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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 9– Beatrice Wishert | 23– Amy Gross       |
| 9– Kirby Haertner   | 25– Laquita Gibbens |
| 9– Stephen Kotara   |                     |
| 11– Tricia Kunschik |                     |
| 11– Ray Tiemann     |                     |
| 13– Johnny Gilley   |                     |
| 14– Joi Davis       |                     |
| 15– Karl Kersh      |                     |
| 22– Bruce Bomba     |                     |



# THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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One of the desires of my heart, and I believe of this church in general is that we would really become a place where people can come and experience the love of Jesus and experience firsthand the mercy and grace that is offered in the gospel. To come and discover for themselves the reality that Christ died on the cross for them, and that if they will believe in Him then their sins will be forgiven and they can become children of God. But there is a problem with this hope. Did you catch it? It lies in the first sentence, “a place where people can *come*.” Traditionally this has been the way that we have done church. We come up with programs and activities that will attract and entice people, and then we get them to come to us. If they come, great! And if they do not, then we just never encounter them. Unfortunately, as I look through the Bible what I see is not a “come and see” mentality, but instead a “go and tell” mentality. For instance, in the great commission, Jesus compels His disciples to **GO** and tell the world. In 2 Corinthians 5 we are called ambassadors. Ambassadors by definition are people who go to foreign lands and represent their king there, ambassadors never stay in their own nation and hope other peoples come to them, they go and live among other people representing their king in another land. This is not a foreign concept, as a matter of fact it really is the basis by which we have founded our missional strategy. Go to foreign lands and tell people about Jesus, and then watch as the gospel transforms lives in amazing ways. Where we fall short is in realizing that our church is in the middle of a foreign land. We are surrounded by people who are not members of God’s kingdom and who need to encounter ambassadors who will tell them about our great king and how He can save them. There is just a great a need for Jesus in Karnes City as there is in Bela Bela, Africa and we should be trying to impact both places for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It does not take much to look around and see that we by and large are not impacting Karnes City and county the way we would wish to. Part of that is perception. People tell me that when they think about our church they think that we are the “old white church.” I do not agree with this perception, but the only thing that changes that perception is for them to encounter believers who show them that we are the church for believers of all ages, sizes, economic status and races. How will they come to see this? Here’s what scripture has to say on the subject: “By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” 1 John 3:16 “By this will all people know you are my disciples if you have love for one another.” John 13:35. People’s perception of our church will not change until they see love from us to them and towards each other. It is with this in mind that we are starting up a new ministry called The Full Weekend Project, wherein we will send food home with hungry students for the weekend so that they and their families will not go hungry but will have enough food to eat. They must see our love before their perceptions will change. In next month’s newsletter we will explain in more detail how this ministry will work, and how you can help.

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	7:30

Wednesday:  
 Prayer Meeting 6:30

### Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry
- Youth/Children’s Minister

### Memory Verse

“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?”

**James 2:15-16**

# happy THANKSGIVING

WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER FROM THE WELLS OF SALVATION. AND YOU WILL SAY IN THAT DAY:  
 "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,  
 CALL UPON HIS NAME,  
 MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLES,  
 PROCLAIM THAT HIS NAME IS EXALTED.  
 SING PRAISES TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS DONE GLORIOUSLY;  
 LET THIS BE MADE KNOWN IN ALL THE EARTH.  
 SHOUT, AND SING FOR JOY, O INHABITANT OF ZION,  
 FOR GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL."  
 ISAIAH 12:3-6



Sound Bytes

**"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving."**

**Psalm 69:30**

As we enter into this annual season of thanksgiving, I find tremendous joy in verses like this one found in the psalms. This verse comes towards the end of a psalm where we find David crying out to God in agony because he feels that life has gotten to the point where it is almost not worth living and God is not answering his pleas for help.

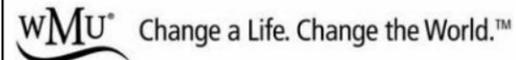
Have you ever been there? I know in my short time on this Earth, I have. There are moments in life where we cry out to God to remove whatever is causing us pain and He doesn't answer us. At these moments, how often is our response the same as David's? He pours out his heart before a God he knows is present even if He's not responding, and in the end comes to the realization that God has been faithful to him in the past, will continue to be faithful to him in his current troubles, and will be with him again.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? God tells His people in several locations He will never leave them nor forsake them. Jesus' final words on this Earth in fact are found at the end of Matthew's gospel where He says: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is a truth we need to cling to desperately. Remember that no matter how dark our life gets, we must trust that God is faithful, and we must learn to praise him in the storms of life as well as the brightest times. Let me encourage you, during this month, find times during your day to "praise the name of God with a song, and magnify Him with thanksgiving." Thank Him for the goodness He showers us with daily, underserved though we are. Sing a song to Him about how faithful He has, is, and will continue to be to us, not because we're good, but because He is.

**Announcements:** Please don't forget to let Mary Anna or myself know if you would like to do a special at church, and thanks to all who have done one this year. We have been truly blessed with your talents. Also, remember if you would like to be a part of our annual Christmas program, please attend choir practice on Sunday nights following all the regular activities.

~Nathan Jones



The WMU will once again be sponsoring Kans for Kids during the Month of November.

There will be a basket in the front of the church and in the Fellowship hall for depositing your contributions. We would appreciate your help in making this years Kans for Kids a big success. You can pick up a list of items needed on the table at the front of the church.

We as a church family have been approached by Operation Christmas Child (a Samaritan's Purse project) again this year to pack regular size shoe boxes with gifts for children. The collection dates are November 14th through the 21st. Each participant may fill a boy or girl box with a variety of age appropriate gifts as well as a \$7.00 donation to help cover the cost of shipping. The directions for wrapping the box, the children's ages, and a list of gift suggestions will be on the table in the lobby of the church. This is an opportunity to pack a shoebox with love, send it with prayer and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting Child.

## Youth Pastor Search

### Committee:

David Kunschik  
 Johnny Wright  
 Christy Dziuk  
 Jolee Cornelius  
 Kayla Jones

Please be in prayer for this committee as they seek God's will in finding a Youth Minister.



**South Texas Pregnancy Care Center**  
**975 W. Court St; Seguin, TX**  
**830-303-2151**

South Texas Pregnancy Care Center will be holding new counselor training on November 1st, 3rd, 8th, and 10th from 9am-3pm. Peer counselors come in 3 hour shifts each week to meet with clients dealing with different aspects of pregnancy. The training teaches counselors about the importance of confidentiality, what to say to someone contemplating abortion, easy and effective ways to share the gospel, role playing, how to talk about abstinence with a negative client, and much more. If you are interested feel free to call the pregnancy center for more details.

### Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	11,705.14	12,376.83*
Year:	117,051.40	182,857.90

\* Includes the first 4 weeks of the month

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 CHURCH PLANT  
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Prayer Meeting Dates for 2011:  
 Sundays @ 5:00 in Youth Room  
 November 13  
 December 4  
 December 18



Thanks for allowing God to use you to provide funds for a TSEASA Vehicle. The total gift to the ministry is **\$32,567.24**

The youth group would like to thank everyone for their can donations. We were able to raise \$26.68 with the most recent recycling. We will continue to take cans to the recycling center and appreciate your continued can donations.