

March

Mar 23 Midwest Youth for Christ in Wellington; today at 3:00

Mar 27 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study

Mar 30 5th Sunday Fellowship after morning services

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday night supper is at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person or \$10 per family. If you are interested in making a meal and serving it, or even helping with a meal, please see Wes.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Men of the Church, join us Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a night of great food and fellowship. Please respond to Wes so food can be planned appropriately. Call, text, or email Wes at (918) 607-8489 or huskerwes1@gmail.com.

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We have 5th Sunday Fellowship on March 30. Please mark your calendars as a reminder. We will meet after morning services for lunch. Please bring enough food for your family plus extras.

HONDURAS 2025

Wes is collecting funds to assist with the **Honduras 2025 Mission Trip**. There are many supplies to purchase. If you would like to contribute, please see Wes. Thank you from Wes and the Honduras 2025 Team.

THE UNCLAIMED GIFT

About a year ago, Jerald received a birthday card from a dear friend. Inside the card was a gift card to a popular eating establishment. The restaurant wasn't one that Jerald frequented often, and it was located on the other side of town. He took the gift card and placed it on the refrigerator with a magnetized clip so that he would not forget about it. Every time he saw the gift card, he would say to himself, "I'm gonna have to use that card before it's too late." However, Jerald continued to procrastinate, never taking advantage of the free meal, and the gift remained unclaimed.

Our Awesome God has offered the free gift of salvation to each and every person in the world. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11) Many of our family, friends, and neighbors have heard and know the gospel but have not obeyed it. Just as Jerald's gift card, salvation is right there in plain sight and within a hand's reach, yet they will not reach out and grab hold of God's grace, (Eph. 2:8) and put off obedience to a later or more convenient time. (Acts 24:25) Gospel obedience is an urgent matter and we should do our best to encourage others to accept God's gift or else they will experience His fiery vengeance "on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thes. 1:8) As we sing the old song, "Why do you wait dear brother? Why do you tarry so long? Why not come to Him now?" Let us pray for those who have yet to claim God's indescribable gift. (2 Cor. 9:15) —Jay Launius

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Theory vs Living

The Holy Scriptures were not meant to be studied for the purpose of mere understanding. It might help to think of the Scripture as instructions. This hits a lot closer to the mark.

It's possible to spend all of your time doing nothing but trying to understand all of the teachings (believe me). But I think it's a lot better way to spend our time and demonstrate our faith by taking a teaching and putting that teaching into practice.

There are different types of teachings in the Bible, positive and negative, but both are intended to produce a different way of thinking for the purpose of producing a different way of behaving.

By negative teaching, I mean there are commandments in the Bible regarding the things that followers of Jesus are NOT to do. Too many people get caught up in the NOT doing and forget that we are not only known by what we don't do. In doing so, these people make following Jesus look like nothing more than not doing things. And let me tell you – people want to do things.

By positive teaching, I mean there are commandments in the Bible regarding the things that followers of Jesus are to DO. It is in the doing that we find the greatest joys of following Jesus and realize the greatest personal fulfillments.

As we continue to examine many of the passages that divide, please understand that it is not my intention to create more divisions or arguments, but instead to help us all better understand why we believe what we believe so that we can live out faith in word and deed.

Romans 16:22-26 tells us, *Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;*

As we unpack the mysteries of the faith, let us never forget the purpose of doing so – so that the Scriptures will lead you and I *to obedience of faith!*

Much love!

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FAMILY NEWS

Patsy Pierce—is in her final days on this earth. She has now started hospice. The family would appreciate the congregation keeping her in prayer for a peaceful transition.

Prayer List: Chuck Cole, Sunnye Robinson, Doris Kendrick, Diane Jeans, Wynetta Weston, Larry Helton, Marilyn Bartlow, Patsy Pierce, Gary Bodine, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes for March is "God is Powerful." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.

March 23—Taking the Land

March 30—Joshua's Farewell

Big Picture Question:

Q: Why can we trust God?

A: We can trust God because he is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good.

"Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!"—Psalm 24:8 ESV

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Thank you Church family for your continued support of our Blessing Box ministry! We are gladly accepting donations of any kind at this time: non-perishable boxed or canned food items, toiletries, snack bags or anything else you can dream up! Praise God for all the wonderful ways he is working through this ministry in our community!

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall Love your neighbor as yourself.""

—Galatians 5:14 ESV

Priority Needs!!!

Non-Perishable Food Items:

Canned goods w/flip top lids/can openers

Boxed Meal/food that only needs water to cook it

Granola Bars/Fruit Cups or other on-the-go snack items that can be divided up easily; Wrapped Plasticware/Sandwich Baggies

Hygiene Items:

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Wash/Body Lotion

Deodorant/Facial Tissue

Seasonal Warm Items:

Gloves

Stocking Caps

Gloves

Scarves/Handwarmers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

March

Mar 23—**Need Volunteer!**

Mar 30—**Need Volunteer!**

April

Apr 06—Audra Hudspeth

Apr 13—**Need Volunteer!**

