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Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
On Line Live
Worship 10:30

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Worship Bulletins
for on-line worship
may be picked up on
Thursdays after 11:00.



JAM
(Jesus And Me)
Prayer Time

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE



Here we sit at the beginning of another November. Thanksgiving is coming and Christmas right after that. These holidays show up every year and it seems like things always get so chaotic. Maybe you're sitting here laughing to yourself saying "Jim, I don't have to wait for a holiday. Life is stressful now!" Maybe you find yourself in chaos right now. There are lines to pick kids up from school. Then we have to take them straight from a choir concert to sports practice. And don't forget the ballerina shoes for dance after that! Maybe work has you running like crazy with deadlines and expectations and there's just no way you can get your mind to detach from it all when you go home.

In those chaotic moments, I hear those words from Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God" and I start to feel guilty that I can't always find a way to be still. What am I supposed to give up? Which kid am I supposed to disappoint so I have time to be still? When someone needs something from me, can I just tell them to wait because I'm being still?

Now, don't get me wrong. There's something to slowing down in this fast-paced life and noticing what's happening right in front of you. There's something to finding a breath of sanity in the middle of the chaos of life. But how do I handle those moments where I just need to be still when I'm just trying to survive sugared up kids on Halloween?

Recently, I've been looking to a different Psalm. Psalm 139:7-10 says, "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast."

These verses remind me that even at times I couldn't or wouldn't stand still to see God's presence, it doesn't mean that God didn't show up. In the beauty and in the chaos of life, these verses remind me that God is right there. Even if I missed the chance to stop and see it in the moment, I can now look back and recognize God in places I missed before.

Here's to praying you can always find time to stop and be still in the midst of chaos to see what God is up to. But if by chance you can't, don't beat yourself up. God still showed up and the next time you're still don't forget to look back and see what God was up to in the chaotic moments of your life.

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim

Happy Thanksgiving

• **REV. JIM PERKIN** •

Prayer List (As of October 27, 2021)

To add or remove a name call 918-647-2217.

Health: Diana Adams, Laton Allison, Melanie Anderson, Wanda Anderson, Astarte Baker, Kathy Baker, Lisa Barnes, Silas Blanchard, Steven Blaylock, Caren Bogart, Clint Bradshaw, Cindy Brody, Ed Brody, Sterling Brookfield, Jeff Burton, John Carbrey, Peggy Carey, James Carter, Paul Carter, Perry Carter, Audra Cooper, Pam Cox, Cynthia Crane, Ben Curtis, Darla Davis, Jim Davis, Matt Duschel, Emily Elkins, Cliff England, Delana Luman Ester, Sam Flanary, Mary Folsom, Brooke Gardezi, Bipriano Gonzalez, Clinton Howell, Connie Hancock, Jeremiah Hays, Heston Himes, Allen Inge, Donna Jackson, Bobby Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Teri Johnson, Terri Jones, Tasha Arnette Kane, Jane Kilgore, Ted Kilgore, Rope King, Colton Knight, Ron Knight, Vicki LaGrand, Arlene LeMaster, Lincoln Lester, Arlene Logan, Ty Mackey, Emily Maranto, Keith Miller, Patricia Ogden, Janna Owens, Kevin Payne, Jean Potts, Rose Price, Jeremy Quarry, Freda Reed, Case Ress. Kimberley Ritter, Lucy Richmond, Kathy Robertson, Joseph Sabatucci Jr., Angie Shaw, Jim Shore, Barbara Smedley, Coy Smedley, Marilyn Smith, Blake Standridge, Earl Steinmetz, Katie Strider, Madison Stuckey, Peggy Talley, Raegan Thomas, Mark Tillotson, Ed Toland, Linda Vise, Darren Ward, Barbara Wheeler, Britain Wilson, Keith Wright, Lori Yarberry.

