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Families are Always Interesting

I would tell you that there are no good families or bad families, only interesting families. Getting to know people has been part of the gig of being a pastor. One church member told me during a fall festival "Go shake hands and hold babies" as if it were a campaign. Yet, it has become a part of the normal routines of the job; meeting people that is.

That being said, I've met hundreds if not thousands of people over the years. One thing is in common among everyone, they all have families, and they are all interesting! Especially mine! My grandmother used to take me to visit an uncle on a regular basis. He lived in a gated community with a security detail that included a few beautiful German Shepherds. You had to check in as you arrived and there was a special area set up with picnic tables bolted to the floor. I always thought it odd that we checked our bags and belongings when we came in but as a kid I didn't think anything of it. We would visit my Uncle Jimmy and leave for the day. It wasn't until my early twenties that I passed the gated community he lived in and realized it was the Decatur County Sheriff's office and Prison. Who knew?!

Yes, Families are always interesting, and just when I think yours is the most interesting family in the world, you find out it's not! One of our kids last week said, "Why can't our family be normal?" to which Katie and I exclaimed simultaneously, "We are normal!" The very definition of normal is to "conform to a standard; usual, typical, or expected. It is usual, typical, and expected that families are always interesting! Take comfort in knowing that just when you thought your family couldn't get any more interesting, yours is just like everyone else's! Happy, Healthy, and Sometimes Messy, but always interesting!

We hope you enjoy this series over the next few weeks and that through it God ministers to your hearts and minds. We love you guys!

Keep the Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Work Day

We are having a church work day Saturday, October 26th to put pine straw around the shrubs/bushes and trees around the church. If you can help, be at the church at 9a. We want to church to look clean and fresh as we come on Sunday the 27th to be back in the sanctuary.

Exciting News!

Kathryn "Kat" Rigsby (Terry & Kitty's daughter) is excited to announce that her first book, The Proverbs 31 Woman: A 21 day devotional journal is available as a paperback on Amazon. The pdf and an ebook version will be available soon. You can order directly from Amazon or if you want a signed copy, contact her.

<https://amzn.to/4e9Dxuc>

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!

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

❖ In memory of Debbie Herrington by Keith & Betsy Phillips

Scripture and Sermon:

James 1:19-21

"Families: Happy,
Healthy, sometimes
Messy: How to Help
Family that can't/won't
Help Themselves"



New Concerns

Michael Wyat
Gail Wortham
Victims of Milton

Continue Prayers for:

J.O. Miller
Gloria Nelson
Leon Hudson
Bill & Grace Brooks
Jeff Grube
Susan Howdeshell
Mary Baker
Virginia and Shannon Baker
Don Schall
Those in the path of Helene

Lamar Outz
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 and
First Responders

Finance Report for

10-06-24

Operating Budget.....	\$8,901.00
A/C Replacement.....	2,356.45
Apportionments.....	151.50
Food Pantry.....	<u>75.00</u>
Total.....	\$11,483.95

Worship Attendance

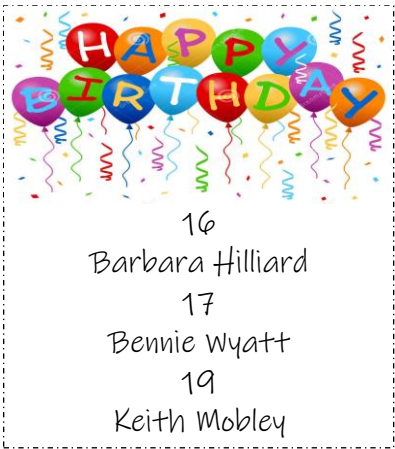
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Sunday School

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- ✓ **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**
- ✓ 10-14-24 **Office Closed- Columbus Day**
- ✓ 10-20-24 Fall Festival 3p-5p
- ✓ 10-21-24 **Blood Drive 1p-5p**
- ✓ 10-21-24 Finance Committee 6p
- ✓ 10-20-24 Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30a – yay!
- ✓ 11-03-24 All Saints Sunday
- ✓ 11-11-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 11-11-24 Administrative Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 11-17-24 Charge Conference 5p
- ✓ 11-24-24 **Hanging of the Greens 11:30a**
- ✓ 11-27/28-24 Office Closed- **Thanksgiving**
- ✓ 12-07-24 Christmas Festival 4p
- ✓ 12-08-24 Blessing of the Bears 10:30a
- ✓ 12-08-24 Parsonage Open House 5p-7p
- ✓ 12-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 12-24-24 Christmas Eve Service 6p
- ✓ 12-25-24 through 01-02-25 Office Closed- **Christmas**



Community Missions

- The Food Pantry totals for September are: families served- 346; people served- 1180; weight of food distributed- 12,944 lbs; cost- \$927.51
- The next Food Pantry October 9, 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 October 9, 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.
- There will be a Clothes Closet/Youth/Children sponsored Toy Giveaway in December; however, a date has not yet been determined. Please consider donating a new toy for a boy or girl, infant up to age 16, unwrapped. Toys can be left in the Donations Drop Off black trailer in front of the Outreach Building where clothing and other items are being left on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays during October and November.
- The Clothes Closet will host a Community Yard Sale January 31-February 1 in the Fellowship Hall. Yard Sale donations are being accepted at the Clothes Closet and stored in the Yak Shack until the sale. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of these two missions. God is good all the time! Brenda
- October 23: 845a-11a- Annette Cipra, Brenda Craw, Sherry Armour
October 23: 11a-115p- Sherrill Pinckney, Susan Glidewell, Marie Davis

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of October 13 th :	
Sunday.....	Ezra 1
Monday.....	Ezra 6
Tuesday.....	Nehemiah 8
Wednesday.....	Psalm 103
Thursday.....	Psalm 40
Friday.....	Psalm 84
Saturday.....	Micah 5

Young at Heart

- ♥ Bingo will be Friday, October 11 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!

Youth

The Youth are now meeting on Wednesdays at 6p. There will be fun, fellowship and lessons from the Orange Curriculum. If you know any youth that would be interested – invite, bring, encourage to them to come.

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 be resuming soon. If you aren’t familiar with Chariots of Love, they provide transportation to shut-ins that would like to attend Sunday School and/or church. If you would like to participate in providing transportation, there are several ways to do so. 1) Bringing them to just Sunday School. 2) Bringing them to just church. 3) Bringing them to Sunday School and church. 4) Taking them straight home from Sunday School and/or church. 5) Taking them to lunch. If this sounds like a ministry you would like to be a part of, please contact Don or Sharron Schall.

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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- October 13

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 Sherrie Shell, TBD

Communion Servers

Jimmy & Mary Monk
Cheri' Cox, LaWanna Porter

Prayer Teams

Jim & Linda Blanton
Don & Sharron Schall

Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

Assisting with Children

Sunday- October 13

Nursery- TBD
Children- TBD

Sunday- October 20

Nursery- TBD
Children- TBD

Monday- October 14

Office Closed- Columbus Day

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- October 15

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
11:30a Life Group IV "J Walkers"

Wednesday- October 16

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11:30a Friendship Circle
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
5:15p Handbells
6:00p Youth
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- October 17

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- October 18

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- October 19

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

Studies

Gospel
Mark
Be Alert
1 Timothy

Teacher

LaWanna Porter
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall





Blood Drive

October 21, 1p-5p

Fellowship Hall

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



October 20

3p-5p

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

All free!!!