

1.8.2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Adult Ed and Sunday School classes resume today. Small groups will resume this week.

Night to Shine volunteer training: Today -- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. or January 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Hope Church, 200 North Fremont Street, Coldwater. Volunteer registration forms are in the lobby. Please see Amy Lonczkowski or Jennie d'Araujo if you can help. Night to Shine is on February 10, 2023.

Women's Fellowship will not meet in January. Their 2023 schedule of meetings and ministry collections is available in the lobby.

Men's Steak Out: Saturday, January 14 in Coldwater. See Pastor Jim for tickets.

Connect! - If you are new or have made a change to your contact information, please fill out a "Connect" card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters. This is how we can text you or send you the weekly email with updates and important information. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for announcements and updates.

In Case of Inclement Weather -- Worship service will be available on Facebook or YouTube at 9:30 a.m. Pastors Jim and Dave will normally be at church for those who want to brave the weather and venture out.

For the parents of our little ones: There is a room behind the sanctuary for parents of restless toddlers. The **nursery** (up the stairs, first door on the left) is also open and the service is available to be viewed and listened to there. Kids through fifth grade will be dismissed for **Children's Church** during worship if they wish to participate.

Financial Update:

December regular collections:	\$31086.12
December average attendance (in-house):	117
(online)	89

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Communion Songs: Spirit Song
The Lamb is Worthy (Rev. 5:12)
He is Lord
Worthy is the Lord
I Love You Lord

Contend for the Faith (Jude 3)

So far.....

I. Who are we contending with?

- *The spiritual battle ([Ephesians 6:12](#), [1 Peter 5:8](#))
- *The whole armor of God ([Ephesians 6:13](#))
- *Standing strong against opposition ([Jude 3,23](#))

II. Agents of Opposition

- *"The World" ([1 John 2:15-17](#))
- *The Non-Christian Culture (Secular vs. Sacred)
- *Worldview Wars ([1 John 4:1-6](#))

III. Secular Humanism

- *"Man is the measure of all things" Protagoras 400 BC
- * Secular Science = Naturalism ([1 Corinthians 1:18-21](#))
See to it that no one takes you captive by hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. ([Colossians 2:8](#))

IV. Worldly Influences on the Church

- *Egocentrism
- *Materialism
- *Hedonism
- *Rationalism (Liberalism)

Application

1. Do you understand how someone's worldview directs every other area of their life?
2. Are you aware of how secular humanism is contending with biblical Christianity?
3. Can you answer an atheist's contentions against the Christian faith?

Closing Song: Favor of the Lord

Live the Life with Prayer

Recent additions

de Araujo family -- grandson Luke due at end of February with life-limiting diagnosis, parents Emily and Aaron
The family of Bart Burnside
The family of Russ Heckathorn
Jonas Rigg --kidney issues
Kim Paul -- stage 4 cancer
Tom Schoenherr - Physical decline
The family of Eloise Franke
The family of Christine Neesley
Al Miller - recurrence of cancer

Praises

Jo Mayer -- healing from broken arm
The birth of Gideon Carpenter
Norm Carpenter -- recovering from surgery and cancer free
Numerous members recently recovered from Covid

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Lynn Mayer -- dealing with double vision, balance issues
Dawn Lane -- breast cancer
Don Rubley -- bladder cancer
The Carpenter Family
Dale Davis -- dialysis and gall bladder issues
Lisa Franks -- pain management

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Neil Hannah -- at home on hospice
Betty Carpenter -- Laurels

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

Our Mission

"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."