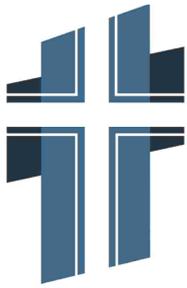


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Love Your Neighbor with Deeds & Truth

In a world where promises are easily spoken and compassion is often reduced to a social media post, Scripture calls us to something deeper. 1 John 3:18 says, "*Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.*" John reminds us that love is more than a sentiment and certainly more than well crafted words. Love should be visible. Love should be active. Love should be serving. After all, the word 'love' is a verb (thank you DC Talk for teaching me that!).

The love that John speaks of is rooted in the very heart of God. It reflects the self-giving love that we see in Jesus, Who did not merely speak of love but demonstrated it through His whole life, His service, and ultimately in His sacrifice. To love our neighbor is not simply to feel and speak kindly toward them, it is to ask; Who is in need? Where can I offer practical help? How can I bless someone today? How might I reflect Christ's compassion in tangible ways?

Sometimes loving our neighbor looks like providing a meal, offering to help with yard work, or meeting a financial need. Other times it might look like patiently listening, forgiving freely, or standing alongside someone who feels alone. Love in action may not always be big and dramatic, but it is always deliberate.

When John tells us to love with truth, it means our actions match our words. Our actions should flow from a sincere heart transformed by the Gospel. We do not love to be seen or praised; we love because we have first been loved by God. Truth anchors our love so that it is not shallow, conditional, or self-serving.

As a church family, we have many opportunities to live out this calling. Each ministry, each act of service, each quiet kindness is a testimony to our community that Christ is alive among us. When we move beyond words and into action, we become a living witness of God's grace.

May we be known not only for what we say, but for how we love. Let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to the needs around us and to give us willing hearts to respond. In doing so, we reflect the One who loved us first.

God bless you!



Jeremy Franks
Pastor

well hello,
march

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

**to John Stanford for
making the two beautiful
tables for the ladies
restrooms so the ladies can
put their bibles and
things on!**

THANK YOU!!!

Such a sweet gift



**MARCH 7th....SET YOUR
CLOCK FORWARD AN HOUR!**

Please let the church office know if there are any changes in your info for the directory, Sunday School, etc.

Thank you! ~Beth

MARCH AT A GLANCE

Sunday Night Study: What is a Healthy Church Member?

Join us on Sunday nights, starting March 1st at 6:00 PM, as we walk through this question. This is a 6 week study and is open to all adults. Children and youth will have separate studies.

It's the End of the World!

Or is it? Join us through March on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM as we study the main views of eschatology, the study of "last things".

Men's Round Table Night

Friday, March 6th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
See the Men's Section for more details.

Women's "Spill the Jesus Flavored Tea"

Saturday, March 7th from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
See the Women's Section for more details.

Daylights Savings Time

Sunday, March 8th.
Don't forget to Add an hour to your clocks on Saturday night (March 7th)!

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, March 8th following the morning service.

Ladies Craft Night

Friday, March 13th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
See the Women's Section for more details.

Committee Meetings

Sunday, March 15th, following the morning service.
The InReach, OutReach, Stewardship, and Buildings & Grounds Committees are meeting. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be there if you are on one of these committees. Thank you for your service!

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 15th at 4:45 PM
This is a meeting of the church staff, all the committee's chairpersons, chairman of the Deacons, and all directors. If you are a part of the Church Council please make every effort to attend.

Senior Adult Potluck Lunch

Thursday, March 19th @ 11:30 AM
Come join us at the Senior Adult Lunch this month! Grab a friend & enjoy some good food & a great time of fellowship.

Widows and Widowers Banquet

Friday, March 20th

Youth Parent Meeting

Sunday, March 22nd, following the morning service.
See the Youth Section for more details.

Youth D-Now!

From March 27th - 29th. Join us in praying for all our students to have a great and safe weekend as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.
See the Youth Section for more details.