Bereavement:

Law Enforcement: Robert and Danielle Brennand, Robert M. Brennand, Jr., Brandon Durant, Bailey Hahn, Zack Hall, Kyle Kinman, Blake Wilson, and all our military and law enforcement men and women.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for September 2021

Average Attendance for September: 112
2021 Budget Requirements: \$365,000.00
Needed through September: \$273,750.00
Year to Date Received: \$304,979.61
September Received: \$31,288.25
September Expenditures: \$26,900.59

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bishop

District Superintendent

Senior Pastor

Director of Music Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries

Administrative Assistant

Lead Nursery Attendant

Organist/Pianist

Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn

Rev. Larry Bauman

Rev. Jim Perkin

Mary Lynn Perkin

Suzanne Klutts

Melissa Ward

Jayla Craig

Bill King

Phil Smith

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

• SUNDAYS •

**In-Person Morning Worship and
Live On-Line Worship, 10:30 a.m.**

Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)

• WEDNESDAY •

JAM (Jesus and Me), 3:15-5:05 p.m.

Handbell Practice, 5:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

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7 Time Change. (Fall back one hour)

All Saints Sunday

Youth Hayride at Gilliam's farm, 5:00 p.m.

8 Missions Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

9 CASC Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.

11 The KTC Police Alert Training for police, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. here at the church

Dinners With Love, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

13 Charge Conference, 11:00 a.m.

17 Membership Care, 1:00 p.m.

21 Decorate the church for Advent, 2:00 p.m.

22 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

23 Pastor Consultations

25 Thanksgiving Day. Church offices closed.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

28 First Sunday in Advent

LITURGIST Pat Shelton

ACOLYTES

7 Addison Sockey and Sam Martin

14 Lawson Sockey and Hammond Yandell

21 Lily Green and Chloe Crane

28 Caden Mitchell and Katlynn Figari

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

7 Jim Perkin

14 Tami Matos

21 Suzanne Klutts

28 Mary Lynn Perkin



Nursery Attendant Wanted

We are looking to hire one more paid Nursery Attendant for Sunday Morning Worship. Please see Pastor Jim for details if you are interested.

• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts



I'm super excited that JAM (Jesus And Me) is back! It is great to have kids in the church on Wednesdays having fun and learning about God.

A huge thank you to all of our adult and teen workers, you are appreciated more than you know.





Membership Care

The Membership Care Committee is requesting boxes of Christmas cards this year that can be sent to homebound and out-of-town members. Please bring the cards to the church office before November 21.

The committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 in the Family Room off the Narthex.

The next meeting will be November 17.

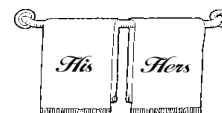
November Birthdays

- 1 Fredric Ritchie, Mason Mitchell
- 3 Wesley Garrett, Phil Smith
- 4 Tucker Long
- 5 Kaycee Quarry, Joan Gerhard
- 6 Sondra Sampson
- 7 Ronna Bell Dunigan, Demi Kay Gilliam, Barbara Harris
- 8 Maci White
- 9 Linda Lee, Martha Renfro, Angela Price
- 10 Sterling Brookfield
- 11 Nikki Perry
- 12 Deanna Reed, Allison Matos, Bessie Moreland, Mandy Roberts
- 13 Justin Barnes
- 14 Heather Martin
- 15 Randy Matos, Isabelle Dunigan
- 16 Christy Oehlschlager
- 17 Lance Owen
- 19 Elissa Bridgman, Jamie Gilliam
- 20 Keely Bennett
- 21 Henry Hardaway, Robert Martin, Jennifer Cravens, Nina Bowen
- 23 Mary Ford
- 25 Ed Brody
- 26 Connor Bandy
- 27 Kela Miller
- 28 Charlee Gilliam White, Gary Price
- 29 Artheia Hageman



November Anniversaries

- 20 Randy and Libby Bridgman
- 20 R.L. and Janet Sockey
- 22 Mark and Sheri Zabala
- 26 Alan and Clyda Ware
- 28 Ted and Christie Williams



Help make our birthday and anniversary lists complete. If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 918-647-2217.

United Methodist Church Preschool



By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director



"Let us love one another" is the November memory verse for the Preschool students. The themes are Autumn Colors; Thankful = Grateful; Happy Thanksgiving; and Winter Animals.

The letters J and K will be introduced. The number 4 and the shape square will also be focused on. The Preschool will be taking a Field Trip to Long Lake Resort on November 2. We will be going on a hayride, seeing farm animals and playing on bounce houses.

There will be no Preschool November 22-26. Happy Thanksgiving!

