Appleton Christian Church

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

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the past several weeks, we have been walking together through our sermon series, **"The Questions Jesus Asked."** We have listened as Jesus asked questions about our desires, our vision, our compassion, our worship, our understanding, grace, and faith.

Those questions were not always comfortable. But that is one of the blessings of the Word of God. Scripture does not merely tell us what we want to hear. It tells us what we need to hear. Jesus loved people enough to challenge them, correct them, confront them, and call them to something better. Sometimes we think of correction as something negative, but loving correction is actually one of the clearest expressions of a father's love for his children. A father who sees his child reaching toward a hot stove does not say, "I don't want to restrict you, so do whatever seems right to you." He warns the child because he loves the child. In the same way, God's commands are not intended to rob us of life. They come from the One who created life and knows how it was meant to be lived.

Hebrews reminds us: **"The Lord disciplines the one he loves." — Hebrews 12:6**

God loves us too much to leave us unchanged. But after several weeks of allowing the questions of Jesus to examine our hearts, I believe it is time for us to ask another important question: **How do we live faithfully in the world in which God has placed us?** Jesus never promised His followers an easy life.

In fact, He said exactly the opposite. **"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." — John 16:33** Those words are remarkably important. Jesus did not say, "You might have trouble." He said, "You will have trouble." Yet His next words were not, "So be afraid." They were: **"Take heart."** Why? Because Jesus has overcome the world. That truth will lead us into our next four-week series:

STAND FIRM

Faithful Living in a Troubled World

For these four weeks, we will spend our time primarily in the letter of **1 Peter.**

Peter wrote to Christians who understood what it meant to live in a world that did not always understand them, agree with them, or welcome their convictions. Yet Peter did not teach those Christians to hide from the world. He did not tell them to become bitter toward the world. And he certainly did not tell them to abandon the truth in order to fit into the world. Instead, he reminded them who they were, whose they were, and how they were called to live.

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Peter wrote:
"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession." — 1 Peter 2:9
Before Peter tells Christians what they should do, he reminds them of who they are. That is where Christian courage begins. Our confidence is not based upon our circumstances. It is not based upon politics, economics, culture, popularity, or comfort. Our confidence rests in Jesus Christ.

Peter begins his letter by reminding believers that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been given **"a living hope"** and an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

That will be the first message of this new series: **A Hope the World Cannot Take Away — 1 Peter 1:3–9**
The world can take many things from us, but it cannot take away what God has promised to those who belong to Christ.

The second week we will look at: **Be Holy Because You Are His — 1 Peter 1:13–21; 2:9–12**
God calls His people to live differently, not because He wants to make our lives miserable, but because we belong to Him. Holiness is not God keeping us from life. Holiness is God teaching us how life was designed to be lived.

Then we will turn our attention outward: **Live So the World Can See Jesus — 1 Peter 2:9–12; 3:13–17**
Peter tells believers to live such good lives among those around them that others will see the difference Christ has made. He then tells us**: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." — 1 Peter 3:15**

That passage raises an interesting question. What would someone have to see in our lives that would cause them to ask us about our hope? Christian witness is not merely about what we say. It is also about the life that gives credibility to what we say.

Finally, we will conclude the series with: **When the Fire Comes, Stand Firm — 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11**
Peter tells Christians not to be surprised when trials come. Difficulty does not mean God has abandoned us. Opposition does not mean Christianity has failed. And suffering does not have the final word.

Peter ends his letter with this remarkable promise:
"The God of all grace… will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." -1 Peter 5:10

That is where I hope these four weeks will take us. Not toward fear. Not toward anger. Not toward retreat. But toward a deeper confidence in Christ. We live in a changing world, but we serve an unchanging God.

We may face uncertainty, but we possess a living hope. We may sometimes feel increasingly different from the culture around us, but Scripture has never called Christians to blend into the darkness.