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Saturday, March 28th @ 8:00 AM
See the Men's Section for more details.



Happy Birthday!

Marilyn Ballew 3/4
Betty Thompson 3/5
Michelle Cosper 3/20
Linda Hill-3/21
Robert Kerbow 3/25
Adela Gomez 3/26
Sandra Perryman 3/29

DOOR GREETERS FOR MARCH

3/1– Jim Wingo
3/8– Louis Gomez
3/15– Lindsey Tyler
3/22– Ron Harris
3/29– Steve Glaze

DEACON OF THE WEEK

3/1– Brad Weatherby
3/8– David Sweet
3/15– Greg Holloway
3/22– Jarrin Crotty
3/29– Louis Gomez



Bible Reading Challenge!

Nothing can take the place of getting into God's Word and spending time with the Lord! We want to challenge you this year to join us in reading through the Bible! Each day, there will be a passage to read from the Old Testament, the New Testament, a Psalm, and a Proverb. You can find a reading schedule in the foyer or contact the church office for a copy.



New Church Emails!

Due to an attempted email scam involving the staff's emails, the church has changed its email address as a precaution. No sensitive information was compromised. We now have two business emails that cannot be imitated.

connect@fellowshipbcmpr.org - for Church Secretary

jeremy@fellowshipbcmpr.org - for the Pastor.

We are no longer using the old emails. Don't hesitate to contact us via phone call or text if you ever have a doubt or concern about an email you have received from the church. Please update your contacts and reach out if you have any questions.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

The Source mobile clinic is hoping to come to Temple/Belton in 2026. It would likely be the 2nd Thursday of every month.

We are a faith based non-profit pregnancy resource/ women's preventive health clinic.

We are looking for a volunteer, must be a female and a Christian. If you have a medical background (MA/ nurse/EMT) that would be great but not necessary.

If interested, please contact Erin Stibral or the Church Office for more info. Thank you!

Children's Ministry News



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
DIRECTOR:**

Beth Harris

EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

PRETEEN KIDS! (3rd thru 5th graders)

Preteen Camp Fundraiser!

Jar Prep: Saturday, April 18th 9:00 AM

Jar Sales: Sunday, April 19th Before & After
Morning Worship Service

Yardwork at the Odom's (for gift shop \$) TBD

PRETEEN CAMP!

**Wednesday, June 3rd- Friday,
June 5th**



Heading back to the Exotic Zoo Resort in
Johnson City, with a few side trips! More
information to come! (This is FIRST for the regular
attenders in our Preteen class Sunday School)

MEGA SPORTS CAMP 2026!

"In Your Element"

**Sunday, July 19th thru Thursday,
July 23rd**

Watch for more information!!



Weekly Activities for Kids!

SUNDAYS

We have Sunday School for ages Birth thru 5th grade!

9:15 AM-10:15 AM

Nursery during Morning Worship for Birth thru age 2

Extended Care for (potty-trained) ages 3 thru 5 years

Church bags are available in the Foyer for K thru 3rd grade. Bags do not go home! Please leave on the pew at the end of the service)

WEDNESDAYS

Fellowship Kids on Mission for K thru 5th 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Kids! Join us on our mission adventures, learning about what missionaries do around the world & what they experience living in different cultures thru games, art, & food!

Sunday Night Study March 1st (6 Week Study) The Easter Journey

"Making Men Camp Out" Date to be determined! For 3rd grade thru 12th grade boys!

Reminder to **KIDS/YOUTH and Youth/Kids Parents**: The policy in place states that no children are allowed on the playground without adult supervision. Also according to the policy as well as posted on the playground fence is that **NO** youth are to be on the playground if over the age of 11. Also- The church bags for Sunday service is for age 3 thru 3rd grade! Not teens.

The rules are in place for the safety of the kids as well as protection of the church, so we are respectfully asking that the policies are followed by **ALL**.

