



God is love and love lives here!

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Less is More or so They Say

One of the challenges all preachers have is how much to actually say in a sermon. Believe it or not there's an art form to dialing it down to a certain amount of time where the people will still listen while also filling a block of content between 10:30 and 11:30. Now I had a friend that would preach for hours and yes I said hours. I can feel some of the readers tense up just thinking about it. I never knew how much he accomplished by preaching that long but it was his style. My first sermon only lasted seven glorious minutes even though I had 12 pages of notes. I never knew how much I accomplished by that short of a sermon but it was all I had! The art is developed over time; now there's a sense of when it gets close to 11:20 and it's time to start dialing it back to wrap up the service. What I've really learned is that sometimes less can be more and even have a greater impact if the artform meets the people where they are in their hearts and minds.

When we read of David and Jesus it isn't about the quantity but the quality of their words and offering. It wasn't that they had a lot more time than others or that they spent a lot of time on any one particular thing. David reigned for 40 years from the age of thirty; Jesus preached anywhere from 3 to 5 years from about the same age. The amount of time doesn't necessarily change the gravity of the impact but the quality of the content does. Jesus' words in John 14 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" ring to the heart of the matter of salvation. There's no need for explanation, the art was in the message. Jesus had a way of communicating with people so that time wasn't the only concern and the message was a priority. When he feeds the 5 thousand we miss the fact that the people had been there so long that it was time for dinner! They were consuming so much of the message of Christ that they were in need of a physical meal.

What a glorious day it must have been when the small amount of food for a young boy turned into more than enough for everyone involved in the message that day. What we may see as small and insignificant can be used for abundantly more with God's help. If we are willing to learn the art of understanding the quality of what we give and how important it is to seek quality content we just might find more in the little we have available to us than all the things the world has to offer.

Keep the Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Colossians 3:12-17

"Families: Happy,
Healthy, Sometimes
Messy: What Does
Healthy Look Like"



New Concerns

Family of Leon Hudson
Jean Pike

Continue Prayers for:

Cissi Goolsby
Susan Howdeshell
Marilyn Outz
Michael Wyatt
Gail Wortham
Victims of Milton

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

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 the church to look clean and fresh as we come on Sunday the 27th to be back in the sanctuary.

Christmas Festival

Our Christmas Festival this year is Saturday, December 7, 3p-6:30p. It will be different than in years past as it is being restructured to be more family-oriented and bring the community together and to also coincide with the Centerville Lighted Christmas Parade that starts at 7p. During the afternoon there will be bouncy houses, corn hole, church vendors in the Fellowship Hall and a couple of choirs. During the evening we'll be serving hot chocolate. So, come on out and join us for fun, fellowship and the parade! Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Finance Report for

10-20-24

Operating Budget.....	\$7,243.00
A/C Fund.....	1051.50
Children's Fund.....	2000.00
Missions.....	1260.00
Food Pantry.....	<u>1087.00</u>
Total.....	\$12,641.50

Worship Attendance

139

Sunday School

41



- ✓ **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**
- ✓ **10-27-24 Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30a – yay!**
With potluck lunch after service
- ✓ 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**



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Cheri' Cox
29
Janet Clemons
Elaine Shierling
Joyce Wyatt
31
Luis Morales
1
Kathy Rutke

Flowers on the Altar and Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ✿ In memory of Steve Byrd by Betty Byrd
- ◇ In memory of Leon Hudson by Mary Frances Logue
- ◇ In honor of All Saints by Joann Kile

Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry November 13, 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 November 13, 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 December 7, during the Christmas Festival. 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
- November 13: 845a-11a- Vicky Moore, Joyce Wyatt, Brenda Craw
November 13: 11a-115p- Marilyn Outz, Elaine Hubbard, Sabrina Williams

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of October 27 th :	
Sunday.....	Daniel 1
Monday.....	Daniel 6
Tuesday....	Daniel 7
Wednesday.....	John 1
Thursday.....	John 2
Friday.....	John 3
Saturday.....	John 4

Friendship Circle

- The Friendship Circle will again be sponsoring a collection of bears (or other small, clean stuffed animals to delight a child) to be given to the Centerville Fire and Police Departments. We will need the help of our congregation to make this successful. A collection box will be placed near the Church office entrance. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in spreading love and happiness to children in need!
Many thanks, Marilyn Outz
- The Friendship Circle will be assembling some 1gallon plastic blessing bags for the homeless before Christmas. If you should have any items to donate such as small water bottles, small Kleenex packs, warm socks and gloves for men and women, packs of crackers, even \$5 bills or small gift cards to fast food restaurants - no more than \$5. Each member will carry these bags in our vehicles and distribute to those who are in need. Any supplies can be left in the Issues and Answers classroom. Thanks!!

