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NOVEMBER 15 - 21

November Memory Verse

The day is Yours, and Yours also the night; You established the sun and moon. It was You who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

Psalm 74:16-17 (NIV84)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Chris Teague
- Family of Janice Adams
- Family of Erie Winkler
- Steve Holland
- Opportunities to serve our community
- Unspoken requests
- Bible Study Leaders
- New Bible Study Opportunities
- Guidance for reopening our Church Building
- Deacons as they minister to our families
- Trustees as they care for our building and property
- New Ministry Opportunities
- Kim Lewis
- Nancy Jordan
- Reagan Martin
- A Learning Place
- COVID-19 patients
- Tamara, Robert, and Nolyn Rook
- Residents, staff and families of Foley Center
- Residents, staff and families of Glenbridge
- Kate Greene
- David and Gretchen Lewis
- Marie Cole
- Our Country and Our Leaders
- Parents, Teachers, Students, and Administrators
- Health Care Workers

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

Maybe it is too early to talk about Spring in the middle of November. Maybe it seems too far away. Yet, we know that after every Winter, there comes a Spring. It is the order and design of God Almighty. Spiritually, that order seems to come true as well. Just as the long days of Winter eventually turn into bright, blooming days of Spring, we can be assured it will happen in our spiritual lives as well. Perhaps, you like me, long for the Spring already. Perhaps you need a fresh bloom in your life just now. Often what is planted now blooms in the Spring. Sunday we will go deeper as we Celebrate the Seasons of Life and look into the idea of Spring. We will study that beautiful passage from Psalm 1:1-3 and of course several others as well. I hope you will join me at 10:45 on Facebook Live.

You are loved, valued and appreciated!
Pastor Mitch

Blessed is the Man

who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly... but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

PSALM 1:1-3 NKJV



ANNOUNCEMENTS

And Church Family Updates

Our church extends deepest sympathy to the family of Janice Adams who passed away on November 6. Your prayer support is much needed and appreciated.

Our church also extends deepest sympathy to Georgia Jones and her family following the death of her sister, Erie Winkler. Your prayer support is much needed and appreciated.

Join us for Sunday School on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/881889011>
 Meeting ID: 881 889 011

Join us for Wednesday Night Prayer and Praise
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7337868850>
 Or call 1-301-715-8592
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November 16: Gordon Noble
 Michele Lee

November 19: Paityn Roark
 Pat Maddux

November 20: Robert Rook
 Gary and Donna Lindabury

November 21: Jay and Sondra Styles



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Pastor Brittany Jackson

Spring Word Search

C H I C K E J U N E G R W O W
 H P U D D L E M A P R I L H S
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| BASEBALL | GREEN | PUDDLE |
| BLOOM | GROW | RAINBOW |
| BUNNY | HATCH | RAINCOAT |
| BUTTERFLY | JUNE | SEEDS |
| CHICK | MARCH | SHOWERS |
| EASTER | MAY | SPRING |
| EGGS | NEST | UMBRELLA |



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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Our Sunday School Outline for November 15, 2020, **“Confident Love” is from 1 John 3:11-24**

Our Lesson Focus: **Trusting Jesus transforms us from haters into lovers.**

This week’s lesson focuses on the transformation that happens when we put our trust in Jesus—who loves us with a deep and enduring love. We can be confident of His love for us! Life changes when a person repents and follows Christ. Until the love of God is working in us, we can’t offer genuine hope to another. John wrote the letter we call 1 John in response to the false teachers who had infiltrated the early churches. They may have been teaching an early form of Gnosticism. These heretics apparently downplayed the importance of Jesus’ command in John 13:34 that His disciples “love one another.” Brotherly love as mentioned in 1 John 2:7-11 shows that a believer is walking in the light of God’s Word and that we truly belong to the Lord. Jesus works in the hearts of His own and our love for fellow believers is the result of saving faith.

*Is it natural for us to love those who have wronged us?

*Why do we need to experience Jesus’ love before demonstrating unconditional love toward others?

*How can our practice of loving unconditionally make a difference in the world?

Our first scripture reading: **Proof of Life is from 1 John 3:11-15**

*How does our behavior stir up hatred on the part of the world?

*How can we know that we have passed from spiritual death to true life in Christ?

Our second scripture reading: **Sacrificial Love is from 1 John 3:16-18**

*What does it truly mean to love one another?

Our third scripture reading: **Confident Hearts is from 1 John 3:19-24**

*What could have caused the hearts of John’s readers to condemn them unnecessarily?

*What is the cure for hearts that condemn us?

Depending on the translation you read, you will see the phrase “love one another” used about 12 times in the New Testament.

Our last story – **A Different Heart** – tells us of a young man whose heart raged with anger every time he heard the words “father” or “dad” because of how his own father had treated his family. Later this young man realized that quite a number of people in church really had a relationship with God through Jesus and was led by the pastor to invite Jesus into his life. This young man came to realize that his heart was filled with hatred for his father so, he prayed for a changed heart. It was later after returning home and seeing the change in his father that he felt God’s love building in his own heart towards his father. Loving others isn’t an option, but a command. We need to be able to demonstrate Jesus’ love to others. The Holy Spirit helps us do just that by empowering us to love that difficult person in our lives.

*Why is it impossible to turn our hatred to love in our own strength?

*How does accepting Jesus and His unconditional love enable us to love those we hate?

*What role does prayer play in changing our hearts?

*Is there someone you need Jesus to give you unconditional love for?

When we trust Him for the forgiveness of our sins, we trust all He represents to accomplish His saving purposes in us and through us. The emphasis is not on what we know at the time, but on Jesus’ love, mercy, and grace for us. Our salvation depends on Jesus and His character, not on us.

WEEKLY DEVOTION

City of Refuge

A friend reminded me this week that several years ago I talked about "City of Refuge" prior to our Sunday morning prayer time. In Deuteronomy 4:41-43, it talks about cities of refuge being established where those that had killed a person or unintentionally killed a neighbor could flee. Not only does it say they could flee to these cities, but by doing so it would save their life.

In contemplating the city of refuge, it reminded me that God is my refuge and strength. Our God is our city of refuge. Not because we have done something wrong, but because we run to Him in times of trouble. My friend reminded me that I said, "God gives us His city of Refuge to flee to when we've been falsely accused, maligned, hurt, stabbed in the back." I will add to that now, we can flee to Him in days of hurt, pain or torment due to a health issue. We can flee to Him, when we need a friend that is closer than any other. We can run to Him, when everything that we have worked for falls apart, when relationships fail, when finances are stretched to the brink. The list could go on and on.



The Psalms are full of verses about taking refuge in God. Here are a few of my favorites (all from NIV84):

- Psalm 5:11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.
- Psalm 9:9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
- Psalm 16:1 Keep me safe, O God, for in You I take refuge.
- Psalm 18: 1-2 I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- Psalm 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.
- Psalm 71:1 In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- Psalm 144:2 He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.

Do you need some refuge from the troubles, hardships, and strife of your life? Run to your Mighty God. Take refuge in Him. He is there waiting with arms open wide. Feel His embrace. Feel His love. Experience His comfort and strength. You will not regret that you did!

Blessings,
Sara