

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY *Welcome Visitors. We are glad that you chose to join us for today's worship service. Please let us know if we can pray for you or be a help in any way.*

Christmas Cookie/Recipe Share—

Today during Fellowship time you can enjoy some favorite Christmas cookies and pick up the recipe.

Baby Grand Piano—

A big thank you to Ron and Liz Nussbaum for the recent donation of a baby grand piano that belonged to Ron's mother.

Sunday School Classes—

Sunday School classes for all ages today from 11 AM-noon. Toddlers and elementary students are in the classrooms. Youth will meet downstairs. Adults will meet in fellowship hall with Pastor Jim.

Tommy's House—

Today we are taking a special offering for Tommy's House.....a transitional home opening in December for women coming out of jail.

THIS WEEK **Council Meeting --**

Tomorrow night, 12/12/16, at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship Meeting is Tuesday, 12/13/16, at 1p.m.

All women of the church are invited.

NEXT WEEK **Christmas Events**

Plan on joining us on next Sunday for our birthday party for Jesus after worship and then Christmas Carolling beginning at 4:00 p.m.

COMING SOON **Christmas Day—**

Plan in joining us Christmas Day at 9:35 a.m. for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration. Invite your family and friends!

March for Life—

If you are interested in participating in the annual March for Life in January, see Jennie deAraujo for a registration form. Early registration deadline is December 15.

Church Calendar—

The calendar for December is available in the Narthex. Let the office know of items to be placed on the calendar for January. It will be made available at the end of December.

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DECEMBER 11, 2016

SERVICE: 9:35 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11 AM

ADULT ED CLASSES: 11 AM

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CHURCH**



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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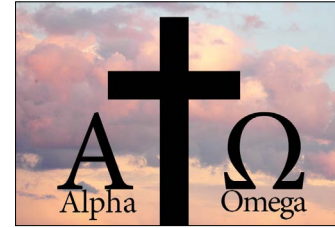
OFFERING PRAYER..... Paul Alger
GREETERS.....Brandon and Shanda Carpenter
NURSERY (CHURCH)Zarian McMeen, Laura Jury
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....Char Kaufman
JUNIOR CHURCH David Minard, Mandy Ward
TODDLERS.....Joanna Erwin
SOUND ROOM..... Kenny Bennett, Frank Cabrera

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME David Minard
ADVENT READING.....The Brandon Carpenter Family
OPENING WORSHIP Praise Team
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) Praise Team
A Hallelujah Christmas Praise Team
What Child Is This Praise Team
Let There Be Peace On Earth.....Praise Team
OFFERING.....Mike Herndon testimony
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5) Dismissal
MESSAGE..... *Jim Erwin*
O Come Let Us Adore Him.....Praise Team

CHRISTIAN ED.

ADULT ED. Pastor Jim Erwin
TODDLERS.....Julie McKinley
GRADES 1-2 Jenny deAraujo
GRADES 3-5 David Minard
YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADES) David Erwin



GOD'S STORY

SOLOMON

INTRODUCTION:

I. PRAYING FOR WISDOM ([2 Kings 3:1-15](#))

- If anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask of God.....([James 1:5](#))
- Definition of wisdom = skill in living
- Levels of learning - 1) knowledge 2) understanding 3) wisdom

II. A WISE RULING ([2 Kings 3:16-28](#))

- (verse 28) When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.
- If you are wise your wisdom will reward you. ([Proverbs 9:12](#))

III. INFLUENCE - ONE REWARD OF WISDOM ([2 Kings 4:29-34](#))

- The Queen of Sheba ([2 Kings 10:1-9](#))
- The book of Proverbs

A CASE IN CONTRASTS

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom ([Proverbs 9:10](#))

Wisdom vs. Folly

Righteousness vs. Evil

Industry vs. Sloth

Wealth vs. Poverty

Honesty vs. Deception

Humility vs. Pride

APPLICATION

1. Have you ever prayed for godly wisdom?
2. In what ways has your wisdom rewarded you?
3. How has wisdom lead you to the fear of the Lord?



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