

THE FLAME

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The month of November is set aside for stewardship. The needs of our church are many as we seek maintain the facilities God has provided and find ways we can further the ministry of God in our community and throughout God's kingdom. Please be in prayer about your pledge, tithe and or service. We ask that your completed pledge card be returned to the church by November 20th. At this time the cards will be brought to the altar as a symbol of your participation.

All Saints Day



Sunday, November 6th.

They will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Psalm 24:5



Please stay after church Sunday, November 22nd to help decorate for Advent. Lunch will be provided.



Pastor
Leon Veazey

The Psalms are a collection of five books of poetic expressions which were used in the worship life of the people of God as we see in the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament. Some of them are Psalms of Orientation, which means that they were expressions of exuberant praise and gratitude towards God for His Creation, as well as the provision for and protection of God's people. All is good with God and God's people in the Psalms of orientation, such as in Psalm 8. The Psalmist here elaborates on how little humans seem in contrast to the glory of God's Creation, and yet the Creator is so much more glorious than the Creation, for with God's "fingers" the stars and planets were set in place. The Psalmist reflects on how amazing it is that God even notices us when we're so small in contrast to Creation as a whole, and even smaller in contrast to the Creator. Yet, the Psalmist continues, God has chosen to not only create humanity, but to give us an elevated importance within Creation, calling us to take responsibility and take authority over its care. He begins and ends with words of praise: "LORD, our

WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!"

Yet, we don't have to read very far in the Psalms to see that the mood of the psalmists isn't always exuberant or joyful. In Psalm 22, the Psalmist cries out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Or God, WHERE ARE YOU when life doesn't make sense? Life isn't always well-ordered and pleasant. We often struggle with the consequences of our own poor choices, and even suffer because of the attitudes, words, and behaviors of others, or of society as a whole. Sometimes, it is nature itself that brings pain and heartache to our lives. Life isn't always oriented to what seems our advantage or well-being. What do we do when we life doesn't make sense?

First, I think we must LISTEN to the Word of God! When my car is broken, I go to a mechanic, someone who understands automobiles. When my medication doesn't work right, I need to listen to my pharmacist or physician. When life doesn't make sense, I need to listen to the Author of Life, I need the word of God! Listening is intentional and requires effort on my part. Humans aren't the best at listening. God has given us the Scriptures (Holy Bible), the Holy Spirit, and the Church to help us LISTEN to what God has to say to us. Are we listening?

Secondly, we must BELIEVE! The same Psalmist who cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" also went on to say: "*You are the holy one, enthroned. ... Our ancestors trusted you— they trusted you and you rescued them; they*

cried out to you and they were saved; they trusted you and they weren't put to shame." Even when life doesn't make sense, God has come to us in our suffering and struggle in human form (Jesus Christ) and experienced the ills of a world that doesn't make sense. Even Jesus, the only perfect human to ever live, cried out on the cross as he paid for our sins: "*My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?*" He was living our chaos and overcoming the powers that stand against us, so that we might be saved, even in and through the sufferings and struggles of this life!

Finally, we must GO! The Hebrews writer said this about our response to what Jesus has accomplished for us on the cross and in the glory of the empty tomb: "*Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.*" We can approach God with confidence of forgiveness, mercy, and empowerment for living, because of Jesus Christ! We don't have to pretend we're OK when we come to God for help. We come honestly and transparently with our doubts and struggles, failures and disappointments. We bring it all to God!

[Scripture references from the *Common English Bible (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ps 8 & 22; Heb 4:16.*]



Coming Attractions!



ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY Carols, Cookies & Soup Supper

Wednesday, December 11th

Signup sheets will be available later for people volunteering to bring soup or cookies.

Cookies will be served as dessert and then boxes made to take to our homebound as well as the fire and police departments.



The Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are a well loved tradition in this church.

Services this year are at 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM.

The Worship Committee will be looking for people to serve as liturgists during the evening. You are not required to serve both services, you may specify which service you are attending. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.



Advent Wreath

Advent Season begins November 27th. Plans are already being made for the holiday season. Traditionally a family is asked to read a short text before lighting the Advent Candle each Sunday and at the Christmas Eve services. A "family" could be a group of friends or a traditional or non-traditional family. Lighting the candle involves reading an appropriate scripture and prayer which will be provide. Would you like to be part of this tradition? If so call Mary Lou, 763-2826 or the church office, 762-1681, and we will add you to the schedule.



