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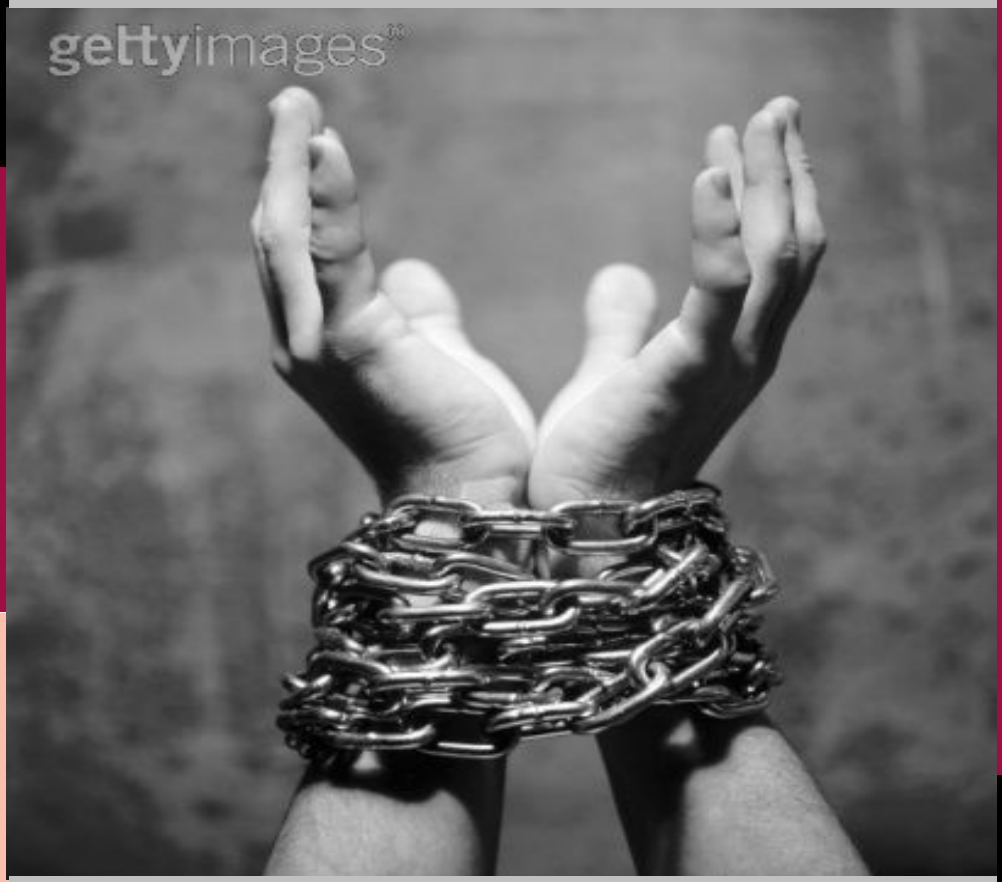
*Church of Christ Northwest*
*Where Friends Learn*
*to Live Like Jesus*

**November 25, 2018**

# IS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR SIN




# WORTH THE ENSLAVEMENT OF YOUR LIFE?

**Sunday**
**9:30 AM**
**Bible Study**
**(all ages)**

**Worship Services**

**Sunday**
**10:30 AM**

**3:00 PM**
**@ Galena Park**

**Tuesday Morning**
**Men's Bible Study**
**@ Kennedy's**
**7:30 AM**

**Wednesday Morning**
**Galena Park**
**Adult Bible Study**
**10-11:30 AM**
**David Spillman**
**Revelation**

**Wednesday Evening:**
**Small Group Bible Study**
**@ 6:30 P.M.**

- **Campbell's:** "Systematic Theology"
- **Kennedy's:** The Rock, The Road and the Rabbi
- **Haines':** The Book of Revelation

## Our Vision...

**is to glorify and honor our Lord and God with our lives, by bringing people to Christ and membership in His family and by helping to develop Christ-like maturity in each member, equipping them for service in the church and in the world.**

## Special Ministry Food Pantry

**Next Date: December 11th**
**12:30-1:30 PM**

**Email: cocnw@comcast.net**
**Website: www.cocnw.org**
**Fax: (309) 693-0266**

"For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23 (NIV)

*Dear Friends,*

*Here at Shults-Lewis we greatly appreciate the ink cartridges you have collected for us this past year! By recycling something that most people throw away, we are able to use the money towards our children here at Shults-Lewis. Thank you for allowing us to continue our ink cartridge program! We appreciate all that you do for us! God bless.*

*Shults-Lewis Development Team*

Dear Friends & Family,

On behalf of the Muehring family we would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and flowers that were sent in honor of Jeff. The arrangement was beautiful.

