as well as, the day of the event. Some volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to:

1. Cookie Decorating Activity (Leader: Jeanne Baker)
 - a. Decorating the room.
 - b. Making frosting.
 - c. Getting supplies.
 - d. Cookie decorating helpers on the day of event.
 - e. Clean-up crew.
2. Nursery Aides for children 2 years old and under (Leader: Heidi Waggoner)
3. Leader for Craft Activity
4. Greeters/Event Check-In
5. Trainmen to help board/unload the train
6. Petting Zoo Aides
7. Conductors - herding kids from one activity to another
8. Staging the scene the week prior to the event
9. Tear Down after 2:00pm on the day of the event



All volunteers must **commit** to participating in the event no later than **November 22nd**. Anyone helping the day of the event will need to complete a background check and training session. If you are interested in participating, please contact ACC at (970) 242-7380 or office@appletonchristian.org or speak with **Connie Fudge, Jeanne Baker, or Heidi Waggoner**.

Finally, we would like to gift the parents with gift cards for their shopping adventures. We will be taking **monetary donations** for this. Please make your checks out to ACC and put “P127 Event” on the memo line. You can also donate online by going to the ACC website (www.appletonchristian.org) and click on ‘GIVE’. You will see a specific donation button for the event. If giving cash, please make sure you give it to Jeanne, Connie, or mark it for the **P127 Event** so our Treasurer knows how to designate it. We will also be taking any general donations to cover the costs of supplies for the cookie decorating activity.

Office hours are: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM, M-Th.

For more information on any event, go to our website and click on calendar. Then click on the event to get more information.

<https://www.appletonchristian.org/calendar>





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)
 (Ministry of Samaritan's Purse)
 Shoebox Collection Week is November 12-19 or before

Shoeboxes are still available here at Appleton for you to fill with the love of Jesus for children and youth ages 2 to 14 (your choice). Each shoebox is an opportunity for each to hear the Gospel saving message of Jesus.

Prayer is the key to the work of OCC. Pray about your participation, what to put into the box, and for the child receiving the box. Many miracles have happened as a result of the child receiving just the right gift.

A \$10.00 donation per box is requested to cover the shipping cost and other ministry expenses. One needs to write 1 check to cover the box(es) one is filling (\$10.00 x number of boxes). This is put in one of the boxes. You could also pay the \$10.00 online and FOLLOW YOUR BOX to the country where the child lives <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/> to Follow your box. One can participate online for \$25.00 per box which covers the \$10.00 shipping cost. This includes FOLLOW YOUR BOX. Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Helping to pay the \$10.00 shipping/ministry expenses for our boxes is always needed and make checks payable to Appleton Christian Church with the memo line specifying Operation Christmas Child.

Last year Appleton filled 266 boxes. Our aim is 288 plus this year. We still need more "WOW" items such as dolls, small musical instruments, gardening kits with gloves and tools, sewing kits with fabric and ribbon, wrist watch, soccer balls and pump, backpack, toy truck or boat, fishing kit, outfit to wear, small notebooks, journals, notepads, etc.

[A packing party at Appleton will be Saturday, November 4, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM. Come join us!!](#)

Thank you and God Bless each of you who have and are participating in any way. A great way to spread the Gospel. Questions? Please see or call Donna Jean Ganss 970-640-8396.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples." Psalm 96:3



NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



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Sign up for HOPE of the Grand Valley via your City Market Rewards
<https://www.citymarket.com/topic/city-market-community-rewards>
Birthday: October 11

Ministry: HOPE of the Grand Valley is a local nonprofit founded in 2009. Our mission is to provide support and a hand up to hard-working parents who still find it hard to make ends meet at times. HOPE of the Grand Valley provides a hand up, not a handout, by fostering and encouraging independence for hard-working, low income families. “Independence” includes not receiving public assistance, such as SNAP or housing assistance (receiving healthcare insurance/coverage and childcare assistance is allowed). “This is a group tends to fall through the cracks,” states Founder and Director, Vicki McGee. “That’s why we provide a hand up, not a handout to these local families. We require all applicants to go through at least one session with our budget coach at our first meeting. Our families are now meeting with us once a month for budgeting and at that time (if needed) we give them an abundance of groceries; this helps them have money they would normally spend on food to get their debt paid off.”

Food assistance
Budget coaching
Marriage and relationship coaching
Job and interview preparation

Furniture assistance
Life skills coaching
Parenting skills coaching
Résumé building

Christmas: Adopt-a-Family

HOPE OF THE GRAND VALLEY

THERE IS HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS

DEADLINE TO APPLY
NOVEMBER 20, 2023.
SPACE IS LIMITED

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ALL OF THE BELOW QUESTIONS PLEASE
APPLY NOW!

