

God is love and love lives here!



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Sunday, September 22, 2024

The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Mary Frances Logue brought a book to me a few weeks ago before our vacation. She only asked that I read it and consider it a gift. When we returned I went into their Sunday School class, head down, to let her know I had not read anything the entire time I was on vacation. However, I started reading the book the next week and really enjoyed the stories and information from Kathie Lee Giffod's book The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi. Throughout the book, Kathie shares her experiences of going to Israel and walking through the steps of Jesus and his disciples. Along with her is a Rabbi named Jason Sobel who brings Biblical stories to life by sharing history or his own perspectives that we may neglect in Biblical interpretation. I've found the book to be a joy to read and thought I would share key thoughts with you over the next couple of weeks that I hope encourage you in your faith.

Chapter 10

*The Wedding in Cana is one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible to me. I've had the privilege in ministry to officiate several weddings over the years and everyone is special and beautiful. The greatest aspect of the wedding is always the feast or as we call it the reception. Everyone gathers, praises the couple, and dances the night away. One of my greatest memories of a wedding was watching my grandmother dance with Eli when he was a toddler a few years before she passed. She had a beautiful dress on (She rarely dressed up) and Eli a little brown suit and pink tie (he was the ring "bear" as he called it) She laughed until she cried and Eli danced until he fell asleep. When I think of a wedding, apart from my own, this is a memory I treasure. The joy, excitement, laughter, and the connecting of generations.*

Kathie writes about her visit to Cana: "When Jesus turned the water into wine in Cana, the six stone pots that contained the wine held twenty to thirty gallons each. This was no small miracle! In the Bible, God had directed his people to make wine a part of their festivals throughout the year, celebrating God's bounty with gratitude and joy. This wedding in Cana was a celebration-and Jesus enhanced the celebration with His first public miracle. Come....to Cana!

Jesus chose a wedding to reveal His glory to the world! Jesus often reveals himself in the goodness of life if we are willing to look closely. His bounty on our lives causes us to live with gratitude and joy because he is faithful. What if we treated every day as a wedding day? How much joy would there be in the world? The truth is we can! If we open our eyes to see the good rather than focus on the negative, we can experience God in a way that enhances our lives significantly!

The wedding I spoke of earlier where Eli danced with my grandmother is a great memory. However, there is also pain there. My grandmother has since passed after her battle with dementia and the family member whose wedding we attended has disconnected from the entire family. You see, in most cases, gratitude and joy are a choice. Weddings make it easy, but we eventually leave the feast and get back to the daily routines of life. I could choose to see the negative in that moment and live in the pain or I can see the beauty in it. I choose the beauty! What do you choose?

Keep The Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

2 Peter 1:16-21  
"Simon to Peter:  
Peter's Second Letter"



New Concerns

Linda Stone

Continue Prayers for:

Tom & Amber  
Leon & Nancy  
Barbara Hilliard  
Paul Sanders

Paul Smith  
Phil & Betty Bailey  
Dianne Harrington  
Mac McCullough  
Kathy Blanchard  
Tom Gamble  
Betty Bowen  
Michael & Jennie Walston  
Betty Byrd  
Leon Hudson  
Mary Prater  
Jim & Mary Leary  
Virginia Eadie  
Bill Reedy  
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

09-15-24

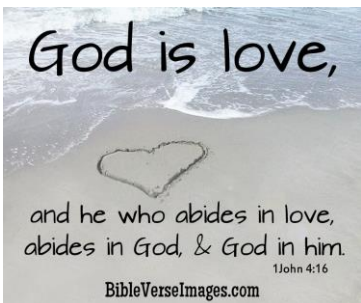
Operating Budget..... \$6,906.60  
A/C Replacement..... 1000.00  
Food Pantry..... 100.00  
Total..... \$8,006.60

Worship Attendance

140

Sunday School

46





- ✓ 09-19-24 Nominations Committee 6p
- ✓ 09-26-24 Nominations Committee 6p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch 11:30a- **cancelled**
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### Blood Drive

October 21, 1p-5p

Fellowship Hall

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>

### Attention!

The time for our Facebook Live Stream on Sunday mornings has changed to **10:50a** and will show the message portion of Worship only. Join us at our later time!

### Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry is September 25, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Clothes Closet is open September 25, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Donations now can be left in the black box trailer in front of the Outreach Center. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- Due to air conditioning problems in the church, services will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall until the system is fixed. As of today, that date is undetermined; therefore, our Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 1, 2025. We are currently using the Yak Shack for donated items for the sale. We will continue to collect small miscellaneous household goods for the sale. We will not have a Souper Saturday in 2025.
- September 25: 845a-11a- Sherry Armour, Susan Glidewell, Barbara Hilliard  
September 25: 11a-115p- Vicky Moore, Sabrina Williams, Marie Davis

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Kathy Blanchard  
Susan Glidewell  
23  
Carin Decker  
24  
Mollie Austin  
25  
Joyce Hall  
Cindy Scruggs  
28  
Tim Dyal  
Randy Dear

### Bible Reading Plan

#### Week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Sunday..... 1 Timothy 2  
Monday..... 1 Timothy 3  
Tuesday..... 1 Timothy 4  
Wednesday..... 1 Timothy 5  
Thursday..... 1 Timothy 6  
Friday..... 2 Timothy 1  
Saturday..... 2 Timothy 2



### Young at Heart

- ♥ Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> we are going to the Warner Robins Little Theater performance of “Clue”. Tickets are \$16. Please call or text Gloria Nelson for 478-550-2362 to reserve a ticket as soon as possible before Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be purchased as reservations come in. Transportation will be provided. We will leave from the church at 1p for the 2p performance. We will go out for dinner afterwards.
- ♥ Bingo will be Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> with lunch at 12 noon. Lunch will be a potluck and we will provide the meat. So all that is needed is side dishes and desserts. Bingo will begin at 1p. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join us for food, fun and fellowship!

### Family Promise

Our next rotation is November 17, 18, 19. 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/>

### Life Groups

Being a member of a Life Group is a great way to grow in a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. If you are interested in learning more about Life Groups, or actually joining one, please see Thomas and Joy.

### Altar Prayer Warriors

We are looking for more people to join us in praying at the altar. If you would like the opportunity to be part of this group, please see Don and Sharon or Thomas and Joy.

### Chariots of Love

Chariots of Love will resume soon. Stay tuned for more details.

### Church Shirt Sunday!





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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- September 22

Ushers

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

Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Bou

Communion Servers

Stevie Bowen & Kay Kelley  
Don & Joyce Hall

Prayer Teams

Nancy Hudson and Amber Gamble  
Thomas & Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

LaWanna Porter, Kathy Rutke, Hilda Rozier

Assisting with Children

Sunday- September 22  
Nursery- Joy Fleming, TBD  
Children- Brenda Crow  
Sunday- September 29  
Nursery- Sarah Blackburn, TBD  
Children- Dawn Wilkins

Monday- September 23

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- September 24

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Partners in Prayer  
10:00a Yoga  
6:00p Life Group III "LG3

Wednesday- September 25

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
8:45a-1:15p Clothes Closet  
10a-1p Food Pantry  
5:15p Handbells  
6:30p Choir Practice  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- September 26

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Yoga  
6:00p Nominations Committee  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- September 27

12p-3p Young at Heart  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- September 28

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

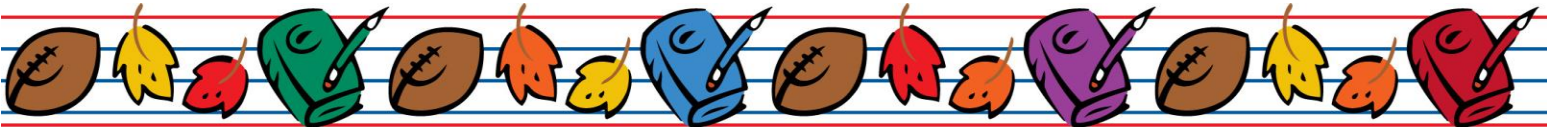
Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth

Studies

Gospel  
Mark  
Be Alert  
1 and 2 Peter  
Orange Curriculum

Teacher

LaWanna Porter  
Joy Fleming  
Nancy Hudson  
Don Schall  
Katie Odum





**October 20**

**3p-5p**

**Games, Food,  
Fellowship, Fun!**