Jesus called us to be **light.**

So after several weeks of allowing the questions of Jesus to search our hearts, perhaps the next step is to get up and live the answers. And whatever may come, by the grace of God: **Stand firm.**

I love you all, Dan

Getting the Most Out of Sunday Morning Worship

I have been thinking a lot lately about how we help people participate in worship on Sunday mornings. When I was a kid, most of the training I remember getting about worship was pretty simple: face forward and be quiet. And honestly, those are not terrible things to teach a kid. There is a time to be quiet, and there is a time to pay attention. But as I think about my own kids, I do not want that to be all they learn about worship. I do not just want them to know how to sit through a service. I want them to learn how to actually participate in it.

The more I have thought about that, the more I have realized this is probably not just a kid problem. I am not sure we always do a very good job of discipling people on how to worship together on Sunday morning. We teach people how to read the Bible. We talk about prayer, serving, giving, sharing our faith, and growing as disciples. But sometimes when it comes to Sunday morning, we just assume everyone knows what to do. We come in, sing, pray, hear scripture, give, take communion, listen to a sermon, and go home. But what are we actually doing during all of that?

When we sing, are we just listening to music, or are we thinking about the words we are singing to God? When someone leads in prayer, are we listening to them pray, or are we praying with them? When we confess, are we just reading words on the screen, or are we thinking honestly about our own sin and receiving God's grace? When we give, do we see that as part of worship? When we take Communion, what are we doing while the bread and juice are being passed? Are we remembering Jesus, thinking about his sacrifice, examining our hearts, and giving thanks? When Scripture is read, are we listening for what God has said? When we listen to the sermon, are we just deciding whether we liked it, or are we asking, "What is God showing me, and what am I supposed to do with this?"

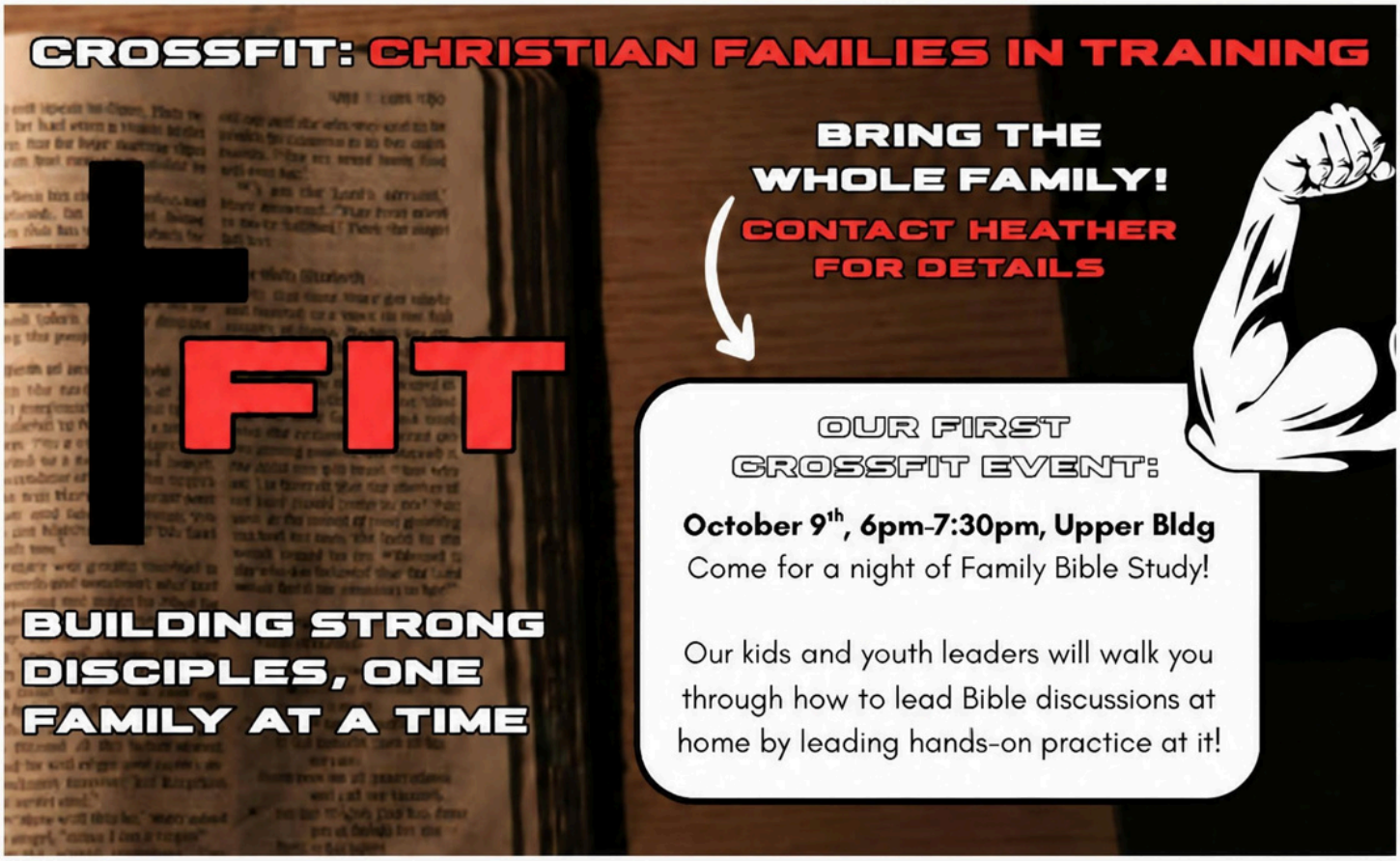
I think one of the things we need to learn is that worship is not something happening up front while everyone else watches. We are participating together. Sunday morning is meant to be a time when we draw near to God, hear his Word, remember what Christ has done, respond in faith, and then go back into the week ready to follow Jesus.

