

First Family News

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Many people ask, “why is church attendance and going to church so important?”

The Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth. The early church “*devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer*” (Acts 2:42). We should follow that example of devotion and to the same things. Back then, they had no designated church building, but “*every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke the bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts*” (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God’s Word.

Church attendance is not just a “good suggestion”; it is God’s will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should “*not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*” Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that’s not the way to go. We need encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end of times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), “spur” one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its “body parts” need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14-20). It’s not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11-13). A believer will never reach full maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we shall need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21-26).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer’s life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense “required” for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

Jesus is the Cornerstone of the Church (1 Peter 2:6), and we are “*like living stones...being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*” (1 Peter 2:5). As the building materials of God’s “spiritual house,” we naturally have a connection with one another, and that connection is evident every time the church “goes to church.”

When you are not here, you are missed. Hope to see you next Sunday !

Bro. Tony

Sunday, November 24th

November 3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends



Thursday 28th



First Family Thanksgiving Feast



Fellowship Hall– After Church

**Turkey & Dressing will be provided
Please bring your Favorite Thanksgiving Fixin**



Flower Calendar for November

Nov 3rd– Wayne Allen

Nov 10th– open

Nov 17th– Charles Chambers

Nov 24th– open



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Happy November Birthday's

- 2 Jon Joines

4 Hank Allen

6 Marilyn Shelton

7 Wilaria (LaLa) Lopez

7 Vance Snedecor

12 Vincent Reina

12 Ben Sharp

12 Fawn Zahn

15 Betty Bergstrom
- 17 Annette Brockman

17 Romeo Flores

18 Elida Perez

20 Susan Mitchell

21 Ann Carroll

21 Gladys Kattner

21 Paulette Kirkpatrick

22 Gana Hill
- 24 Emily Thorn

25 Gwyneth Teves

25 Kendalyn Vardaman

26 Michelle Silva

27 Levi Taft

28 Shirley Lominac

28 Harvey Stelzel



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NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> Small Groups McCown & Kageler 5 pm	4 Sewing Ministry 9am Church Council Mtg. 5:30 pm Budget Request Due	5 Com on Com. Mtg. 6:30 pm	6 AWANA Club 5:30pm	7 WOW Bible Study—Noon Weight Watchers 6pm –FLC Prayer Mtg—6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm	8	9
10 Small Groups McCown & Kageler 5 pm	11 Sewing Ministry 9am	12 Deacon Mtg. 5:30 Personnel Com Mtg. 6:30pm	13 AWANA Club 5:30pm	14 WOW Bible Study—Noon Weight Watchers 6pm-FLC Prayer Mtg—6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm	15	16
17 <i>Broken Chains Change Offering</i> Small Groups McCown & Kageler 5 pm	18 Sewing Ministry 9am	19	20 Awana Club 5:30 pm	21 WOW Bible Study—Noon Weight Watchers 6pm FLC Prayer Mtg—6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm	22	23
24 <i>First Family Thanksgiving Meal</i> Small Groups McCown & Kageler 5 pm	25 Sewing Ministry 9am	26 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	27 No Events Scheduled	28 Happy Thanksgiving !!  <i>Church Office & CDC Closed</i>	29 <i>Church Office & CDC Closed</i>	30

Deacons for the Month

Nov. 3—Vance Snedecor
Nov. 10— Wayne Taylor
Nov. 17— Hank Allen
Nov. 24— Phil Bush



Broken Chains Ministry
October Offering

\$ 90

Thank you so much for your continued support !

Nursery Volunteers For Sunday Worship Service

November 3- Dottie Matula & Shirley Lominac
November 10- Blythe Koudela & Molly Mang
November 17- Kristina Butler & Sue Salyer
November 24- Christine Koudela & Marilyn Shelton

STEWARDSHIP REPORT thru October 31th
Monthly Budget Goal

	Monthly Report	YTD Report
Budget Goal	\$24,698	\$246,979
Offerings Received	\$16,420	\$222,344
Total Income		\$260,149
Total Expenses		\$254,824

	October Attendance			
	06	13	20	27
Sunday Bible Study	39	64	42	46
Sunday Morning Worship	70	95	75	98
Small Group	18	6	7	12