- HAVE ONE OR MORE FULL-TIME EMPLOYED ADULTS IN MY HOME.
- DO NOT QUALIFY FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE DUE TO MY INCOME.
- I DO NOT RECEIVE SNAP OR FULL SNAP BENEFITS. I HAVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14.
- I AM WORRIED ABOUT HOW I WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE MY CHILDREN CHRISTMAS AND STILL BE ABLE TO PAY MY BILLS.
- 1. I AM A WESTERN SLOPE, COLORADO RESIDENT.

Apply at www.hopegv.org
Christmas apply

HOGV is funded solely by donations. We have developed a way to really stretch a dollar! We have one paid staff and dedicated volunteers. Our funds go back to our programs and we believe this is the best use of the funds rather than using the donations to rent office space, etc.

Prayer Requests: Our prayer is that our community realizes the value in what we do by financially supporting us so we will be able to purchase a home for HOPE and expand our services. I also pray every day that God will send the right families to us who we will be able to help get out of the situation they are in; that they will become independent and successful.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12

**Appleton Christian Church has adopted a family for Christmas this year. More information will follow on what donations are needed for the deserving family.
(A family of 7 with 2 dogs)**

Prayer needs

Please let the office know if your family needs help with prayer, communion, meals, visits, etc. Please send prayer requests to prayer@appletonchristian.org email. or call the office 970-242-7380.

PRAYER



HELPING HANDS

The Appleton Care Ministry mails cards, visits, phones, runs errands, performs light chores, etc. If you are in need, please let the office know. *We must know when people need these services to address the needs of our congregation.*

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the office.

If you know of anyone in need of pastoral care or a visit, please call Pastor Dan 970-822-2717 or Pastor Alan 928-581-9856

PASTORAL CARE

Please notify the office:

of any address, phone number, or email changes you may have, so we can keep the directory updated each month. If you would like a printed copy or information on how to get the instant church directory app, please let the office know.



The next Meal Prep is
November 11, 2023
(Sign up by November 5, 2023)

The meals are:

- 1) Beef Stroganoff
- 2) Meat Loaf
- 3) Broccoli Cheese Soup
- 4) Mojito Lime Chicken
- 5) Chicken Tacos
- 6) Pork Fiesta Bowl



The cost is:

\$ 35.00 for 6 meals for 2 people
\$ 70.00 for 6 meals for 4 people
\$100.00 for 6 meals for 6 people

Contact Heidi Waggoner, 970-250-0588
(no meal prep for December)



Want news of the Appleton Family? Need help with cleaning or yard work? Have something to sell or give away? The Appleton Exchange is the place to share with others in the Appleton family. Very few have taken the opportunity to receive this information. Please take time now to add your email to the "opt-in" list at appletonexchange@appletonchristian.org



EVERY SUNDAY

We offer refreshments for the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. If you would like to help with refreshments, please sign up to help at the welcome table or check with Donna Ward or Jeanne Baker for more information.



Building Remodel Funding

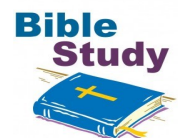
We have been asked how to give to the building fund. The ways you can give are:

- 1) Online at our church website: <https://www.appletonchristian.org/>
- 2) A check with "building," noted.
- 3) Cash with a note attached.

Tuesday night Bible Studies, 6:30 PM

For more information contact
-Alan, 928-580-9856 (men's)
-Kari, 928-581-2735 (women's)
-Levi, 303-653-8620 (children's).

A meal is offered at 6:00 PM.



Thanksgiving Potluck

November 12, 2023, 5:00 PM

(if you want to donate a turkey, we need it by Tuesday Nov. 7 to thaw and get ready to cook)



Sign up sheet on the back table.
Please join us for food, fun, and friends.

Seniors On the Go



Remember when playing parlor games, sitting on the porch or lawn, taking the afternoon to do nothing, was the pastime fun?

Are you bored, need something to do?

Come be part of the “Seniors On the Go”
A new ACC seniors fellowship ministry. Have fun, snacks and fellowship, while playing games with friends. Meeting times are the **first Friday** of the month from 2:00 PM -4:00 PM

Appleton Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:00 PM

Dinner and Show

Yes, a return from last year—the highlight of the holiday season!

Dinner will be provided (details to come later).

The show is presented by the members of ACC and consists of songs (solos, combos, choirs, choruses), instrumentals, poems, artwork, skits, plays, dramas, and stories (or almost anything with a Christmas theme). So, begin thinking about what you can contribute to the show. Sign-up.

For questions, contact John Wilson:
970-640-6326 (text or phone) or email
jewilson@frontier.net (or in person, of course!)