- Mrs. Beth

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Youth Minister:
Grace Gifford

SUNDAYS
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL!
For Grades 6th-12th
9:15 AM-10:15 AM

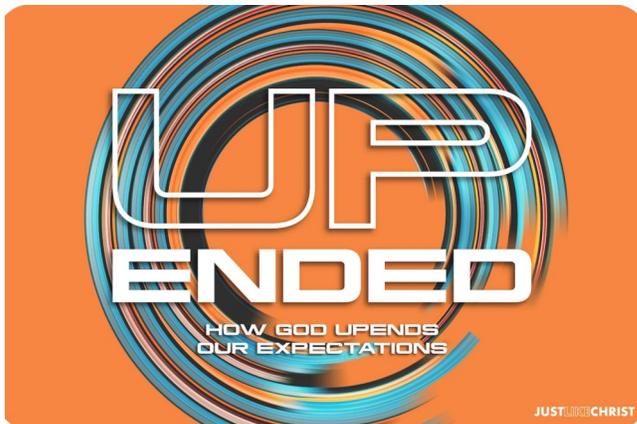
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
ReCharge Youth
6:00 PM-7:00 PM



February flew by!! BUT!!!

Big News! March is going to be a busy month for the youth! Here is what we have going on:

YOUTH GIRLS!~ Join us Saturday March 7th at 9:30 am for the Ladies Jesus Flavored Tea Party! This is a time of fellowship followed by a time of digging into the word!



DNOW Registration is open! Please make sure to have this turned in along with your money BY MARCH 15TH!

This will ensure that you get a t-shirt!

DNOW:

It is finally here, and we are so excited to see what the Lord has planned for this event! All of our small group leaders are so excited to meet every single student that is planning to participate, and we are praying so hard for this event!

When is it?

March 27th-March 29th

What is it?

Disciple Now is a weekend retreat for the youth to spend time outside of a normal Sunday or Wednesday night to dig into God's word! This event includes multiple large and small group sessions, worship, games, prizes and snacks!

What is the theme?

Our theme this year is UPENDED, and our scripture focus is found in Isaiah 55:8-9.

What if everything you thought about life was backwards?

Jesus turns our expectations upside down and shows us what real strength, freedom, and purpose look like.

March 22nd: Youth Parent Meeting! This is the final meeting to finalize details for our upcoming D-NOW Weekend!

English

Our English language can be very confusing. Someone said that it all goes back to the Tower of Babel when the LORD confused the language. (Genesis 11:1-9) A young man was starting to give a speech to his class. He began, "I is." The teacher stopped him and said that we always use "am" after "I." He began again, "I am the ninth letter in the alphabet." Two young boys were discussing their ball games. One said, "Our game ended up two to two." The other boy said, "Our game ended up two to two too." We are told to always follow the letter "a" with "u." What happened to Iraq and Qatar? Why do "fat chance" and "slim change" mean the same thing? Perhaps the following guidelines will help.

1. Don't use a big word where diminutive verbiage will suffice.
2. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
3. Who needs rhetorical questions?
4. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
5. Don't use no double negatives.
6. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
7. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
8. About them sentence fragments.
9. When dangling, watch your participles.
10. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
11. Just between you and I, case is important too.
12. Don't write run-on sentences they are hard to read.
13. Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.
14. Try to not ever split infinitives.
15. Its' important to use your apostrophes' correctly.
16. Proofread your writing to see if you any words out.
17. Corect spelling is esential.

Author unknown

Some people make English more confusing by their instructions. Yogi Berra said, "When you come to the fork in the road – take it." The Bible is clear and not confusing. "... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, . . . just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, . . ." (Matt. 20:26-28) Jesus washed the feet of the disciples displaying His dedication to service. Afterward He asked them, "Do you understand what I have done for you?" (John 13:2-9,13b) If we understand what He has done for us, we will gladly live to serve and honor Him!

