

The Challenger

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Volunteering in the church office puts me in an especially good place to see all the things happening in our church. While we have a lot of activities going on, what is more exciting to me is the number of people quietly working behind the scenes to make those things happen! It's an incredible number! I had no idea! It never occurred to me that someone has to take the money from the offering and count it and make up the deposit. Did you ever think about that? We have Bible studies almost every day. Men's, women's, specific groups like Teacher's Bible School or Overview of the Old Testament. Children and youth programs, too! Regular groups that meet like Church Council and the Stewardship Team. Did you know that we have 19 different Ministry Teams? I didn't know that either..... Some meet often (like the Worship Team and the Deacons) and some not as often (like Trustees and Ministry Opportunity Team). But all of these groups are reaching out to take care of our congregation and some to our community to serve. Some take 20 minutes a month and some take hours each week (thank you teachers and worship leaders!). I'd love to start listing names of people that I see coming and going, but there just isn't enough room in this paper to allow me to do that!

Hebrews 6:10 says "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Selfishly, I really like this one. God will not forget the work and love I have shown him. I have shown Him! Crazy, isn't it? God, who sent his son to die for me that I might live, will not forget the work and love I have shown him!

Maybe I need to remember Galatians 5:13 more. "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love." I think I need to remember this one a whole lot more! Humbly. I need to work on that, for sure.

Have you considered helping out with something in the church? Do you have a burning desire that you've kept hidden? Do you consider serving but don't see a need so you wait to see if something comes up? There are many places to serve! Are your children grown? Maybe you'd like to start a mom's group and offer mentoring and support to young moms. Or maybe you'd like to head up the music for VBS next summer. Do you like to cook? Freddie will be setting up the Christmas community dinner for Christmas day. I'm sure he could use a hand. And a dishwasher, and a person to wipe tables, mop the floor, take out the trash..... Can't do the physical work? How about being a prayer warrior or starting a card ministry?



Call the church office. I'll give your information and area of interest to the Ministry Opportunity Team and they can help get you connected somewhere. And connected is so awesome, isn't it? Being an active part of the body of Christ.

Even now, as you're considering where or how you could serve, I want you to know that I am praying Philippians 1:3 over you and over all those I see already actively serving. "I thank my God every time I remember you."

Praying for you today - Lisa MacLean

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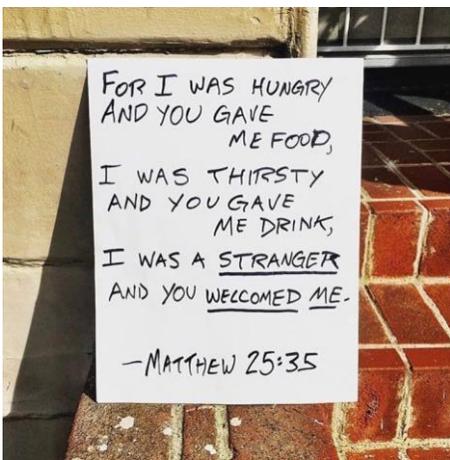
Hope Pregnancy Center: We need donations of canned veggies and fruit and any other canned goods that would be good for an easy fall meal. Please drop donations off at the office. Thank you for your support!



Want to learn how to share your faith? There will be special Evangelism Training November 7, 14, & 21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in room 103A. Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn tips for sharing your faith!

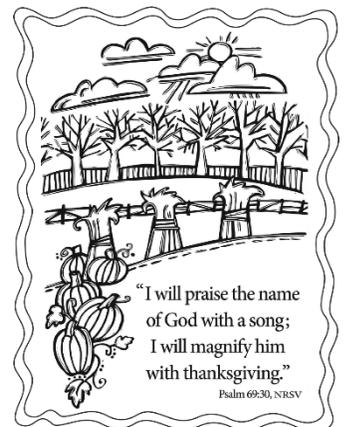
Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

Join us for "Surviving the Holidays" - a one-time seminar on Sunday, November 20th from 6 - 8 p.m. in room 104A. Child care provided.



Did you know? Our church distributes food boxes every Thursday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. through Freddie Campbell's support group. Donations are always welcome, especially at this time of the year when the need increases. Also, we host a Christmas dinner from Noon - 3 p.m. on Christmas day. Your donations of food, money and/or time would be greatly appreciated. You can drop items off to the church office or see Freddie to see what he needs most. Thank you for your generosity.

Mexico Mission Trip: Please be in prayer for the 19 people who are going to build a house in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point). Pray that they will be strong and healthy, full of energy, but also give them the words that God would have them share with the people they are working with. And make them a blessing to the family that they will be helping to build a house for. Pray for the family that will receive the house, that they will use it for the glory of God.



Looking for a way to share Christmas joy with others? Gift tags for the children at NAOMI House will be distributed beginning November 10th. Look for Linda or Freddie Campbell to get a tag!

Mark Your Calendar!

- November 1st 5-7 p.m. - Youth Group Yard Sale
- November 2nd 8-11 a.m. - Youth Group Yard Sale
- November 3rd 6 p.m. - Concert of Praise at The Well (no evening services here at FBC)
- November 7th 6 p.m. - Evangelism Training
- November 8th 7 a.m. - Mexico Mission Trip group leaves
- November 10th NO evening services
- November 14th 6 p.m. - Evangelism Training
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Church Council
- November 16th 9 a.m. - Youth Trip to Two Guns & -T- Ranch
- November 17th 4 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting
6-8 p.m. - Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays
- November 21st 6 p.m. - Evangelism Training
- November 22nd 12:30 p.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon at Little Colorado Medical Center
- November 24th 6 p.m. - Youth University resumes
- November 27th NO evening activities
- November 28th Thanksgiving Day