It meant the world to us to have your support during this difficult time. With heartfelt thanks and endless gratitude, thank you.

Gene & Karel Muehring

It's smart to pick your friends — but not to pieces.

**Nov 25th — Brogan West**
**Nov 26th— Hailey Punzal**
**Dec 1st—Alan Moreland**

WHAT: Baby Shower
FOR: Aubrey Ahten
WHEN: Saturday, December 1st
TIME: 2 PM
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
Please R.S.V.P to: 309-550-3931

Registered at Target, Walmart and Amazon.com

## *HEARTS ON FIRE Calendar*

- Dec 2nd: Compass Kids Family Christmas party after service
- Dec 2nd: Fondulac (3:30-6 PM)
- Dec 9th: Pantry Set-UP (2-3:30 PM)
- Dec 12th: Christmas Caroling (6:15 PM)
- Dec 16th: South Side (4-6 PM)

# Thanks-Giving

*by Joe Chesser*

Thanksgiving is a great holiday. It's a time when families can get together to do things families should be doing: eating together, laughing and telling stories you've heard a hundred times, watching the Lions and Cowboys lose (*well, maybe not this year*), playing games, and then eating some more. You cook and clean and travel. You get too full, too tired and extend yourself too much, but it's all worth it. It's Thanksgiving. That's what people do at Thanksgiving. At least it's a part of it.

But let's back up for just a moment. Let's not forget that the reason we have so much food and fun on Thanksgiving is because we have been so richly blessed by God. We have been blessed to live in a nation that allows us the religious freedom to have a holiday called Thanksgiving. We have been blessed with the financial resources to travel and to feast. We have been blessed with people in our past who have taught us about God and how He loves to give to us. We have been blessed with people, both past and present, who take seriously the need to protect our freedoms.

So, perhaps this Thanksgiving we can take advantage of time off from work and time with family and friends to set aside a special time to truly give thanks to God for the countless ways He has blessed us. Our God is a God who gives. Giving is a part of what makes Him God. Everything we have has come from God because He owns it all. "*The earth is the Lord's and everything in it*" (***Psalm 24:1***). "*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father …*" (***James 1:17***). If you have turkey and dressing for Thanksgiving dinner it's because God has given you the turkey and dressing. If you spend time with friends and family on Thanksgiving it's because God has given you the time, the people, and the means to get together. If you get some great bargains at the stores on Black Friday, thank God for those bargains. When it comes to thanking God, nothing is too trivial, even the peas and carrots. It has all come from Him, and we all need to give thanks to Him for it. When we do, we are blessed even more.

When it comes to thanksgiving, there are two parts. The first is to recognize that it is God who has given us what we have. Our hearts respond with gratitude because our heads know the source of our blessings. We know the love that gave them, and we appreciate what He has done for us. But thanksgiving involves more than just knowing and appreciating, it requires a tangible response. We give to God praise and thanks for what He has given us. We can speak it, sing it or pray it alone or with others. Certainly we are to live a life of thanksgiving. But there's no thanksgiving without the *giving. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good"* (***Psalm 118:1***).

**SHOUT OUT !!!**

**Don Roseboom** — we just wanted you to know how much we miss you and love you! You are doing Christ's work by taking such good care of your ailing mother. We are sure she appreciates you!

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Don Taylor** recovering from fall. **Marie Doak** recovering from fall. **Kristin Campbell** has pneumonia. **Jim DeVore** will have surgery on his ankle 11/26. **Ryan Stivers** will be quitting his hospital job and going full time into private practice. **Todd Finnegan** is experiencing back issues. **Carol Sunkin** to experience pain relief.