Because of that, I have put together a simple worship guide. The front walks through the different parts of our Sunday morning gathering and gives practical ideas for how to engage in each one. The back is more interactive, with space to write, reflect, pray, and respond during the service. I originally designed the back with kids and younger teens in mind, but adults can use it too. In fact, I think some of the questions on the back are questions all of us could benefit from asking during worship.

This is not meant to be a checklist for whether you "did worship right." It is just a tool to help us be more intentional. I want my kids to learn more than "face forward and be quiet." I want them to know how to sing, listen, pray, remember, give, respond, and follow Jesus. And really, I want the same thing for all of us.

Copies of the worship guide will be available at the Welcome Center. Pick one up, use whichever side is most helpful to you, and see if it helps you engage in Sunday morning worship a little more intentionally.

Your Brother in Christ,
Alan



T2 – The ACC Tech Team

Want reserved seating?

We're looking for a few people to join the team behind the scenes.

🙌 ***Serve while you're already here.***

👉 ***Press a button.***

👀 ***See what happens behind the curtain.***

🎛️ ***Learn the booth.***

You don't have to be a tech expert. We'll teach you.

And if you love it? There's plenty of room to grow.

PRACTICE + HANDS ON TRAINING

FRIDAYS • 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS • 7:00 AM

T2 –Serving the church, one button at a time.

Got Questions? Call Levi Willis 303-653-8620



OCTOBER 2026

1- Clothed in His Love, 6:00 PM -8:00 PM
1- Young Adults Fellowship & Bible Study. 6:30 PM Fellowship, 7:00 PM Bible Study
2- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM, Everyone is invited
3- Men's Group, "His Project," Breakfast and Bible Study, 8:00 AM
6- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
9- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited
9- Crossfit, Christian Families in Training, 6-7:30 PM. Contact Heather for more information
10- Meal prep, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, sign up by October 4
13- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
16- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited
17- Clothed in His Love, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
20- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
23- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited
24- Wanda Archer Memorial service, 11:30 AM (outside), ACC
25- Eunice & Sam Marsala 50th Anniversary celebration, 12:15 PM
27- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
30- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited

WEEKLY

-Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Service
-Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM
-Youth Sunday School, 10:30 AM
-Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Family Night Bible Studies, Meal 6:00 PM
-Friday, 6:30 PM, Celebrate Recovery

NOVEMBER 2026

3- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
6- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited
7- Operation Christmas Child packing party, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM
7- Men's Group, "His Project," Breakfast and Bible Study, 8:00 AM
10- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
13- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited
14- Meal prep, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, sign up by November 8
15-22 Operation Christmas Child box collection week
15- Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal, 5:00 PM. Contact Tammy Dick if you want to help.
17- Tuesday night meal and Bible Studies. Meal at 6:00 PM, Bible Studies/youth at 6:30 PM
20- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited
26- THANKSGIVING

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

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

Next Meal Prep
October 10
(sign up by October 4)

Contact Heidi, 970-250-0588 for questions.

1) Turkey Enchilada Stew
2) Slow Cooker Taco Beef
3) California Chicken & Rice
4) Sweet Basil Citrus Garlic Pork
5) Hawaiian Chicken
6) Apple Spiced Chicken



Cost for a set of 6 meals:

2 servings of 6 meals - $40
4 servings of 6 meals - $80
6 servings of 6 meals - $120

Miss a sermon?

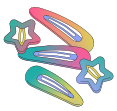
Want to rewatch a sermon?

YouTube

Catch all our sermons on our YouTube channel.

Operation Christmas Child

For the month of **October**, we will be collecting scissors, glue sticks, pens, large erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, journals, calculators, rulers, coloring books, washclothes, hygiene products, hair accessories, and toys.







Want an easy way to purchase for the OCC Christmas Boxes? Scan the QR Code to go to our Amazon or Walmart Registry.

SCAN ME

Amazon

SCAN ME

Walmart

You can choose to have the items shipped directly to the church.

Celebrate Recovery

A Note on Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery offers a different approach by providing a consistent fellowship of believers dedicated to personal growth and spiritual strengthening. While we certainly support those navigating any kind of addiction, two-thirds of our participants attend to find help with everyday struggles like anxiety, codependency, anger, work stressors, depression, food, and the weight of perfectionism.

The heart of this ministry is based on the Beatitudes delivered by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, which connect us to God's nature, our redemption, and the transformative work that the Holy Spirit has on us.

In Grand Junction, there are opportunities to connect five days a week, with Appleton Christian hosting an open share session every Friday night from 6:30 to 7:30. There is no requirement to commit to a group long-term, as our doors are open to anyone, even those who simply had a difficult week and need a safe place to talk.

Whether you are facing a temporary setback or a lifelong habit, this community is designed for any adult looking to find freedom and peace.

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."
-James 5:16

Clothed in His Love

Ministry at ACC



Workshops in OCTOBER:

CUTTING Workshop

Thursday, October 1 • 6 - 8 pm

and

SEWING/CUTTING Workshop

Saturday, October 17 • 9am to 3pm

Bring a lunch if you wish to stay All day

We sew for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes - jumpers, skirts, pants, and shorts for children, size 2-14 AND for the Pregnancy Center of Grand Junction- bibs, fleece hats for newborn to size 1

Please contact Connie ahead of time to let us know that you are planning on attending either or both workshops. We will teach you to do the cutting if you'd like to participate but have never done this kind of work before.

We are also offering beginning sewing lessons for those interested in learning how to sew while working on simple items for the ministry.
Contact Connie or Elizabeth to discuss this.

