ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There's an infant nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Toddlers up through fifth graders will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m. for Children's Church.

TODAY Annual Business Meeting is today following worship service. Plan on staying.....everyone is welcome to attend!

Unity Service -- Today at 4:00 p.m. there will be a *"Celebrating Life"* service for Protestants, Catholics and Evangelicals at Northview Christian Church in Coldwater. A collection will be taken for Beginnings Care for Life Center.

THIS WEEK Family Promise is here this week. Please check with Pastor Dave about where you might be able to help.

Women's Fellowship meets on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the church. All women of the church are invited!!

- **THIS MONTH Baby Bottle Campaign** -- During the month of November, we will be filling the baby bottles for *Beginnings Care for Life Center*. Grab a bottle from the bassinette in the lobby, fill it and bring it back at the end of the month. Thank you!!
- **COMING UP** If you want to participate in the upcoming **March for Life** in Washington DC in January, there is information in the lobby or contact Jennie deAraujo. There is a \$10.00 "early bird discount" if you register by December 1. Registration forms are on the Information Center.
 - MISSIONS Donations of gently used sweaters and jackets for adults and new long socks for kids and adults will be accepted to take to Tijuana later this month. Donations can be left in the box in the fellowship hall.
 - **FINANCES** Online Giving -- If you wish to do your giving online, please pick up a form from the Information Center.

Year to Date Giving and Attendance:

	Regular Collections	<u>Ave. Attendance</u>	2017 Ave. Attend.
Sept. 2018	\$14629	132	118
Oct. 2018	\$15370	134	102

Required to meet budget = \$17480/month Please note: Fiscal year begins September 1.

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NOVEMBER 11, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

"WE HONOR GOD THROUGH REGULARLY ASSEMBLING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP HIM AS LORD, STUDY AND OBEY HIS WORD, AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE. WHEN WE LEAVE, WE GO OUT COMMISSIONED AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES TO A NEEDY WORLD."

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SERVING TODAY

NURSERY	Patti Leggett and Linda Penn
Sound Room	Matt Siefken and Scott Carpenter
GREETERS	Evert and Linda Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Minard		
OPENING PRAYER David Minard		
OPENING WORSHIP Jim E		
We Have Come Into This House		
We Worship and Adore You Hymn 19		
We Gather Together Hymn 561		
For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1,3,4)		
OFFERINGBrandon Carpenter		
Message Jim Erwin		
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (verses 1,2,4) Hymn 350		

Altar flowers are provided in memory of Jeff Carpenter by Brandon and Shanda Carpenter and family.

Next week's worship service responsibilities:

Nursery	Deb Springer and Anna Mae Wickey
Greeters	Don Ledbetter
Sound Room	Kenny Bennett and Josh Falknor
Offering Prayer	Frank Cabrera

ROMANS: HOW TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD

(Romans 4)

INTRODUCTION

- Credit Report I. ABRAHAM -- THE FATHER OF THE FAITH (<u>Romans 4:1-5</u>)
 - *Context (Genesis 15:1-6)
 -credited to him as righteousness.
 - Note the progression
 - 1. God initiates
 - 2. Abraham responds (faith and obedience)(Hebrews 11:8)
 - 3. God fulfills over time

II. DAVID -- FORGIVEN BY FAITH (*Romans 4:6-7*) "The God who justifies the wicked" (verse 5) *Paul (*1 Timothy 1:15*) *The Christian bar of soap (*1 John 1:9*)

III. SIGNS AND SEALS OF FAITH (*Romans 4:9-15*) *Circumcision *Baptism (*Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:11-12*) "Footsteps of the faith of Abraham" (verse 12)

IV. STANDING ON THE PROMISES (Romans 4:16-25)

*Law brings wrath, grace promises life! "The God who raises the dead....." (verse 17)

*Testing the Faith of Abraham

- 1. Faced the facts (no human hope)
- 2. Strengthened his faith in God and his promise.
- 3. Gave glory to God.

*Written for us! (verse 24)

.....God will credit your account with Christ's righteousness!

APPLICATION

- 1. How have you responded to God's initiative?
- 2. Do you trust him? What signals faith on your part?
- 3. What more could God do in your life if you would just trust him more?



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- *Rick Butters* -- in need of housing
- Blake Schlueter -- recently diagnosed with Crohn's Disease
- Pastor Dave Pierce -- health issues
- Family of Clint Smith
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- Bob Mayer -- ongoing health concerns
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- Eric Smotherman -- COPD
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