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Be Still and Listen to God

I have struggled with a sinus infection for the past two weeks, and God has used that time to help me remember the importance of taking time to listen to Him.

I often pray to God but forget to take the time afterward to simply listen to what He has for me. In **1 Kings 19:11–12**, we are reminded that God often comes as a gentle whisper, if we are still and take the time to listen.

Most of us are uncomfortable with silence. We do our best to fill the quiet moments in life with noise. Whether it's our television, phone, radio, podcasts, or something else, we find ways to avoid the silence. We also tend to ask God for advice last. **James 1:5** reminds us that if we want wisdom, we should ask God. Yet how often do we ask our friends first, then search the internet and visit all kinds of different websites before finally turning to Him?

By that time, we have filled our minds with so much information and propaganda that it can interfere with our ability to hear from God. Then, when we finally pray, we often forget to listen. If you really want to hear from God, pray and then spend at least five minutes quietly waiting for the answer He has for you. During that time, stop dismissing that still, small voice speaking to you.



That gentle nudge you've been passing off as your own thoughts may be God speaking to you. Perhaps it's a feeling that you need to pray for someone, visit someone, or simply send a text message or a card. More than likely, that is God prompting you to reach out.

We need to be in prayer for our friends, our families, our church, and our country. Pray that God will reach out to people and draw them closer to Himself so that the world we live in might be healed. Only God knows the solutions to the problems we experience, and only He can point us in the right direction to find the answers we seek.

Listen to Him. Learn from His words. Let your life be a shining example of His love and grace.

When we do that, others will see God in us and want to experience the same kind of love that we reflect to them. We have a great God, and we need to share that message with the world around us.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Brad

Dream It – See It

******More information on the Capital Funds Campaign that was initiated in December 2024!******

BELLS ARE STILL RINGING !!!! We are now 24 months into our Campaign. We began our Campaign to help us take care of our aging building. In the 24 months we have been campaigning we have a balance of $19,701.95 in our account. We have paid out $28,921.55 for our Sanctuary lights and when we turn them all on it is an amazing sight. Some of the original items on our list have come out of our regular budget as they were approved before the campaign started, so you will notice they are crossed out on the poster board in the hallway. There are still some significant projects that we need to complete. Steeple repair, painting areas, ceiling re-staining from water damage, basement floor, parking lot repairs and painting, repair dumpster approach, sound upgrades.
Here are some interesting facts I shared the last 2 months with you:

1 person giving $500 per month in a year that is $6,000
5 people giving $100 per month in a year that is $6,000
10 people giving $50 per month in a year that is $6,000
5 people giving $50 per week in a year that is $12,000
5 people giving $25 per week in a year that is $6,000
25 people giving $ 25 per week in a year that is $30,000
25 people giving $10 per week in a year that is $12,000
10 people giving $10 per week in a year that is $5,200

I say all this to say faithful giving adds up. If the above numbers do not fit in with your budget, that is okay. Those are just examples of what can happen. **God is faithful and the fund is growing! Praise God!**

When you contribute to this Campaign please indicate on your envelope or your check that it is for the Capital Funds Campaign and remember that we will not start any project without having sufficient funds for the completion of that project. Your gifts are greatly appreciated; any size donation is so helpful, it adds up when we work together.

Your Sister in Christ,
Chris



BUDGET MEETING will take place on **Sunday November 1** following worship.

Copies of the proposed budget for 2027 are available at the Connection Center.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will take place on **Sunday, November 15** following worship.

We will vote on the proposed budget and ratify positions for the Leadership Team. Absentee ballots are available in the outer office. Sample Ballot is posted in the hallway



LIFE CHALLENGE/MY BROTHERS KEEPER CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

We are making plans to bless the residents of the Life Challenge program with whom we have worked for a number of years. We are planning to provide for approximately 20 men. We have already been blessed with enough socks to give to them but will plan on giving thermal shirts, pants, and possibly coats and or boots as well as toiletries and other useful items. We will also be providing similar gifts to the 20 men we serve at My Brother's Keeper.