Your stewardship committee

**We will have both a Palm Sunday
Choir and an Easter Choir, for March
29th and April 5th services.**

**Rehearsals will be the Wednesdays
prior (March 25th and April 1st) at
7pm!**

**Anyone is welcome and encouraged to
join!**



**The Outreach Committee is
collecting individually wrapped
candy for the Annual MPR
Easter Egg Hunt thru the month
of March. The collection basket
is in the foyer.
See Kathy Reiss
for more info.**



WOMENS MINISTRY

Ladies of Fellowship,

February was a month overflowing with love, creativity, and joyful service. Our craft nights were such a blessing! On the first night, our talented ladies turned Valentine's cards into beautiful handmade boxes. On the second craft night, we filled those boxes with candy and heartfelt care.

Then, on Valentine's Day, a small group of women delivered them to the residents of **Park Place Manor**—and what a sweet impact it made. The residents absolutely loved their boxes. In fact, we had so many that even the staff received some, and it truly brightened their day. Thank you to every woman who crafted, stuffed, delivered, and prayed. You spread Christ's love in such a tangible way.

March Theme: "Spill the Jesus Flavored Tea"

This month, we're gathering for something special—our women's ministry event centered on spiritual growth, patience, and trusting God's timing.

Just like tea needs time to steep, **so do we**. God is working even when we don't see it. He is shaping us, strengthening us, and preparing us every season.

March invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and embrace the place God has us right now. You don't have to rush the process—He is faithful in the waiting.

Event Details

Date: March 7th, 2026 **Fellowship Time:** 9:30–10:00 AM **Event Begins:** 10:00 AM sharp **Ends:** Around 11:30 AM **Dress Code:** Wear your fascinators and a nice dress for some good old-fashioned tea time!

We can't wait to sip, share, and grow together.

Closing Encouragement

As we step into March, remember this: **You are steeping in God's goodness.** Even in the quiet moments, He is at work. Let's walk this month with grace, patience, and expectation for what He is brewing in our lives.

A Personal Invitation from Me

As we continue building a strong, Christ-centered women's ministry, I would love the opportunity to meet with each of you **one-on-one**. My heart is to get to know you better, hear your insights, and learn how our ministry can serve you and support your walk with the Lord.

These conversations aren't formal, they're simply a chance for us to connect, share, and grow together. And just as importantly, it gives you the chance to get to know me as well.

If you'd like to schedule a time, **please call me at 509-770-4396**. I would truly love to visit with you.

With love,



Janine L. Spurrer

Women's Ministry Director

Manly Monthly Challenge:

Isaiah 65:24, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Prayer is not a one sided conversation. Prayer involves speaking and listening. Your challenge this month is to prayerful listen for what the Lord has to say.



For more information:
Contact Lindsey Tyler,
D-Group Leader

D Group meets Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30pm at Fellowship Baptist
Your first session is FREE & \$25 for each session thereafter

Please contact Lindsey Tyler for more information
254-624-5046 or lindseytyler22@gmail.com

Colossians: Humility, Love, and Truth

Colossians Session 2 begins February 19th

Thessalonians: Hope in the Midst of Trials

Thessalonians Session 1 begins April 2nd

Thessalonians Session 2 begins May 14th

Timothy, Titus & Philemon: Letters to Leaders

Timothy, Titus and Philemon Session 1 begins June 25th

Timothy, Titus and Philemon Session 2 begins August 6th

Hebrews: Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Hebrews Session 1 begins September 17th

Hebrews Session 2 begins October 29th



Steve Glaze

Men's Ministry Director



Men's Round Table Night

Friday, March 6th
6:00 PM– 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Saturday, March 28th @ 8:00 AM
Alright guys! Come join us at Sol de Jalisco in Morgans Point for a great time of fellowship, food, and Bible Study together. We'll meet at the restaurant.

