

Welcome to Worship!—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbie's Room downstairs after the announcements are given.



Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 27 at 11:45am

Dig out your crock-pot, casserole dish, cookie sheet or salad bowl and make a tasty dish or sweet treat! If your last name begins with an A-N, please bring a main dish; O-Z bring a salad or sweet treat.

Ministry Leaders — please have reports in by January 21.

Open leadership team positions and nominees are:

- Recording Secretary – Tom Holm Sr.
- Vice Chair – Mike Wulff
- Financial Officer – Nick Steines

Welcome — We are excited to welcome Austin & Anne Homkes and Wayne Schrock into our membership!

Sunday School —

- Room 200 at 9am • The Redemptive Plan
- Cubbie Room at 9am • PreK-6
- Confirmation at 9am • 7 & 8th

Grief Share — Saturdays at 10:30am in Room 200.

Women Growing Together — Monday, January 28, at 6:30pm.

Heart for Missions? — The Missions Committee is looking for 1-2 people to join them. Contact Carol Hauge or Lynn Peterson if you're interested.

Prayer Warriors — If you would like to be added to the prayer team during the services, please contact Roger & Betty Williams. Also, anyone is welcome to come pray at 8:30am on Sunday mornings in the Pastor's Office!

Mailings — • Psalm FM — January 24 • Family Messenger — January 30

Community Opportunities ...

Community Café — will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 5pm at Backus Community Center. If you would like to help serve, please sign-up in the lobby.

Expo Planning Meeting — If you would like to serve on the Expo planning committee, please come to a meeting on January 28, 6pm, in Room 200.

Does it Make a Difference What We Believe About Truth?

1 John 1:5-10; 2 Timothy 4:3-4

1. **As long as it makes you** _____.

So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. Eccles 3:12 NLT

..no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Ps 84:11

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Prov 14:12

God doesn't want you pursuing happiness ...

When it causes you to do something _____ **or** _____.

When it's _____ **based on things in this** _____. 1 Jn 2:15-17

God wants you _____.

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. Psalm 112:1; See: Matthew 5:4, 9, 10 NIV

2. **As long as you're** _____.

Acts 16

3. **As long as you don't** _____.

Today's most important value – _____. See: 2 Tim. 4:3– 4

3 Common Myths About Us:

We are basically _____.

No one has a _____ to force their _____ on us.

We can _____ for ourselves.

2 Important Truths About Us:

We are basically _____.

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Jeremiah 17:6

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

John 1:8

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

Isaiah 64:6

We can only be made _____ **by** _____ **through faith in Jesus Christ.**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18

Pray for Colleen Estes serving in Pikangikum

On December 20, Pikangikum will be hooked up to the grid line, bringing electricity into the community rather than depending on diesel generators. This means houses and other buildings will be able to be constructed and street lights installed.

Our prayer is that what is happening physically will happen spiritually. Despite the preaching of the gospel here for decades upon decades, there are so many walking in darkness. Our youth continue to dwell in the shadow of death with deep unhealed grief, depression and suicide attempts.

I teach Christian Education four days a week, 40-minute classes ranging from grades 1-8. Then I go home and start my other 'job' praying with people, visiting homes, weekly prayer meetings, Freedom from Addiction meetings on Tuesday, so my day usually ends about 10 or 11 pm.

Twenty-one years ago when I came here I was 41, had a lot of energy and, now, not so much at 62. I am so grieved in my heart that I haven't been able to have the energy to restart Sunday School or been able to re-gather the youth for meetings.

But God is faithful and people are generous. I was able to purchase 194 Kids Quest Study Bibles for grades 5 & 6. They are so kid-friendly. Also a cargo plane came in with about 300 Christmas gifts for families. Thank you all for the love you poured into these boxes.



Prayer Requests:

1. Renewal physically and spiritually.
2. For helpers to work with children and youth ministries.
3. Against spiritual warfare.

The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

A — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.
"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

B — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.
"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

C — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.
"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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