STAFF APPRECIATION

Each year an offering is received as a gesture of appreciation for all the things our staff does during the year. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your check or envelope "Staff Appreciation." Funds collected will be divided among the staff.



If you haven't looked ahead on your calendar, Christmas falls on Sunday this year. Sunday School will not meet that day. You are invited to bring finger foods for a time of fellowship before the service starts at 10:00. Children are welcome to attend in their pajamas.

Christmas sweaters, ties and other festive apparel are also welcome.



**CHARGE
CONFERENCE**

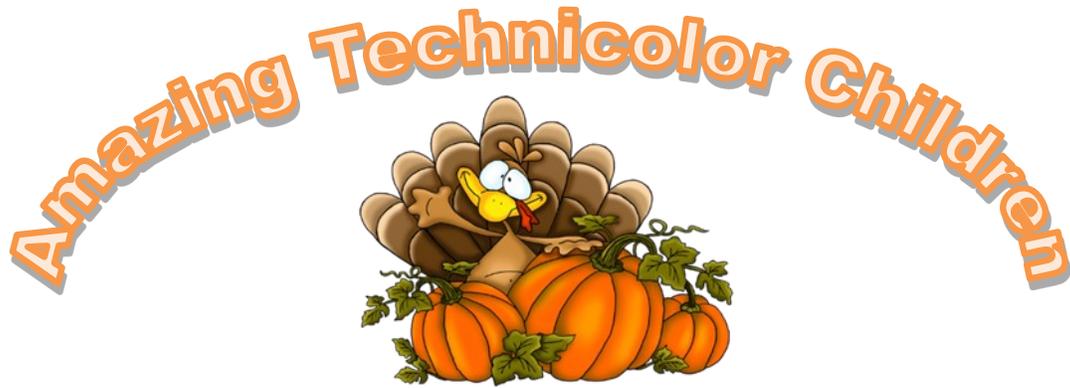
**ANNUAL CHARGE
CONFERENCE**

Sunday, November 6th

3:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Amazing Technicolor Children




Each year our church celebrates Children's Sabbath. This year children and youth acted as liturgists, ushers, worked in the sound booth and sang.

Waylon Fleming and August Johnson were presented with third grade Bibles.



Kids' M&Ms continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 PM. The children are currently preparing sacks for the annual Sack Out/Sack In event. They are also working on a Christmas song to sing during Advent. Both choirs will be combined and will feature several of the children playing instruments.





PRAYER CORNER

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.

Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.

Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us.

Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

~Crosswalk.com



November Haiku

Thanks be to our God
for all the wonders He does.
Magnify His name.

~Wayne Moore



November Youth Schedule

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| November 2, 4:00 PM | WOW |
| November 6, 6:00 PM | TYT |
| November 8, 4:00 PM | WOW |
| November 13, 6:00 PM | TYT |
| November 16, 4:00 PM | WOW |
| November 20, 6:00 PM | TYT |
| November 27, 6:00 PM | WOW |



- “You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out” -Jay Leno
- “I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage” – Erma Bombeck
- “An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day” – Anonymous
- “Cooking tip: Wrap turkey leftovers in aluminum foil and throw them out” – Nicole Hollander
- “Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence” – Erma Bombeck
- “Vegetables are a must on Thanksgiving. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie” – Jim Davis
- “This Thanksgiving, cherish the time spent with your family as a reminder of why you moved very far away from your family” – Anonymous
- “This Thanksgiving I hope you’re able to avoid the tragedy of the different foods on your plate touching one another” – Anonymous





RESET YOUR CLOCKS

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday, November 5th.

Unless you want to be really early to church on the 6th.



SACK OUT/SACK IN

November 6th will also be sack out Sunday.

The M&M Kids will provide bags for you to fill with groceries. Bags are to be returned on November 13th.

The children will take a field trip in November to NERA to deliver the groceries.



Thanksgiving Dinner

UWF will once again sponsor our Thanksgiving Dinner. The event will be on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 PM.

UWF is furnishing the turkey, and rolls. Please bring a side dish or dessert.



PECANS FOR SALE

UWF is once again selling pecans to support all the amazing work they do.

Pecans are \$14 a pound and may be purchased on Sundays in the Welcome Center, ordered from a member of UWF or in the office.

Great for baking or eating right out of the bag, they make wonderful Christmas gifts as well.