**Shut-Ins: Texie Ray and Eleanor Richey.**

**Our military**. **Christian men & women** suffering with PTSD. **Our nation** for unity. **Our president, judges & elected officials**—wisdom to make Godly decisions. **Our police** as they struggle to do their job. **Unsaved souls** (you supply the names). **Those who have left the fold** and need a helping hand to find their way home. **Our college students. Our enemies. Those being persecuted** for being Christians. **Those who persecute** others — may their hearts be changed! **Our young! The families of the victims of the many school shooting throughout our nation. Those dealing with earthly disasters. Victims/Families of violence and terrorism. Our Bible study groups. Our volunteers** who give of their time and talents providing much needed services. **Those Traveling. Those being persecuted and killed because of their Christian faith.**

**Praises/Thanksgivings/Updates:**

## CAROLING, COFFEE, COOKIES, COCOA NIGHT

WHEN: December 12th @6:15 PM
WHERE: Heartis Senior Living (rt. 91 across from Hoerr's Gardening)
WHO: Everyone
WHAT: We sing Christmas carols to the residence of Heartis. We have one of our own living there — Earl Rasbury! Around 7 PM we leave and go to the fellowship hall for goodies and fellowshipping!

## WE NEED YOU !!!

What's more rewarding than teaching young people about Jesus, about them becoming disciples of Jesus, about living their lives for Jesus, and about how we show others who Jesus is?

We have a shortage of teachers at the present time. Our Kindergarten through 2 nd grade class needs a teacher. They currently are in the 3rd — 5th grade class.

Won't you please prayerfully consider teaching this group of children. Your class would consist of no more than 5 kids at the present time, whereas the combined class consists of 14 students, when they are all here.

**WANTED**: Men and/or women with a heart for teaching our youngens'.

## ATTENTION LADIES !

Let us sign-up now to attend a light luncheon and cookie exchange on **December 16th**, after worship service. Please **bring 4 dozen cookies** to be exchanged with others.

**SIGN UP PLEASE!**

## EXTENDED PRAYER LISTING

| | | |
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| Jerry & Deb Bane | Members | Health |
| Mark Buettner | Friend of B. Meyers | Pancreatic Cancer |
| Carrie's 8-yr old son | Friend of C. Schiele | Terminal Illness |
| Rick Clark | C. DeVore's brother | Liver/Colon Cancer |
| Linda Cotrell | Member | Lung/Breathing Issues |
| Delores Dancer | J. Taylor's sister | Inoperable Cancer |
| Shirley Darnell | Former Member | Serious Eye Problems |
| Scott Eisenbarth | Kyle's brother | Liver & Lung Cancer |
| Pat Haines | Member | Lupus |
| Mark Hall | G Park Bible Study | Severe Depression |
| Carol Humes | R. Humes' Mother | Recovering |
| LaDonna Clark Hunter | Cindy DeVore's sister | Lymph & Lung Cancer |
| Walt Koch | Member | Parkinson's |
| Gene Muehring | Member | Cancer — recovering |
| Lynn Molleck | Friend of N. Goble | Stage 4 Cancer |
| Lori Prichard | T&R Prichard's daughter | Conversion disorder |
| Judy Powell | Cindy DeVore's couxin | Cancer |
| Rachel | K. Juers' Co-Worker | Unborn child — tumor |
| Josh Retzer | Grandson of B/C Sunkin | Addiction |
| Becky Sharp | Spillman Cousin-I-L | Brain Tumor |
| Sherry | Friend of A. Routh | Car Accident Injuries |
| Carol Sunkin | Member | Shoulder/Back |
| Margaret Thomas | Galena Park Resident | Signs of COPD |
| Wally | Son of K. Routh's friend | Issues since birth |
| Brian West | Father of Delayne | Needs Encouragement |
| Delayne West | 12-year old | Brain Cancer |
| Trish Veytia | Member | Depression |

### Attention Ministry Leaders

Another year has rolled around, and it is time to start planning your budgets for 2019.

The deadline for your budgets is November 25th — TODAY!!

Meta has make available YTD expense/budget reports for each ministry leader. Check your mailbox.