Men: We'll be cooking lunch (hamburgers & hotdogs) for the youth DNow at the church Saturday March 28th... need volunteers to help. See Steve for more info or if you would like to help.

FROM THE INREACH COMMITTEE.....



The Committee will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to sign-up to provide finger foods and treats for the Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast. The sign-up sheet (starting March 8th) will have details. If you have any questions, please see Carol Wingo.



MARCH & APRIL FOCUS ON MISSIONS

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



WHY IS THE EASTER OFFERING IS NAMED FOR ANNIE?

In 1895, an offering was first collected for the work of the Home Missions Board. In 1934, this offering was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions to honor the work of Annie Armstrong as a tireless advocate for giving, praying and going to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who did not know him.

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANNIE ARMSTRONG:

* Annie Armstrong was born on July 11, 1850, in Baltimore, Maryland.

From a young age, she went with her mother to the missionary meetings of Woman's Mission to Woman. It was there she developed a heart for missions.

Annie helped plant churches.

Although her family was very wealthy, she had a heart to serve those who lived in poverty and addiction, especially the impoverished who lived in rural areas.

Annie mobilized women to reach beyond the bounds of race by organizing missions to African Americans and Native Americans.

In 1882, Annie helped organize and became the first president of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland.

On May 14, 1888, Annie helped women from 12 states form the Executive Committee of Woman's Missions Societies, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. This organization would officially be named Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1890. She was elected as corresponding secretary.

In 1888, Annie was elected corresponding secretary of the organization and her motto, "Go Forward" was chosen. Annie wrote 100s of letter to raise awareness and promote giving to missions. It was in this year that a foreign missions offering was established to send a missionary to China to relieve Lottie Moon.

Annie Armstrong served WMU until 1906. During that time she never took a salary.

Who Was St. Patrick, and Why Should Christians Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

By [Rachel Dawson](#)

Excerpts taken for article found in Crosswalk



St. Patrick lived his years as a great example for us today. But he didn't live it out simply by "the luck of the Irish," as some may say, for one theme shines through it all: God's Presence and Sovereignty are powerful.

He was an unlikely saint with an extraordinary story (involving pirates-- read on!) yet the Lord became real to him early in his adulthood and changed his life and legacy forever.

St. Patrick shares in writings that he prayed many prayers through the day, and even into the night. He shared these words of his time in captivity, "and the faith grew in me, and the spirit was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night nearly the same, so that whilst in the woods and on the mountain, even before the dawn, I was roused to prayer..."

St. Patrick went on to write prayers many Christians still echo today, and his influence on the world is worth remembering and celebrating.

We can learn much from studying this amazing man's life. It wasn't about leprechauns, 4 leaf clovers, wearing green, or about luck. His life was simply about the amazing Sovereignty and blessing of God, about obedience to His call, about prayer and faithfulness.

May the example of this godly man from years ago, spur us onward even today.

Who Was Saint Patrick?

It is a question whether Patrick was born in Scotland, at a place called Kirkpatrick, near the river Clyde, or in France, near Boulogne. But wherever it may have been, his birth took place about the year 387. His father was a [deacon](#) of the church, his grandfather was a presbyter, and thus Patrick had the opportunities of a religious training from his infancy. He did not, however, use these opportunities so well as he might have done; but it pleased God to bring him to a better mind by the way of affliction.

When Patrick was about sixteen years old, he was carried off by some pirates (or sea-robbers), and was sold to a heathen prince in Ireland, where he was set to keep cattle, and had to bear great hardships.