November Wednesday Night Live Schedule

11/2 - *The Church Ain't Dead*
Speaker, Corey Shirey
Dinner - Good Sams & Good News - Snyder's chicken, mashed potatoes, roll & dessert

11/9 - *Who Is Susanna Wesley*
Speaker Rev. Derrek Belase (OK. United Methodist Conference)
Dinner - Choir & New Beginnings - 10 Can Soup, cornbread & dessert

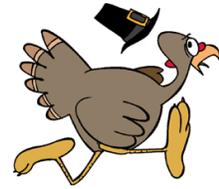
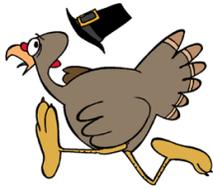
11/16 - *A New Place to Call Home*
Speaker Nga Wells
UWF Thanksgiving Dinner



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Kay Lynn Pendleton | 11/01 | Russ Pendleton | 11/17 |
| Jacob Harbeson | 11/03 | Ken Wilson | 11/19 |
| Francis Nine | 11/04 | Ginger Duval | 11/20 |
| Betsy Carter | 11/06 | Lynn Hopkins | 11/22 |
| Debbie Hron | 11/08 | Katie Kirchenbauer | 11/22 |
| Claire Davis | 11/11 | Amy Muegge | 11/22 |
| Dick Jacobson | 11/15 | Kenneth Jones | 11/23 |
| Brenda Kirchenbauer | 11/15 | Damien Flewelling | 11/26 |
| Chris Campbell | 11/16 | Richard Hightower | 11/29 |





2022

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer | 2 3:30 Kids' M&MS 4:00 WOW 5:30 WNL 7:15 Chancel Choir | 3 10:00 Betsy Carter's Group 6:00 Knitgiving 6:00 UWF | 4 11:00 Decorate Float 1:30 UWF Sand- wiches for Mid- High | 5 10:45 Veterans' Day Parade |
| 6 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship All Saints Day Communion Sack-out Sunday Caring Fund 6:00 TYT | 7 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bill El- liott's Group | 8 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 Trustees | 9 3:30 Kids' M&MS 4:00 WOW 5:30 WNL 7:15 Chancel Choir | 10 10:00 Betsy Carter's Group | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Stewardship Sun- day Sack-in Sunday 6:00 TYT | 14 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bill El- liott's Group | 15 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer | 16 3:30 Kids' M&MS 4:00 WOW 5:30 WNL UMW Thanksgiv- ing Dinner 7:15 Chancel Choir | 17 6:00 Knitgiving | 18 1:30 UWF Sand- wiched for Mid- High | 19 |
| 20 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Stewardship Sun- day 11:30 Decorate for Advent 6:00 TYT | 21 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bill El- liott's Group 5:30 Friendship Feast | 22 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer | 23 Office Closes at Noon today! | 24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship First Sunday in Advent 5:00 TYT 6:00 Advent Study | 28 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Quilters | 29 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer | 30 3:30 Kids' M&MS 4:00 WOW 7:15 Chancel Choir | | |  |

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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October was such a fun month at Mother's Day Out. We celebrated a 1st birthday, a 4th birthday, a steady new walking one-year-old, and a Halloween Costume Parade. The UWF sponsored a Halloween Costume Parade for all 27 of our children. The children walked with their teachers while the babies rode in strollers. The children paraded throughout the church in their adorable cos-

tumes and Halloween themed shirts while the church staff and UWF passed out candy and handmade trick or treat bags to all our children. We can't thank the UWF enough for this. As you can tell by their faces, the children RE-ALLY enjoyed this.

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November 2022

Thanksgiving



Prayers for YOUTH

- Our Sons/Daughters, Grandsons/Granddaughters
& all the ones we love.

1

This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

~ Psalm 118:24

Dear Lord,

When (name) wakes up each morning, may her attitude be "This is the day the Lord has made." May she arise with enthusiasm, joy, and gladness. Amen!

2

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ~ James 3:13

Almighty God,
May (name) be gentle and his conduct exhibits wisdom, understanding, and humility. Amen!

3

When I am afraid, I will trust in You
~ Psalm 56:3

Everlasting Father,
Whenever (name) is frightened or afraid may she place her trust in You and seek refuge in You. Amen!

4

... Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Loving Lord,

Please help (name) develop an attitude of gratitude. May he not take his blessings for granted, recognizing he always has reasons to thank You. Amen!