## Eastlight Theatre Presents

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
November 30, December 1,5,6,7,& 8 at 7:30 PM
and December 2 & 9 at 2:00 PM
Our own Sam Hipp, David Fritz, Kat DeVore and Nathan Flowers will be in the production

Tickets are available online at eastlighttheatre.com

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

**ADULTS—AUDITORIUM**
**Kyle Idleman: *Not a Fan.***
**Terry Hargrove / Aaron Campbell, Facilitators**

### *Hearts on Fire Sunday School Classrooms*

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| Glimmers | Birth—3 | Upstairs—Room 7 |
| Sparks | Ages 3-Pre-K | Upstairs—Room 6 |
| Embers | Kindergarten-Grade 2 | Upstairs—Room 10 |
| Flames | Grades 3-5 | Upstairs—Room 9 |
| Heat | Grades 6-8 | Downstairs—Room 13 |
| Blaze | Grades 9-12 | Downstairs—Room 16/17 |

### *COMPASS KIDS' FAMILY CHRISTMAS*

**WHEN**: December 2nd after service
**TIME:** After worship — 2:00 PM ish
**WHO**: Compass Kids & their families
**WHERE**: Fellowship Hall
Light lunch supplied and then family activities and fun!
Compass Kids — ages birth thru 5th grade

PLEASE SIGN UP TO COME! BARB NEEDS A HEADCOUNT.

"**IF**" each person (110 people) gave $5.28 more each week, we would have an additional $ 30,202 in 1 year; that is $25,202 more than 1 week's budget and $53 more than our current shortfall! $5.28 per week for 52 weeks totals $274.56. Let us give from our hearts!!! God gave to us from His!

*Giving Changes Everything!*

## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

GIVING

| | Last Wk. | Year-to-Date |
|---|---|---|
| **2018 Budget** | $ 5,000 | $ 230,000 |
| **2018 Contribution** | $ 2,897 | $ 199,851 |

HOPE

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| **Date** | | **Nov 18** |
| **Bible Study Attendance** | | 75 |
| **Worship Service Attendance** | | 145 |
| **EEM — Funds Collected To Date (for the purchase of Bibles)** | $ | 20,578 |
| **Shults-Lewis Children's Home** ***Coins in the weekly contribution + $10 of each Dining Tour Book!!!*** | $ | 16.91 |

***Acknowledgement:*** **Some clipart/photo images may have been taken from "Images (c) FaithClipart.com".**

Challenge: Pray daily for our entire church family (by name).

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Leader**: Alan Moreland

**Children Sing**

**Song**: Oh, How I Love Jesus (pg. 574)
I Will Enter His Gates (pg. 103)
Thank You, Lord
Oh, Worship the King
Blessed Be Your Name (pg. 27)
Worthy is the Lamb

**Scripture Reading**: Tom Flanagan *(Psalm 62:1-7)*

**Communion**: Gary McWhirter
Mike Quine, Elston Rasbury, Eric Punzal, Mark Pleasant

**Offering**

**Song**: Greatest Commands

**Sermon**: Ryan Martin
GOD IS OUR FORTRESS

**Song**: Just As I Am (pg. 924)

**HOF Announcements**: Ryan Martin

**Shepherd's Time**: Dean Kennedy

**Greeter**: Sandy Burch

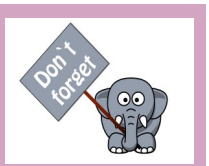
**Facilitator**: Walt Koch

**Nursery Attendant**: Unattended

**Communion Preparation**: Meta Kennedy

**Dec 02—Compass Kids' Family Christmas (after service)**
**Dec 09—We Are One Luncheon**
**Dec 09—Kids Worship Service**
**Dec 11—Pantry (12:30—2PM)**
**Dec 12—Caroling, Cookies, Coffee, Cocoa (6:15 PM)**
**Dec 16—Cookie Exchange (after service)**
**Dec 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6 PM)**

**Dec 24—Jan 1 — OFFICE CLOSED**

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**Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones**

See something that needs to be fixed — Please report it to the office.

Thank you to **Tom Flanagan** and others for taking such good care of the building!