Our last day to receive donations and collected items is Sunday, December 1st. As always, I am so very grateful for the generosity of this Church and appreciate anything that you feel you can give. For more information, contact Lois StJohn at 810.423.2078.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **COMMUNION** 9:15am Fresh Start Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 11:30am MBK Lunch **11:45am Budget Hearing** **3:00pm - 6:00pm Church of God Unity Service** 6:00pm The Ark	**2**	**3** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**4** 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Virtual Bible Study	**5** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**6** MI CHoG General Assembly 6-7 **1:30pm - Visitation** **2:30pm Memorial Service Daniel StCin**	**7** **9:00am - 4:00pm Kit Together Craft Retreat with Alycia**
8 9:15am Fresh Start Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Worship 11:30am MBK Lunch 6:00pm The Ark	**9**	**10** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**11** 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Virtual Bible Study	**12** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**13**	**14** 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Liberty Diner
15 **Newsletter Deadline** 9:15am Fresh Start Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Message 11:30am MBK Lunch 11:30am Youth Ministry Meeting **11:45am Business Meeting** 6:00pm The Ark	**16** 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	**17** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**18** 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Virtual Bible Study	**19** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. **4:30pm MBK Meal Prep** 5:00pm Yoga Class	**20**	**21** 9:00am - 2:00pm Access Granted Ministries (AGM) **2:00pm - 5:00pm Community Harvest Dinner**
22 9:15am Fresh Start Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering & Baptism Service 10:30am Youth Worship 11:30am MBK Lunch **2:00pm McCarius Service** 6:00pm The Ark	**23** Practice	**24** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**25** 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Virtual Bible Study	**26** Happy Thanksgiving	**27**	**28** **9:00am - Decorate Sanctuary** **11:00am STEMulating Saturday**
29 First Sunday of Advent **CBO Post Office Open** 9:15am Fresh Start Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 11:30am MBK Lunch 6:00pm The Ark	**30**	**1** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	**2** 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Virtual Bible Study	**3** 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class Practice	**4** **9:00AM-4:00PM Kit Together Craft Retreat** **CHoG Pastors Meeting TBD**	**5** **6:00pm Carols & Candles (& Cookies!)**



9 Elgie & Doretha Bright-38 yrs
12 David Henry
21 Trea Poe
21 Frank & Kim Murdough-26 yrs
25 Grant & Jinny Belanger-49 yrs
28 Everette Humphrey
30 Doug Ellinghausen
30 Tracy Walters



HOLIDAY FOOD BOX SPONSORSHIPS

The time has come to seek financial support for the Holiday Food Boxes we provide for families in our community that would otherwise go without. The cost of sponsorship is $35.00 but any amount is welcome and we thank you in advance. Donations should be completed before December 31, 2026.

For more information contact Frank Murdough at 810.422.4452.

COMING EVENTS



COMMUNITY HARVEST DINNER will take place on **Saturday, November 21st** from 2pm to 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. This wonderful full-on Turkey dinner, prepared by loving hands, will warm the soul (not to mention the stomach!) of everyone who joins us. If you are available to help with either food preparation, beverages, or just bringing a friendly smile, please contact either Frank Murdough at 810.422.4452 or Chris Walker at 810.653.7370.

We invite you to join us to help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, **November 28th at 9AM**. Many hands make for light work!





CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE OPENS NOV. 29th

Just bring your cards for currently attending church family and kindly make a donation to Christ's Birthday Observance for the amount of postage it would've cost to mail through the USPS. Cards are picked up each week by church family after worship service.





NOVEMBER 28



Carols & Candles (& Cookies!)
Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:00PM
Cookies will be highly sought after!

Come hear our very own Josh Smith for this concert coming up on December 6th at Mayfair Bible Church. What a great way to celebrate the season!