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/>

Chariots of Love

Chariots of Love have resumed. 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.

Family of Charles Houston

The address is 505 Fort King George Dr, Darien, GA 31305 if you'd like to send a card to the family.

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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- October 27

Ushers

We're back in the sanctuary!

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

11:30a Celebration Lunch after Worship

Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

Communion Servers

Cynthia Boutwell, Betty Byrd
Patrick & Mandy Cobb

Prayer Teams

Don & Sharron Schall
Thomas & Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

Assisting with Children

Sunday- October 27

Nursery- Brittany, Sarah, Rosalyn
Children- Nancy Hudson, Lynn Miller

Sunday- November 3

Nursery- Kaori, Lauren Brittany
Children- Sherry Armour, Joy Fleming

Monday- October 28

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- October 29

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga

Wednesday- October 30

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
5:15p Handbells
6:00p Youth
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- October 31

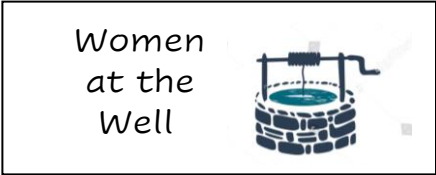
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7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- November 1

All Saints Day
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- November 2

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

What Happens Next
Luke
Be Alert
1 Timothy

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Luis Morales

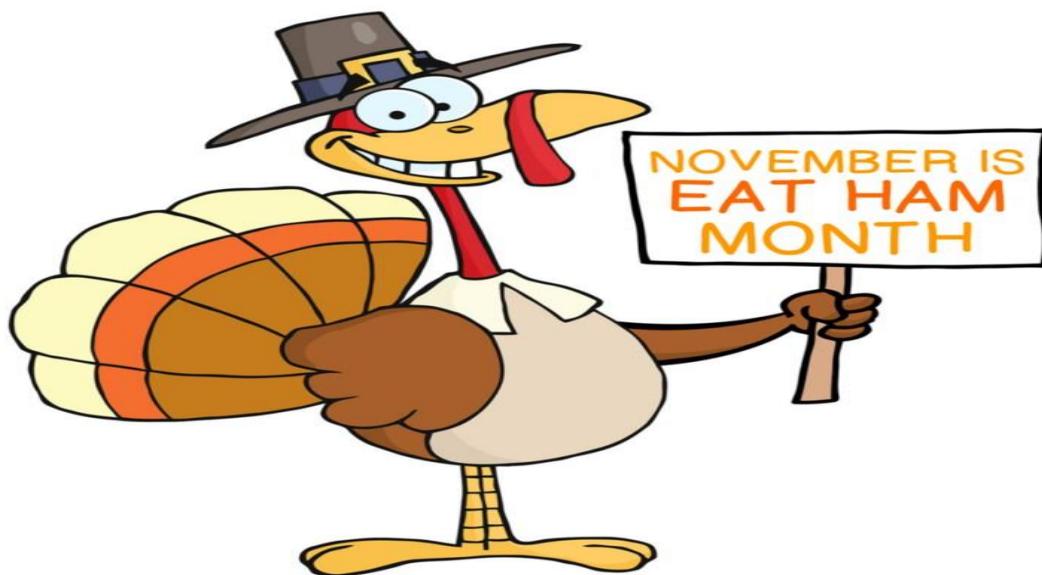




Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are now available for ordering to be delivered and placed in the church November 29 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.

Men at the Well Thanksgiving Hams \$40



Pick up is **Tuesday,**
November 26th, 8a-1p

See any "Man" or call the office to get yours...
They freeze well, too!