Connie Fudge (fudgeconnie@gmail.com) (208) 755-2873
Elizabeth Kovarovics (ermcbroom@gmail.com) (970) 361-6778
Donna Jean Ganss (donnaganss@yahoo.com (970) 640-9396



TUESDAY Dinners for October

Oct. 6	Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice, dessert
Oct. 13	Chicken Bowl Coleslaw, rolls, dessert
Oct. 20	Cowboy Casserole, Salad, dessert
Oct. 27	Breakfast Casserole Hashbrowns, fruit

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

A ministry of Samaritan's Purse • "The Greatest Gift"

Thank you to all who have been contributing to this Shoebox Ministry all year. You are amazing and so generous. Last year we sent 304 boxes!!! We hope to send more this year.

PACKING PARTY	ONLINE BOX	SHIPPING + MINISTRY	THE GREATEST JOURNEY
November 7, 2026	$30.00	$10.00 per box	$6.00 per child

Still needed: • Scissors • Glue sticks • Pens • Large erasers • Pencil sharpeners • Colors (crayons) • Markers • Colored pencils • Journals • Calculators • Rulers • Coloring books • Craft supplies • Water bottles • Washcloths • Hygiene products • Hair accessories • Toys.

There are several ways to be involved: All are important:

1. The boxes are in the lobby now, so take 1, 2, or more and fill them up.

2. Cut and sew clothes
   • Make clothes for the children and youth.

3. Pack at the packing party
   • November 7, 2026
   • All ages are welcome. Children pack the boxes with an adult.

4. Pack a plastic shoebox
   • Plastic shoeboxes are available for you to pack yourself or with your family.

5. Pack a box online
   • Pack a box for $30.00. This includes the shipping fee and ministry expenses of $10.00 per box.

6. Help with shipping and ministry expenses
   • Donate $10.00 per box and designate OCC.

7. Donate funds for needed items
   • Please designate on your check or envelope that it is for OCC.

8. Beyond the Shoeboxes
   • Before the kids get a shoebox, they are told about Jesus and the Good News of Salvation.
   • In their shoebox, they receive a booklet called "The Greatest Gift."
   • Children and youth who want to know more about Jesus can go to a special 12-week class called "The Greatest Journey."
   • There they receive the New Testament and study booklet called "The Greatest Journey."
   • The cost for each child is $6.00. To donate, designate "The Greatest Journey."

9. Work at the warehouse
   • People are also needed at the warehouse in Denver.

Find out more:
www.samaritanspurse.org/operationchristmas-child
Or ask Tammy Dick, Vickie Wolfe,
or Donna Jean Ganss (970) 640-8396

Thank you again so very much. Remember to Pray. Pray. Pray. God Bless You All.

Psalm 96:3 Declare this glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the Peoples

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child ™

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Hello, Appleton Family!

Heather DeBolt here, with a gift from Ed McClure. To support our kids at ACC better, we're giving them adopted grandparents! Ed has been excited for this for a long time now, and it's happening! It will be a beautiful thing-- living life together in Christ is a blessing. If you'd like to be a grandparent, please let me know! Thanks so much! Now here's our message from Grandpa Ed!

I was asked to do a task that, for me, was a hard task to work on. I was asked to tell about the blessing I have received in being an adopted grandfather.

I became a Grandfather at Appleton Christian Church, which I think to be God's plan. My wife, Mary, had Parkinsons and was in, first, an assisted living, then in a nursing home. The church had a progressive dinner where we ate at one person's home and then went to the church for dessert. My wife had a very rough day and I was not ready for the night's program.

I went to the assigned home that had two teenage boys. We went to the church to have dessert and was on our way home when the father said that the next time Mary had a rough day, I was to come over to their place, even to sit on their porch if they were not home. I told him "thank you" and that I knew the way to their house. The oldest boy piped up-- "Oh, no! The relatives are moving in and I don't know what to do with the crazy grandfather in the front seat." The youngest said, "I do-- I'll keep him." A few weeks later, I was introduced to their friends as their grandfather. Soon the teenagers in the youth group had accepted me as an adopted grandfather. Then, I was the unofficial/official grandfather of Appleton Christian Church.

