

November 9, 2017

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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MISSION STATEMENT
 "TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST"

- 12/01 Merrill & Yvonne Branstetter
John & Candyce Kline
- 12/05 Dale & Connie Barnett
James & Ashley Moelling
- 12/07 Don & Ramona Dauphin
- 12/17 Bill & Debbie Hodsdon
- 12/21 Lonnie & Jamie Shirkey
- 12/28 Del & Betty Roberts
- 12/29 Bruce & Sheryl Benbrook
Randy & Janet Glitsch
Aaron & Selena Marlatt
- 12/31 Kent & Judie Parsons



- 12/01 Connie Wise
- 12/03 Clayton Shirley
- 12/06 Malaya Bodin
Adely Friend
- 12/07 Howard Adams
- 12/08 Jim Steenbergen
- 12/08 Ella Bouse
- 12/10 Harper Hayes
- 12/12 Eugene Akers
Randy Lahann
- 12/13 Rebekah Gore
Tracie Grunewald
- 12/14 Claudie Donley
Sarah Hall
- 12/16 Warren Gore
Pat Grunewald
Afton Winn
- 12/17 Dale Barnett
Body Province
- 12/18 Mandy Rowley
Susan Simms
- 12/19 Raquel Razien
- 12/20 Ryan Hayes
- 12/21 Tyler Bryant
- 12/26 Heather Harrington
- 12/27 Laura Toellner
Kayla Wilson
- 12/28 Wilber Cheap
Ted Craighead
Shawna Grunewald
- 12/29 Jake Mead
- 12/31 Harper Johnson
Donna Toellner



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays: Elmer Regan, Earlene Alley, Roman Dauphin, Kasey Grunewald

At Home: Lola Stevens, Gene & Lavina Ackers, Ramona Dauphin, Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Jim & Betty Steenbergen, Elmer & Lena Mae Regan, Earnestine Gay, Bruce Stout, Chet Raney, Jim Robertson, Linda Hunter, Pricilla Mead, Earlene Alley, Pat Faulk, Mary Bishop, Gene Cook, Ernie & Ellen Walcher, Bendena Wirz, Lucille Stocking, Wilber & Zona Cheap, Lawrence Rauch, Betty Schneider, Glennys Shillings, Bob Meyer, Mike & Kelly Dean

In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:
 Lahoma Grunewald, Barbara Carr, Merrylou Pummel, Harold Deever, Mickey Armstrong, Bill Stout, Wilma Nelson, Faye Riddle, Alford & Jolene Corcoran, Terry Groce, Verla Neagle, Anna Ruth Waggoner, Wanda Stricker

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Linda Kessinger & Family (Niece), Kathleen Walker & Family (Aunt), Craig Harvey & Family (Aunt), Guy Harvey & Family (Sister), Frank Harrington & Family (Sister), Family of Bonita Morris

Prayer Requests: Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with specific prayer requests. (256-5515)



Sunday, November 19, 6:00 pm

At Living Word Fellowship (1310 Oklahoma Avenue)

It's going to be a beautiful display of unity and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we gather as the Christians of Woodward to give thanks to God for our many blessings. The service is going to be extra special this year as we plan to honor the Woodward Police Department and Boomer Expressions will be performing. Pastor David Heflin of the Woodward Church of Christ will bring the message. After the service, we will gather for pie and fellowship!



Thanksgiving Day, November 23
11am-1pm Fellowship Hall

For over 20 years, our church has opened its doors on Thanksgiving Day to feed anyone who wants or needs a place to come and have a good meal and enjoy the fellowship of others. We have fed about 500 each of the last two years. We are looking for lots of help to provide some of the food and to help make it happen. For more, see the insert in the weekly church bulletin or call the church office. Also, please help spread the word that you and anyone else is invited to attend!



WHEN YOU'D RATHER SKIP THE HOLIDAYS

"I used to feel like I'd like to go to sleep the day before Thanksgiving and wake up January 2nd."

It's hard enough to get up and make it through a day when you've lost a loved one. But when the expectations of Thanksgiving and Christmas are added on top of that, feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and depression can be compounded.

Important steps to help you prepare for the holidays:

- Recognize that the holidays are going to be tough—emotionally, relationally, physically, spiritually.
- Don't fight the added emotions: accept them and let them come.
- Set realistic expectations for yourself, understanding your limitations.
- Pray and ask God to help you.