5

Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king. ~ 1 Peter 2:17

Sovereign God,
May (name) not be arrogant. May she show proper respect to everyone, as Your Word commands. Amen!

6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Gracious Father, May (name) trust You enough not to be anxious about anything. May he present every challenge he face to You, thanking You in advance for Your solution. Amen!

7

Brothers, do not be children in thoughts, yet in malice be babies, but in thoughts be mature. ~ 1 Corinthians 14:20

Blessed Lord,

May XXX not be childish in her intellect. May her thinking mature, while remaining a child when it comes to evil thoughts. Amen!

8

And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:20

Everlasting God,
Please help (name) cultivate an attitude of gratitude. May he learn to give thanks to You, Father, under all circumstances. Amen!

9

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!" ~ 1 Chronicles 16:1

Jehovah Father,

Whether when at peace and happy, or restless and unhappy, may (name) learn to turn to You first for direction and see. Your presence continually throughout the day. Amen!

10

Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ~ Ephesians 5:4

Savior Lord,

May (name) decline to engage in obscene, foolish talk and coarse jokes as these poisons and pollute the mind. Amen!

11

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation... I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ~ Philippians 4:12-13

Eternal God,
Please teach (name) the secret of being content in any and every situation. May she find his satisfaction in You, who gives her strength. Amen!

12

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Loving Father,

Thank You Father for this opportunity to cover (name) in prayer. Please bless him. Lord. Give me insight each day in what to pray about concerning him. Amen!

13

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ~ Colossians 3:12

Sovereign Lord,

Please clothe (name) each day with the virtue of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Amen!

14

"I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ~ Psalm 138:2

Mighty God, May (name) bow down and worship only You, giving thanks for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness. May he exalt Your name and Your Word above all things. Amen!

15

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be ... abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:58

King of Kings,

Please open (name's) eyes to opportunities where she can serve You by serving others. Amen!

16

I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory! ~ Psalm 118:21

Awesome Father,
Thank You for granting (name) victory over the obstacles and challenges in his life. Thank You Lord for blessing this beloved child and answering my prayers. Amen!

17

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. ~ Romans 14:19

Almighty Lord,
I pray (name) will love peace. May she make every effort to do what leads to peace. Amen!

18

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. For His lovingkindness is everlasting. ~1 Chronicle 16:34

Adonai,
May (name) cultivate a thankful heart knowing You are good all the time, even in the midst of his struggles and challenges. Amen!

19

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:15

My God, my Lord,
May (name) always try to be kind to others. May caring and doing good to people be her default. Amen!

20

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works. ~ Psalm 139:14

Lord of Peace,
May (name) know unequivocally that You designed every part of his mind and body. He is therefore lovingly and wonderfully made. Amen!

21

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ~ Psalm 5:10

All Powerful God,
Please create in (name) a pure heart, O God, and let her actions reflect the purity of her heart. Amen!

22

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you ..., singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ~ Colossians 3:16

Blessed Father,
May (name) develop a rich appreciation for how much You have blessed him. May he readily praise and worship You with songs of joy and gratitude. Amen!

23

Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! ~ Psalm 34:13

Glorious Lord,
Please keep (name's) tongue from speaking evil and her lips from telling lies. Amen!

24

...but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:13

Merciful Father,
When (name) faces temptations, prompt him to pause to seek You and find the way of escape that You always provide. Amen!

25

always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:20

Almighty King,
Please help (name) live a life that overflows with gratitude. May she always give thanks to You for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

26

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. ~ 1 Corinthians 14:33

Omniscient God,
Whenever XXX is confused or uncertain, may he intentionally seek Your wisdom knowing that You are not the God of confusion but of insight, understanding and peace. Amen!

27

You became imitators of us and of the Lord for you welcomed ... the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ~ 1 Thessalonians. 1:6

Eternal Father,
May (name's) heart, mind, and soul overflow with the unquenchable joy given by the Holy Spirit." Amen!

28

Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ~ Ephesians 5:4

Awesome Lord,
Please stir XXX away from instigating or participating in gossip, obscene & foolish talk or coarse jokes as this poison and pollute the ears and heart. Amen!

29

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. ~ Micah 6:8

Gracious God,
May (name) act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You. Amen!

30

...rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ~ Colossians 2:7

Savior Father,
I pray (name's) faith will be deeply rooted and built up in him. May it strengthen him. May he stand strong and overflow with gratitude. Amen!

