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Sunday, November 19, 2023

Pregame

Well, friends; we are almost there. The Advent season is only a few weeks away. I was reading a friend's Facebook post about families who start decorating for Christmas before Thanksgiving. He responded that those who started decorating before Christmas just perpetuated Chaos! Maybe he's right, I don't know. What I do know is that our family invites the chaos cause our house is fully decorated inside and after Thanksgiving, the neighborhood will see our Christmas cheer displayed in the front yard on the outside!

It's also our busiest time of year as well. Once we get through the next week there's no stopping the myriad of parties, events, and meetings that take place; throwing in a few football games along the way. The truth is we thrive on it. We love the season and enjoy every bit of it. Then on Christmas, we hit the snooze button for just a little while to enjoy some time together as a family.

We're always striving though to be conscious of how important this time of year is and to be cautious of not losing our purpose in it all. Advent is such a special time of year and an important time of preparation. We prepare for the coming of Christ and work to share the love of God in the middle of all business in our calendars. We share our gratitude for all He's done in our lives while giving thanks for what he will do in the near future. This season helps us to center ourselves on the meaning and purpose of Christ and deserves our best attention in the midst of the business we bring upon ourselves.

This year we are going to go through two series leading up to Advent with a twist I hope you enjoy and are sure you are familiar with: football. This week and next week will be our Pregame services. We will focus on some of the fundamentals of preparing ourselves for the advent season. After, we will be in the Game leading up to Christmas where we give our attention to living life through the Advent season. While the intention is to bring a light-hearted approach to Advent, I assure you the goal is to inspire our church to consider the cause of Christ in our personal lives and to get in the game of making Disciples in our community. I pray you enjoy the season and series over the next few weeks as we enter into the joy of the Christmas season and begin with our first Pregame. See you Sunday!

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

To the Glory of God

☪ The arrangement on the Altar table is in memory of Ann Stafford.

Dishes

Please pick up your dishes in the Fellowship Hall. If you brought a dish and you don't see it – check the small refrigerator in the room across from the kitchen, there was food left over and it may be there.

Grateful Heart

“Words cannot express the love Leon and I have felt during our journey with cancer. You have loved us, visited us and fed us. We are so fortunate to be in a Church that puts God first and loves everyone unconditionally.”

Scripture and Sermon:

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Pre-Game: Preparing Our
Hearts for Advent: 15
Minutes of Prayer Every
Day: The Point



New Concerns

Family of Ann Stafford
Don & Sharron Schall
Bennie Wyatt

Continue Prayers for:

Donna Rushing
Bill and Suzanne
Cheryl Randall & Family
Pamela Wartman
Carolyn Moore
Kamber Green
Will Jester
John Doblus
Lydia Murphy
Jerry Holcomb

Christa Avret
Michael & Jennie Walston
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

November 12

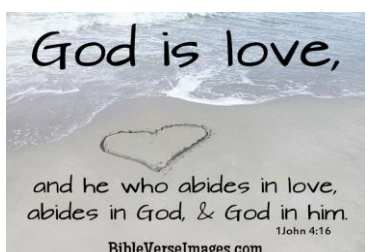
Operating Budget..... \$16,811.67
Local Mission..... 2,215.97
Total..... \$19,027.64

Worship Attendance:

129

Sunday School:

53





- ✓ 11-21-23 at 11a-4p- Ham pick up
- ✓ 11-23/11-24-23- **Office Closed**
- ✓ 11-26-23 at 11:30a- **Hanging of the Greens with Soup Lunch**
- ✓ 11-30-23 at 6p- **Nominating Committee Meeting**
- ✓ 12-02-23 at 9a-2p- **Christmas Festival**
- ✓ 12-03-23 at 5p-7p- **Parsonage Open House**
- ✓ 12-07-23 at 6p- **Nominating Committee (if needed)**
- ✓ 12-09-23 at 9a-11a- Clothes Closet Toy Giveaway
- ✓ 12-09-23 at 1p-3p- Drop-in Baby Shower for Brooke McKeever at the Parsonage
- ✓ 12-10-23 at 8:30a- Staff Meeting
- ✓ 12-10-23 at 10:30a- **Blessing of the Bears**
- ✓ 12-17-23 at 10:30a- **Christmas Cantata**
- ✓ 12-24-23 at 6p- **Christmas Eve Service**
- ✓ 12-25/01-01-24- **Office Closed**
- ✓ 12-31-23 11:30a- 5th Sunday Lunch after Worship Service



