



God is love and love lives here!

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Big Questions

If you were to stop by our house on a random day, you would find love, laughter, and lots of chaos! Part of the chaos is the multiple conversations taking place at one time. Everyone has something to say and someone always has a question to ask. What are we having for dinner, where are we going, why did you turn the lights on outside, and who is stopping by later today? But then there are the random questions that tired moms and dads struggle to answer in the midst of all the chaos. What do penguins eat, where do people go when they die, why do we go to church, and who is stopping by later today?!

Questions are a part of life. Sometimes we say that it's bad to ask questions or out of order for service. But I believe asking questions is part of the process of learning who we are, who God is, and why we are here. We are starting a new series this coming Sunday, unlike most of our normal series. It's called BIG Questions, and its focus is to work through three common questions people have asked in ministry: why do bad things happen to good people, what about dinosaurs, and do pets go to heaven? Now let me be clear; some of the answers are going to sound something like; "This is what we know right now but the reality is WE DON'T KNOW". We will look at as many facts as we can and draw down to a conclusion that is helpful and maybe even hopeful for you as a listener. The goal is not to find all the answers but to address the question with Biblical principles and prayerful discussion. It may be a little chaotic, but I truly hope you enjoy this series as we address your Big Questions.

Keep the Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ◇ In memory of Leon Hudson by Kelly & Kelly Evans, Lynn Mayfield, Carol Graham Tony & Hilda Rozier, Susan Glidewell, Marie Davis, Sherrie Shell, Kenneth Thompson, Fred & Linda Stone, Frank & Nina Fleming, Peachtree Baptist Church, Hubert Hudson Family
- ◇ In memory of Tom Gamble by Jim & Barbara Hilliard, Olivier & Valerie Bouwers, Carol Graham, Marie Davis, Mariann Ellis, Sherrie Shell, Ben & Kathy Blanchard, New Beginnings SS Class, Rose Mary McCarren, Don & LaWanna Porter
- ◇ In memory of the Saints - Miss Ann (Stafford), Betty Estep, Sonny Watson, Warren McDow, Sue Braun, Floyd Griggs, Bob Parker, Sarah Mayer, Debbie Herrington, Casey Windham, Leon Hudson, Tom Gamble by Debbie Gray
- ◇ In honor of the weekend clean up workers by Debbie Gray

Thank You

"Oh my church, you did not disappoint! You prayed for us, you loved us, you fed us, you visited us, you sent cards, you were The Church! You lived true to the theme, God is LOVE, and LOVE lives here!"

Words are inadequate in trying to communicate the feelings of my heart, I am reminded..."Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

~~ Nancy Hudson and Family ~~

Cards for the Deployed

The boxes with the Christmas cards are for our deployed troops. Please grab a handful to sign and put them in the boxes. The deadline has been extended to December 2. Let's remember those away from home protecting our country.

Scripture and Sermon:

Romans 8:26-28

"Big Questions:
Why do Bad Things
Happen to Good People?"



New Concerns

Susan Mobley
Elizabeth Reidl
Bill Reedy

Continue Prayers for:

Family of Tom Gamble
Family of Charles Houston
Mark Stacy
Jeff Carpenter
Family of Martha Lee Jones
Family of Leon Hudson
Jean Pike

Lamar Outz
Paul Smith
Phil & Betty Bailey
Dianne Harrington
Mac McCullough
Kathy Blanchard
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy

Our Country, Leaders, Military and
First Responders

Finance Report for

11-03-24

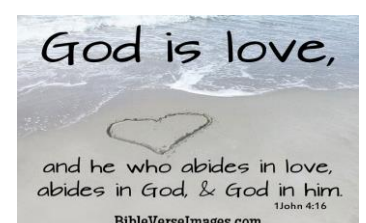
Operating Budget..... \$12,032.95
A/C Fund..... 546.00
Clothes Closet..... 30.00
Apportionments..... 100.00
Food Pantry..... 200.00
Total..... \$12,908.95

Worship Attendance

122

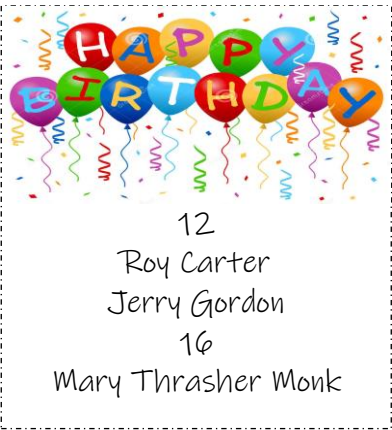
Sunday School

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- ✓ 11-11-24 **Finance Meeting 6p**
- ✓ 11-11-24 **Administrative Council Meeting 6:30p**
- ✓ 11-17-24 Church 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 next Food Pantry will be 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 | |
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| Week of November 10 th : | |
| Sunday..... | John 12 |
| Monday..... | John 13 |
| Tuesday..... | John 14 |
| Wednesday..... | John 15 |
| Thursday..... | John 16 |
| Friday..... | John 17 |
| Saturday..... | John 18 |

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!