• Special Music for Worship •



Bill King and Mary Lynn Perkin



Vance Smedley

Vance has taken over the drums for Landon Perkin in our Praise Band. Landon is away at college.

Welcome, New Members

We were happy to welcome a new family on October 10, 2021, Michael and Andrea Oliver joined by Transfer from Hosanna Christian Fellowship. Their sons are James and Raylan.

We also welcomed Michael Crane as a member on October 10, 2021. He joined by Profession of Faith and was baptized.

Be sure and let them all know how happy we are to have them as part of our church family.



Michael Crane and the Crane Family



Our Newest Acolyte

Chloe Crane

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, Nov. 7: Hayride/Bonfire at the Gilliam's from 5 to 7 p.m. Girls bring Sweet Snacks; Boys bring Salty Snacks. Drinks and Hot Dogs will be provided. The church bus will leave the church at 4:45 if you would like a ride or to follow.

Sunday, Dec. 12th: Progressive Dinner.

Monday/Tuesday, Dec. 20-21: Branson Trip.

More details to come about the trip, but notice this event has moved to different days than our calendar.

We are having a lot of fun at youth group playing games, eating dinner, and learning about who God wants us to be.

Join us on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. We have a lot of great things happening this fall and next spring. If you don't have a calendar of events, pick one up on Sunday or call the church and Pastor Jim can email one to you.

Also, 6th Grade Students, be ready for confirmation to start on January 5th. More details will be coming in early December in a letter to 6th grade families. If your student is older than 6th grade but did not go through confirmation yet, they are invited as well. Please call the church office to be placed on the list to get the information letter. Youth Group continues to meet from 5-7 each Sunday beginning in the gym. Each Sunday evening we eat dinner, play some games, and focus on a lesson that helps us grow more as disciples of Jesus Christ. Sunday evening Youth Group is open to all students 6th-12th grades. We would love to see you there! Also, we want to say a big thank you to all the church members providing food for our students! We love having your support.



The Youth Group attended the Good Times Community Theatre performance of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Three of the youth group were performers.



• Missions Report •

By JoLynn Dixon



Now would be a great time to join the missions committee! We are gearing up to serve the children in the area who have incarcerated parents. We will be calling caregivers, shopping, wrapping gifts, and planning a fun time! Lots of helpers will be needed.

The rest of this month and also during November, we will be gathering cans of Evaporated Milk (12 oz.) for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets.

Please bring a can or several cans if you can. Please join us in helping those in our community have a great meal this holiday season. Please have the milk at the church by November 21. Money can also be donated and someone will make the purchase for you if you prefer.

Our Dinners with Love program is going strong, but as always, helping hands are needed. Please consider coming to help cook or deliver meals. Meals are provided every other Thursday from 5:30-6:30. The next dinner provided will be November 11.

The next Missions Committee meeting will be Monday, Nov. 8th at 5:30. As always, please consider joining us. Everyone is welcome.

■ Cards of Thanks ■



Thank you so much for all the food, prayers, love, and support shown to me and my family during Joan's illness and passing. There are no words to express how blessed and thankful I am for my church family.

Lloyd Lee and family

To My Church Family,

Thanks to each of you who came to my surprise (!!!) birthday party and to those who called and sent beautiful cards. I'm still in shock! I am so fortunate to have such caring and loving friends and am blessed every day by your calls and contacts. I know I am in your prayers and I feel your love. I send my love to all of you.

Peggy Talley

If you desire the church's prayer chain to pray for you, make your request known by contacting the church office at 918-647-2217.

All Saints Sunday



November 7 is All Saints Sunday and we will be reading the names of all our church members who passed away this past year, and lighting a candle in their memory during morning worship.

If you have a loved one whose name you would like read, whether member or not, please contact the church office this week at 918-647-2217 to be included on the list.

If you are unable to light their candle yourself, someone will do it for you.

Dinners With Love



SERVING:
• November 11
this month

Dinners with Love is a hot, complete, and nutritious meal in a to-go container that can be easily carried or delivered.

Dinners are served every other Thursday from 5:30-6:30 in front of the Blessing Box for anyone who wants a meal.

Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room devotionals are available for November/December.

The devotional guides are provided for you by the church and can be found on the table outside the sanctuary. Be sure and pick one up to accompany your daily Bible study. They are published every two months.