



Offering plates are located just inside the Sanctuary on the left and right sides. Please leave your tithe/offering in the plates as you *enter* for Sunday school or Worship so our tellers can collect it before the conclusion of the service. One plate will remain available until the end of the service for late arrivers.

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ST. MATTHEW 6
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 a.m.
 JOIN US THIS WEEK
 Classes for all ages



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Pick up a shoe box and packing information in the foyer or church office.



The Nursery is in need of volunteers during the Sunday morning worship time. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer or call the church office to sign up.



We would like to say "Thank you" to our local school district for their dedication to our community and our families during these trying times.

During the month of November we would like to deliver cookies to each school. We will have sign up sheets and more information available soon.

You all overwhelmed us with your generosity of baking wonderful treats to share with our local businesses earlier this year. We are counting on you again. Thanks to each of you for giving in such a "sweet" way!



Dear Church Family,

From God's Word we have come to see that the church is the body of Christ. We are, in the present age, an extension of His earthly ministry for He is working through us to do His will in the world. We have seen so much about what He expects from us as His body: (we are to be) a gathered people, worshipping the living God, taking care of one another, and living in the world in such a way that we call others to Christ.

It is likely that you read through the "what He expects from us" piece quickly. Would you go back and read that again – slowly – and think about each of the phrases? What would it look like if these pieces all began to be fully manifest among us? It makes my heart beat fast just to think about it.

In some ways, all of these are already happening. In other ways, we are still some distance away from their full realization. How do we get from where we are now to where God would call us? One of the first steps happens in our hearts and in our imaginations. This step involves having a vision of where He is taking us as a church. A vision is a mental image, a clear and powerful picture that pulses in our brains, a constant "dream" that is shared by all and passionately desired by the whole church family. Jesus seemed to share His vision in Luke 19:10 when He said, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." This vision drove His life. It took Him to a cross. It was compelling.

We are not finished with this discussion. We will talk more about it in the near future. In the meantime, be praying about what kind of vision God will give us – and you!

You are loved. . .

Brother Donnie



Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm as we make plans to present this year's Christmas musical!

We will rehearse in the sanctuary so we can practice social distancing.



A Note from Bro. Woody

even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
--Romans 3:22-24--

Many years ago, a Moscow theater put on a satirical and sacrilegious play called "Christ in a Tuxedo." At one point, the actor who played Jesus, Alexander Rostovzev, was supposed to recite a few lines of the Sermon on the Mount, remove his gown, and cry out, "Give me my tuxedo and top hat!" But as he began reading the words from Matthew 5:3-4, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted," he was moved to continue reading, ignoring coughs, calls, and the foot-stamping of his fellow actors. When he had read several verses, he recalled a verse he had learned during his childhood in the Russian Orthodox Church. He cried out from Luke 23:42, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Rostovzev trusted Christ as his Savior on the stage that day! And whether it is the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus, Zacchaeus up in the sycamore tree, or Jonah in the belly of a great fish, the Lord meets each of us in unique ways. Maybe you know someone today you consider too far gone to ever come to the Lord. Maybe you have been praying for one of the names on our church's prayer list. The next Christ encounter for that person may be just around the corner. So never stop praying and having hope. You never know where Jesus will meet someone! Think of a few lost people you know and pray for them right now. Pray that God, in His way and in His timing, would reveal Himself to them and give them His free gift of salvation. And never stop praying!

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL



This last Wednesday we hosted an annual outreach event that we have put on every year called B.A.R.F. Day. B.A.R.F. stands for "Bring A Real Friend". The students team up for a gross games competition and try to win the coveted Iron Stomach Award.

We started the night out by reading from Matthew 7:13-14. It says, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." I then told the students about Zacchaeus from Luke 19, who found no peace in his riches. It was only Jesus that satisfied his soul and changed his heart. More than ever before I see young people chasing a picture of happiness that is not real. Their hearts are never satisfied, and they never find peace in their souls. The narrow gate referenced in Matthew 7:13-14 is narrow because it is only Jesus that leads to life. Pray for our students as they continue to hear about Jesus and wrestle with which "gate" they will enter.

B.A.R.F. Day cannot be done by just a few volunteers. I love our church so much. I sent out an email asking for volunteers and I had over 15 adults join us to help with various tasks. All the adults made it run smooth, but I am much more excited about the connections made between adults in our church and the students who participated. It is a beautiful picture of our church to see so many adults come to love and serve our teenagers. Below are some pictures from the night. God is good!



Please come visit our Book Fair!
Tuesday - Friday,
October 26 - 30
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
There will be a short time to shop on Friday morning before it is packed up.



Scarecrow Day
Wednesday, October 28th