~ Our 2024 Toy Giveaway will take place **December 7th** during the Christmas Festival beginning at 4pm. Not sure of the location yet, but I will let everyone know as soon as Katie and I can work out the details. The Toy Giveaway is a collaborative effort with us and the Youth/Children at the Well. We are asking for **toy donations to be left in the Donations trailer during October and November**. If you find any toys there, please bring them into the closet where they can be temporarily stored as space allows. We might need to move them to the Yak Shack. Anyone willing to help with the giveaway on the 7th, please let me know. Thank you so much, Brenda

~ **The Sweet Shoppe** will be open at the Christmas Festival on December 7th from 3-6:30! We are in need of lots of items to sell such as: Homemade cakes (slices or whole), cookies, cupcakes, pies, brownies, muffins, snack mixes, candies, jellies, etc. Items should be wrapped and labeled to sell, please. There are lots of ideas for easy holiday treats online! Please bring items to the Social Hall by noon on Saturday, 12/7, so that they can be priced. We can use lots of help, as all proceeds go directly to the Church. Cake plates for iced cakes are first come, first served, in the church office. Thanks for your support!!

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! Blessing of the Bears will be December 8. 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!!

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/>

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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- November 10

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

5p-7p Belk Event – Watson

10a-2p Belk Event- Houston

Greeters

10:30a Sherrie Shell, TBD

Communion Servers

Marie Davis, Susan Glidewell
Luis & Jan Morales-Hill

Prayer Teams

Don & Sharron Schall
Jim Blanton, Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children

Sunday- November 10

Nursery- Sarah, Rosalyn, Kaori
Children- Dawn Wilkins, Linda Blanton

Sunday- November 17

Nursery- Lauren, Brittany, Sarah
Children- Amber Gamble, Lunn Miller

Monday- November 11

Veteran's Day

5p-7p Belk Event- Watson Entrance

10a-5p Belk Event- Kids Entrance

6:00p Finance Meeting

6:30p Admin Council

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- November 12

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga

6:00p Life Group III "LG3"

Wednesday- November 13

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:45a-1:15p Clothes Closet

10a-1p Food Pantry

5:15p Handbells

6:00p Youth

6:30p Choir Practice

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- November 14

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Yoga

6:30p Men at the Well

7-9p Amateur Radio Club

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- November 15

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- November 16

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

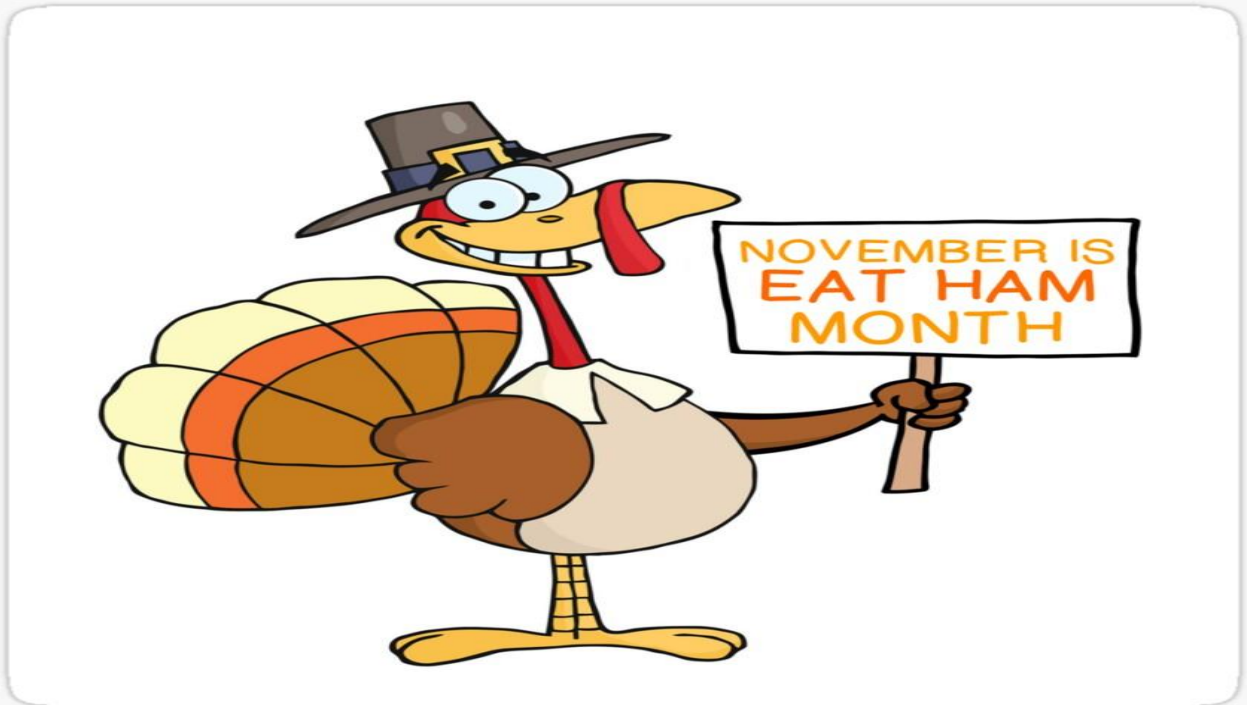
Joy Fleming

Nancy Hudson

Luis Morales



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!

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, get one for yourself, in honor of someone or in memory of someone. Cost is \$12.50. Call or email the church to place your order.



Purchase a

Poinsettia