But "there," says he, "it was that the Lord brought me to a sense of the unbelief of my heart, that I might call my sins to remembrance, and turn with all my heart to the Lord, who regarded my low estate, and, taking pity on my youth and ignorance, watched over me before I knew Him or had sense to discern between good and evil, and counselled me and comforted me as a father does a son. I was employed every day in feeding cattle, and often in the day I used to betake myself to [prayer](#); and the love of God thus grew stronger and stronger, and His faith and fear increased in me, so that in a single day I could utter as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night almost as many, and I used to remain in the woods and on the mountains, and would rise for prayer before daylight, in the midst of snow and ice and rain, and I felt no harm from it, nor was I ever unwilling, because my heart was hot within me. I was not from my childhood a believer in the only God, but continued in death and in unbelief until I was severely chastened; and in truth I have been humbled by hunger and nakedness, and it was my lot to go about in Ireland every day sore against my will, until I was almost worn out. But this proved rather a blessing to me, because by means of it I have been corrected of the Lord, and He has fitted me for being what it once seemed unlikely that I should be, so that I should concern myself about the [salvation](#) of others, whereas I used to have no such thoughts even for myself."

What Was St. Patrick's Theology?

Patrick's story as a bishop to the Irish began oddly: kidnapped by pirates at age 16, he was taken from Britain to Ireland. Sold into slavery, he spent six years as a shepherd. According to Thomas Cahill, he had two constant companions: nakedness and hunger. It was under these harsh conditions that Patrick learned to pray constantly. One night he heard a mysterious voice telling him it was time to leave Ireland, and after walking to a seaport, he miraculously found passage away from Ireland, and eventually, back to Britain.

Because of his captivity, Patrick missed a formal education. He later spent time training for the priesthood, but he lacked the classical training of his contemporaries. As a consequence, when he finally went back to Ireland, he had to rely on skills other than classical oration or philosophical theology to work with the Irish people.

His lack of training became a strength. When he came up against Druidic shaman and pagan kings, it was Patrick's [prayer](#) life that impressed them and not his rhetorical skill.

Patrick's belief that all the world belonged to God became part of his power. An example of his confidence in God's world was his legendary use of nature to teach about the Holy Trinity. According to legend, Patrick would take up a three-leaf clover and ask, "Does it have one leaf or three?" Those listening would respond, "both." Patrick then explained, "And so it is with the Trinity - Father, Son, and Spirit are one God. Three persons in one."

Patrick's ability to see God in nature paralleled both Paul and the Psalmist. In Romans chapter one, Paul declared that God provided the world with knowledge about Himself through His creation. Attributed to David, [Psalm 19](#) proclaimed that the sun's movement through the heavens declared God's glory.

Patrick's practical emphasis on the Trinity extended beyond the shamrock. During the 19th century, a 10th century manuscript translation in Dublin included a hymn called "[St. Patrick's Breastplate](#)." Though it was impossible to tell if Patrick actually wrote the hymn, he still received credit for it.

What St. Patrick's Life Reminds Us

***We can trust God with our days.** "My times are in your hands..." [Ps. 31:15](#)

***We can trust that He will bring purpose through even the darkest of times.** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." [Rom. 8:28](#)

***We can trust His Sovereignty and Power over all.** "For you bless the [righteous](#), O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield." [Ps. 5:12](#)

***We can be assured God's presence is always with us and His plans for us are good.** "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly." [Ps. 84:11](#)

Fellowship has always been at the heart of our church. That is one of the reasons why 1 John 1:3 is our church verse, which says, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." Our fellowship is first and foremost with God, our Lord and Savior. We wish to see everyone grow in their relationship with Him. We also desire to see the lost come to faith in Jesus and become a part of this wonderful church family.

My hope and prayer is that everything we do as a church family would be for the glory of our Lord. That includes using this church directory to honor Him. May you use this directory to help you become better acquainted with our church family so that we may grow together in our fellowship. May God bless you and keep you.

Your Pastor,
Jeremy Franks

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FELLOWSHIP DEACON BODY



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Check out our website

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www.fellowshipbcmpr.org

Online Services

Please join us Sundays
on Facebook or YouTube



Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:15 AM—10:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Service

Wednesday

6:00 PM—7:00 PM
Fellowship Kids on Mission
Youth ReCharge