For the most part of my grandfatherhood has been with the teenage people. One of the things I do when I work with them is--I never call them immature, but I call them inexperienced. They have not lived long enough to experience the challenges life throws at them. The other thing--we make a contract--what they tell me stays with me, with these exceptions: (1) If I see they are hurting themselves, (2) If they are in danger, (3) If I don't know how to help them, I have the right to go to someone else for advice. I am your friend, not your buddy. Have I regretted being an adopted grandfather? NO!

Some blessings I have received:

- I have learned to enjoy some classical composers by listening to two young men in junior high and high school orchestra.
- have learned what it takes to be an engineer and listened as different classroom projects were worked out for the professor.
- I have seen young men show respect for elderly people by giving service to them.
- I have watched and listened as they started on their journey to doing service in the church.
- Learned what it is to do speech and debate judging.
- Having one call me to cry because a hawk attacked a favorite chicken.
- Had my shoulder wet because of a lost election at school to see that person become a good friend to the person to whom they lost the election.
- Seen one who is now going to college for the occupation of their dreams.
- Been with one who lost their favorite pet.
- Taken some drives to get their hours for a driver's license.



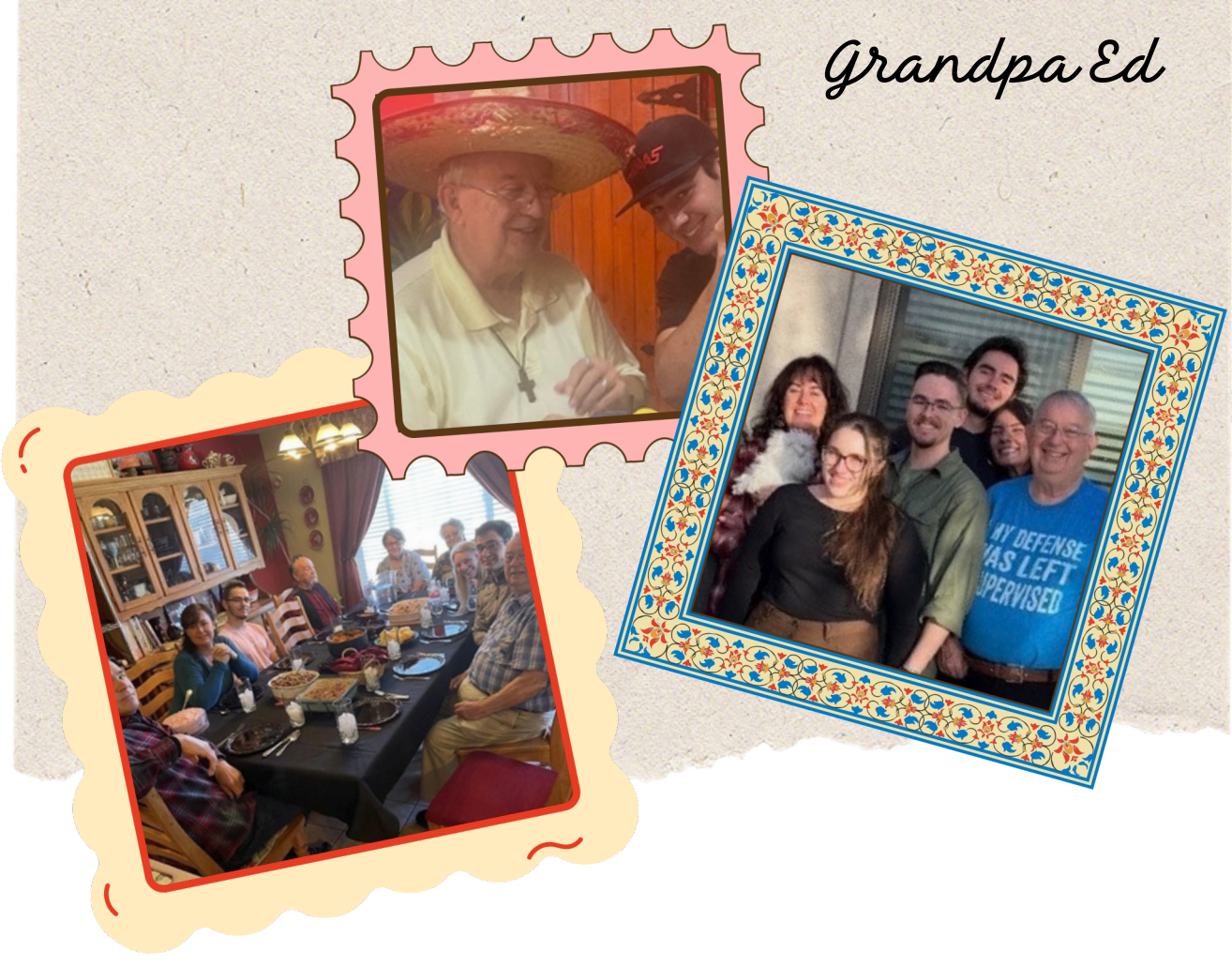
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I have had one young man call me to tell me that he had someone special he wanted me to meet. Watched two weddings in person and two weddings by picture. One of the young couples called me telling me they wanted me to meet my first grandchild and then later, I saw him when he was two. Having another couple telling me to expect to see another great grandchild in December, with a possible wedding in the near future. Yes, I have been teased with respect and have teased back, cried on the shoulder, watched up's and down's, beem exposed to covid three times, watched one go to Bible College to enter God's work. But I will admit, the weekly calls, the once a quarter calls, are special blessings.