As Ephesian 4 tells us that we grow in Christ and closer together through serving, it is important to give everyone an opportunity to find a way to serve:

Here are some opportunities to help during this busy season. We will be needing help with the:

- Shoebox packing,
- Thanksgiving Fellowship meal,
- Funeral meal
- Adopt a family,
- Project 1:27 Polar Express event,
- Decorating fences and grounds,
- Putting up Christmas trees,
- Decorating inside,
- Christmas Extravaganza



If you want more information, listen to announcements, read the Applet, the Newsletter, call the office, or ask someone.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am	30 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,	31 Saul Tompkins 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group	1 12pm - Surviving the Holidays, 1-3 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3	2 Chris Weber 5pm - Praise Team Practice	3 2pm - Seniors On The Go - game 5pm - Counseling rm 3 6pm - Cantata Practice, FUMC	4 Scott Murrell 9am - Shoebox packing party 10am - "Understanding Spiritual
5 Christopher Ward Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am	6 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution, 6:30pm - Elder's Meeting	7 9am - Desert West Chapter 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group	8 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 6pm - Deacon Meeting	9 Christian Women's not meeting Lacey Weber 5pm - Praise Team Practice	10 Building in use - Meal Prep Eldon Bevil 5pm - Counseling rm 3 6pm - Cantata Practice, FUMC	11 Meal Prep Doubling meals? Veterans Day 10am - "Understanding Spiritual
12 Alita Braslin Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am Thanksgiving Fellowship Potluck,	13 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,	14 1pm - Desert West Stitch-in 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group	15 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 7pm - Beading Group, Ark room	16 DOK Ministry (not meeting here) 5pm - Praise Team Practice	17 Karen Smith 5pm - Counseling rm 3 6pm - Cantata Practice, FUMC	18 Funeral for Mike Ross, 10:00 AM Jason Hagerman
19 Dave Sloan Last day for shoebox dropoff Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am	20 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,	21 Carla Costello 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group	22 Nora Nichols 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3	23 5pm - Praise Team Practice	24 5pm - Counseling rm 3 6pm - Cantata Practice, FUMC	25 Sherry Hollett
26 Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am 12pm - Missions Team Meeting	27 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,	28 1pm - Desert West Stitch-in 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group	29 Donna Ward 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3	30 Alan Dyson Joe Malinda Lyons 5pm - Praise Team Practice	1 2pm - Seniors On The Go - game 5pm - Counseling rm 3 6pm - Cantata Practice, FUMC	2 Jennifer Murrell Project Event "Polar Express" 9am - Desert West Christmas 1pm - Christmas Cantata

Go to our website and click on calendar. Then click on any event to get more information.

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ways to send
Prayer Requests:
 Prayer card on Sunday (check the box to be included in the weekly email distribution);
 OR email
[prayers@appletonchristian.org/](mailto:prayers@appletonchristian.org)
 OR call
 Nancy @970-241-0858 or the church office @970-242-7380

For **shut-in communion**, please call 970-242-7380 during office hours or contact a person listed below:



November
 5- Dan Baker
 12-Kathy & Kelly Messamer
 19-Jack Costello
 26-Alan Dyson

Communion & Offering **Meditation**

First Service	Second Service
November 2023	November 2023
5-Bob Labig	5-Bob Labig
12-Alan Dyson	12-Alan Dyson
19-Heidi Waggoner	19-Jenny Nichols
26-John Wilson	26-John Wilson
December 2023	December 2023
3-Bob Labig	3-Bob Labig
10-Alan Dyson	10-Alan Dyson
17-Heidi Waggoner	17-Jenny Nichols
24-John Wilson	24-John Wilson
31-Dan Baker	31-Dan Baker

SUNDAY GREETERS

First Service	Second Service
November 2023	November 2023
5-Keth Kump	5-Helen Caldwell
12-Dick/Linda Mann	12-Cris Hoche
19-Jim Rogers	19-Connie/Louis Martinez
26-Jeanne Baker	26-Kathy/Kelly Messamer
December 2023	December 2023
3-Keth Kump	3-Jenny Nichols
10-Judy Devine	10-Donna Jean Ganss
17-Dick/Linda Mann	17-Helen Caldwell
24-Connie/Tom Fudge	24-Jeanne Baker
31-Norma Jean Griffin	31-Kathy/Kelly Messamer

NOVEMBER PRAYER FAMILIES and SCHOOLS



5- Dyson Family
 Barbara Easlick
 East Middle School

12- Betty Jo Edwards
 Naida & Judy Elliott
 Fruita Middle School

19- Patsy Fitzpatrick
 Sarah, Kenny, Kevin Fletcher
 Grand Mesa Middle School

26- Connie & Tom Fudge
 Chuck & Noni Furlano
 Mount Garfield Middle School

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- GRAND JUNCTION, FRUITA, PALISADE, CLIFTON, AND ORCHARD MESA COMMUNITIES & SCHOOLS
- THE STATE OF COLORADO
- THE GOVERNMENT
- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Go to: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> to create an account using the email address you have listed in the directory. You will receive a confirmation email and once you click on the link, your email address will be validated. You will then need to log in, just as an email account, every time to access the directory. You will be able to view the information, but the phone numbers and email are not hyperlinked as with the smart device app.

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The Bible affirms the power and importance of prayer and we, as a church, are committed to pray for each other. Let us know your request and we will lift you up in prayer.



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NOVEMBER 2023

Our Mission
To grow fully devoted followers of
Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:19-20

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages

A CORE
OF TRUTH
—
WITH A
LOT OF
APPEAL



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