Experiencing tough emotions over the holidays is normal: don't fight them when they come. Be intentional about prayer.

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Babies are a Blessing!
 Elsie Anne Pryor infant daughter of Adam and Ellie Pryor, was baptized October 29, 2017.

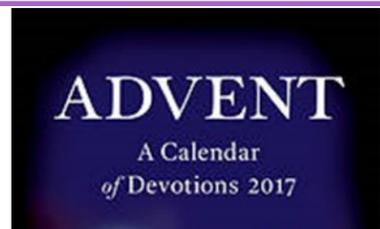
Order your poinsettia in memory or honor of someone for the Christmas season. Please come by the office or fill out the insert in the bulletin along with your money and place it in offering plate. They are \$14 each.



Tuesday, November 14, 11:30am-5:30pm
Fellowship Hall



Our Choir on Fire will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "Hope!", on Sunday, December 10th during morning services. You won't want to miss this combination of music, narration, drama, and extra musical instruments combining to beautifully re-tell the story of Jesus' birth!



FREE Advent Devotional Books Available beginning November 19

Keep your focus on the real reason for the season – the birth of Jesus Christ – with these daily devotions. You'll have a scripture, a quote from a church reformer, a short devotion, and a closing prayer. These devotions are a Christmas gift to our church family from Shannon and Jan Davis. May you grow closer to Christ in the midst of this busy season!

RECRUITING BELL RINGERS

The Outreach Committee will be doing the Salvation Army Bell ringing at Walmart the 2nd of December. They are recruiting for 1 hour time slots, 9am-6pm. If you are available to help there will be sign up sheets in foyer.

VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!
 Ring a bell...help change a life

Please consider helping this ministry!
 Thank You!



JINGLE BELL BEACH

Please join us on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm for the annual Children's Christmas Program. This year the title is **JINGLE BELL BEACH**.

The children are super excited to share the true meaning of Christmas with the congregation. Please make an extra effort to come and support them on the 10th.

After the program we will have cookies and a visit from a very special guest!

The children will be singing in church on December 3. We will give the church a little preview of the Christmas program!

Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!

We will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus during Sunday School on December 24th. Please allow your children to bring a gift for the Pregnancy Center to be placed under the tree. These could be diapers, wipes, bottles, rattles, etc.

Flow is over for the first semester on November 15

Bible Blast will resume January 10.
 Be ready to test on Lesson 15!!

REMINDER:
No Monday Blast, Christ's Crew, or King's Kids if school is not in session!

Youth Nov./Dec. Update

Here is the youth schedule (as it stands now) to get us through all of the Thanksgiving and Christmas busy-ness! In addition to this, we are still planning to take our annual trip to OKC to Christmas carol at NSO on one Saturday in December, however that date is not nailed down yet.

- 11/19 - Woodward community YOUTH Thanksgiving service
- 11/26 - Regular Youth
- 12/3 - Regular Youth
- 12/10 - Caroling in Woodward
- 12/17 - Youth Christmas Party
- 12/24 & 12/31 - No Youth



To all our family in Christ, Thank you for the food, cards, prayers, & visits during our illnesses. I hope we will be able to return to church soon, but don't know when that time will be. May you all rest in Gods Love & Peace. God Bless You All, Jim and Betty Steenbergen

Shannon & Church family, Thank you for letting Woof Pet Rescue store our garage sale items in the garage. We appreciate you helping the animals.
 Debbie Kinney & Woof

Dear First United Methodist, Thank you for providing breakfast for the Boomer Football Team. We appreciate your support and encouragement of Boomer Football.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that were delivered to me. I do appreciate the continued prayers. God Bless You All, Pricilla Mead

I want to thank everyone of our church family for all the cards, food, flowers, visits, prayers & words of encouragement said during my stay at the hospital. I also want to thank Pam Rogers for bringing the altar flowers & her visit. Last but not least I want to thank Pastor Shannon for all his visits and prayers. Having a loving church family encouraging me through these days of recuperation makes a world of difference to me.
 Thank you all, Ramona Dauphin

Thanks again for the lovely altar flowers! We have enjoyed them! Thanks for thinking of us.
 Sincerely, Ellen & Ernie Walcher.

I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival/ Trunk or Treat! I could not pull those things off without the many people who pitch in and help