A person who wants to be an adopted grandparent will have their own special blessings. Titus 2:2-8 is a good blue plan to follow:

> *Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

Grandpa Ed



First Service Volunteers

Greeters

Oct 2026	
4	Keith Kump
11	Judy Devine
18	Dick/Linda Mann
25	Connie/Tom Fudge

Communion Offering

Oct 2026	
4	Alan Dyson
11	Mike Clemmer
18	Darrell Rule
25	John Wilson

Second Service Volunteers

Greeters

Oct 2026	
4	Helen Caldwell
11	Ed/Cindy Weber
18	Lisa O'Connor
25	Yvette Caldwell

Communion Offering

Oct 2026	
4	Alan Dyson
11	Landen Brolien
18	Jenny Nichols
25	John Wilson

OCTOBER 2026 PRAYER FAMILIES

Please keep these families in your prayers this month.

4	Larry/Chris Ramseyer Tim/Karen Ranville
11	Joanne Reitz Barb Robinson
18	LeAnne Rodriguez Jim Rogers
25	Lynette Ross Darrell/Victoria Rule



Prayer Requests:
Prayer card on Sunday OR email
prayers@appletonchristian.org/
OR call
Nancy @970-241-0858 or the church office @970-242-7380

SHUT-IN COMMUNION
For shut-in communion, please call 970-242-7380 during office hours.

First Service Volunteers

Greeters

1	Keith Kump
8	Judy Devine
15	Dick/Linda Mann
22	Barb Smith
29	Agnes Ekos

Communion Offering

Nov 2026	
1	Dan Baker
8	Mike Clemmer
15	Darrell Rule
22	John Wilson
29	DeBolt

Second Service Volunteers

Greeters

Nov 2026	
1	Joanne Reitz
8	Cris Hoche
15	Connie Martinez
22	Ed/Cindy Weber
29	Karen Ranville

Communion Offering

Nov 2026	
1	Dan Baker
8	Landen Brolien
15	Jenny Nichols
22	John Wilson
29	DeBolt

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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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8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School for adults
10:30 AM Classes for children

A CORE OF TRUTH WITH A LOT OF APPEAL



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