Sweet Shoppe at the Christmas Festival

HELP NEEDED!! Our Church sponsored Sweet Shoppe booth at our Christmas Festival, December 2, is in need of food items to sell! We need cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, candies, snack mixes, jellies, etc. – anything that looks and tastes delicious! Buyers look for quick snacks for that day, or cakes and desserts that can be frozen for Christmas! Please bring wrapped and labeled items to the Social Hall by December 1st! (Cake plates for iced cakes will be available in the Social Hall next week!) All proceeds go to The Well at Centerville! The more you all bring in, the more we make; our success depends on our Church folks!! **Thank you!** Questions? Call Marilyn at 478-396-0735.

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of November 19 th :	
Sunday.....	John 21
Monday.....	Titus 1
Tuesday.....	Titus 2
Wednesday.....	Titus 3
Thursday.....	Philemon 1
Friday.....	1 Peter 1
Saturday.....	1 Peter 2

Blessing of the Bears

The **Blessing of the Bears** will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 10th. We will accept donations of nice stuffed animals (in the box outside the office) starting next week until December 9th. These will be displayed near our altar and blessed so that they can be distributed to children in need by the Centerville Police and Fire Departments before Christmas. Thanks for your support!



Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are now available for ordering to be delivered and placed in the church December 1 and taken home after Christmas Eve Service. We will be ordering 24 poinsettias, so be sure to order yours! Cost is \$12.50. Call or email the church to place your order.

Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry November 22, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for November 21- Lynn Mayfield, Carolyn Nettles
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday, 9a-noon; our total for October was 362 people served!
- The Clothes Closet will be open 11a-1p on Food Pantry days, which is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- Thank you for your generosity to the Open Door Clothes Closet. Each week we see more and more clothed and cared for because of your gifts of love. **Winter is Coming** and we will be in need of several items. If you're cleaning out your own closets or looking to donate items, please consider donating to the Clothes Closet. We also ask you to look for some of the specific items listed below as you are preparing for the change in season. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!
Winter clothes/coats/jackets/sweaters/hoodies/pants/shoes/socks/scarves/hats/gloves; linens/sheets/blankets/throws/comforters; towels/washcloths; personal needs items; toys.
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

Family Promise

Thank you to all the volunteers that brought meals to the Family Promise residents! We appreciate you so much! If anyone is interested in being a volunteer please contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



Kettle Sunday – Every 3rd Sunday of the month is Kettle Sunday. The money you place in the kettles will go towards our local missions/food pantry.

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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- November 19

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship



Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Carolyn Nettles, Sherrill Pinckney
Tony & Hilda Rozier

Finance Stewards

J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke, Mel Smeltz

Assisting with Children

Sunday- November 19

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Lynn Miller, Laura
Children- Sherry Armour

Sunday- November 26

Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans, Dawn
Children- Brenda Crow

Monday- November 20

10:00a Quilters
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- November 21

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet
10:00a Partners in Prayer
11a-4p Ham Pick Up

Wednesday- November 22

Office Closed

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

Thursday- November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed

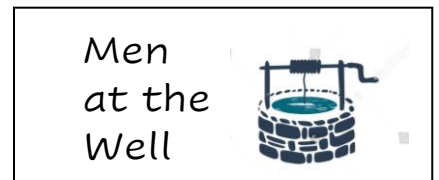
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- November 24

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- November 25

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday School at 9:15a

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

Favorite Scripture
Matthew
Revelations
Almost Christmas
The Prophets
Acts

Teacher

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



THANKSGIVING!

THE WELL AT CENTERVILLE

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

600 N. Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville 31028

Saturday December 2nd

9AM - 2PM



Take Pictures with Santa 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Bring your camera or phone

Vendors and Christmas Items

Music

Fresh Baked Goods

School Choirs

Quilt Raffle

Arts and Crafts

Children's activities

Bouncy House

Food

Vendor Spaces Available

Call, email or come by the office for a vendor application