

God is love and love lives here!



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Sunday, August 20, 2023

Families 4 Families

We are privileged this week to hear from Families4Families this Sunday during our 10:30 worship service. Foster care and adoption are close to our hearts as it has changed our lives in so many ways for the better. We would not be who we are without our little girl and I truly thank God for all He has done to orchestrate such an amazing gesture of love. Below is part of their story so that you can know a little more about who will be with us in worship. I pray you read it and prepare your hearts for God's good work this Sunday as we gather together.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Our Story



OUR STORY begins on May 6, 2012. After a long process of completing our home study, we were finally approved as a foster family. The first day our home was opened, we would receive a phone call about a newborn girl who had been born behind a dumpster and abandoned in the Five Points area of Atlanta. After bringing her into our home, we cared for an infant detoxing from drugs, lethargic, from malnourishment, and startled by several seizures. After a year of fostering, we were talking adoption. God had other plans because a week later we received another phone call from our agency about a second girl who had been abandoned. She was the half-sister to our first foster child. One more year would go by before both of these little girls would be adopted on April 8, 2014, and they would become Abbie and Ashlie Naugle.

Our girls and the statistics of so many other children in our state changed our lives so much that we left our job at our church and began helping children full-time. Shortly after adopting our girls, we were speaking at a church to a small group sharing pictures of the girls. Afterwards a gentleman approached us explaining that he had been helping a homeless lady in Atlanta for the last 3 years who had been pregnant twice and looked like our oldest daughter. It so happened that this lady was Abbie and Ashlie's birth mother. She had grown up in foster care and aged out. We explained to her that we loved her, but that God loves her more. Through several God ordained meetings, we have also located the three other biological sisters, met them, and continue to stay connected with them. We have been blessed to have such a large family through adoption.

Out of all these experiences comes the passion of Families 4 Families. Our desire is to find loving families who can help hurting and broken families in the foster care system. Some children will go home to biological families, and some will be adopted. We know God loves these children more than we do so we trust Him on the outcome. At Families 4 Families, we do not charge churches or the foster families for any of our services. We want the foster families and church families to be able to pour into these children's lives and reach out to their birth families with Christ's love. We would be honored to have you join our family and partner with us to write your own God story.

Keep The Faith, Pastor Tommy

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New Concerns

Sabrina Williams
Mike Armour
Dawn Wilkins
Bailee Phillips

Continue Prayers for:

Jon & Elizabeth Love
Carla Johnsen
Family of Darla Scott
Linda McIntosh
Christa Bernard
Cheryl Bell
Betsy Phillips
Mariann Ellis

Warren McDow
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for August 13

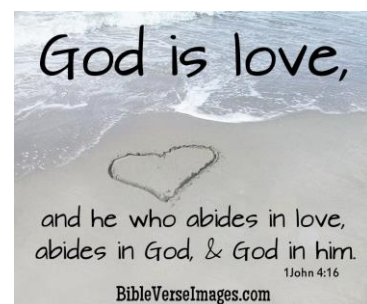
Operating Budget..... \$12,576.44
Technology..... 202.00
Local Mission..... 251.00
Total..... \$13,029.44

Worship Attendance:

123

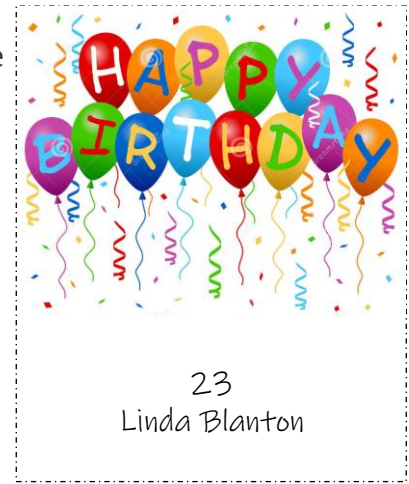
Sunday School:

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Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry August 23, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for August 22- Cynthia Boutwell, Sherry Armour
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday, 9a-noon.
- Clothes Closet needs: clothes and shoes for all, purses, costume jewelry, household goods, towel and wash cloths, linens and toys.
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12noon



Young at Heart

Young at Heart (Oldies but Goodies) will offer Bingo on Friday, August 25, 1p-4p... there will be hot dogs, chips, drinks and goodies for a donation (it keeps us going). Bring a white elephant gift, something just taking up space at home. You're also welcome to bring any card game or board game. Blessings and Joy. ~ Eric & Gloria ~

Attention, please

Other income in the church – Starting September 30, 2023 all activities, organizations, ministries (ie: The Men, Women of Faith, Sunday School classes) with a checking account that is outside the church's main checking account at The Well will need to submit a financial report stating income/expenses/donations for the previous quarter and year to date... this is for inclusion in our Federal Tax submission on the 990 form for non-profit. We should have been doing this all along, but we didn't know...

Family Promise

If you are interested in helping out with Family Promise on our next rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church.
check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Labor Day Ribs!!

The Men at the Well are grilling ribs for your Labor Day weekend enjoyment! Cost is \$25 per rack, pick up is Saturday, September 2 8a-12p. So see a Man for your ticket(s) or come by/call the office. Remember, these too freeze well!

Member/Visitor Orientation

New Here? Curious about our ministries or maybe even where things are located around the facility? Join us on the 1st Sunday of each month for our visitor and new member orientation immediately following 10:30 worship. There will be a Q & A session with Pastor Tommy and tour of our facility. All are welcome and everyone is invited; just come to the front of the sanctuary following worship. See you at The Well!

Picture of the Original Church

We still have some of the framed prints of the church ... if you'd like one just call or email the office, they are \$20 for the picture only and \$40 framed.

Old Time Capsule...

At the end of August we will be packing up the things that were in the CUMC time capsule. So if you haven't stopped by the table in the breezeway and checked it out, please do so.

New Time Capsule... alright, yall! Are you getting your pictures and items together for the new time capsule as The Well at Centerville?? Sunday School classes, Life Groups, Partners in Prayer, Movin' n Groovin', Yoga, Quilters, church historian, Library... anyone and everyone that would like to put something in the time capsule get it together and we'll do it at our October 5th Sunday lunch after worship. It's going to be fun and exciting!

| Bible Reading Plan | |
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| Week of August 20 th : | |
| Sunday..... | Acts 5 |
| Monday..... | Acts 6 |
| Tuesday..... | Acts 7 |
| Wednesday..... | Acts 8 |
| Thursday..... | Acts 9 |
| Friday..... | Acts 10 |
| Saturday..... | Acts 11 |



FAMILIES
4 FAMILIES
Faith Based. Family Driven.

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- August 20

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
W.C. Hester, Michael Walston
8:30a **Worship Team Meeting**
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship



Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Lamar & Marilyn Outz
Patsy Spinks, Sherrill Pinckney



Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans



Assisting with Children

Sunday- August 20

Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Laura McKenzie
Children- Kelly Evans, Katie Odum

Sunday- August 27

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Laura McKenzie
Children- Linda Blanton, Brenda Crow



United Women in Faith

Monday- August 21

10:00a Quilters
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Tuesday- August 22

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Wednesday- August 23

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11a Food Pantry
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Thursday- August 24

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
5:30p Dulcimers
6:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Friday- August 25

1p-4p Young at Heart
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Saturday- August 26

7:30p . Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth
Pilgrims

Studies

The Jesus You May Not Know
Matthew
Psalm 91
Romans
Bible Chronology
Angels

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson
Kathy Blanchard

Men at the Well

Cooking Baby Back ribs



for your

Labor Day

\$25 each, pick up Saturday, September 2, 8a-12p
See any "Man" or come by/call the office to get yours!