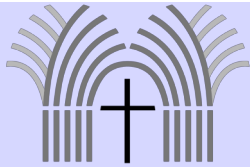




THE CHALLENGER

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JANUARY 2012



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**“EMBRACE
THE PAST -
ENGAGE THE
FUTURE”**

**Please continue to pray for
God’s clear leadership for
the future of our church.**

YTD GIVING REPORT

YTD Giving \$454,062.44
YTD Need 458,836.56

BEHIND in Giving for the year
\$ 4774.12

Attendance Report for Dec.

Morning Worship Ave. 310
Sunday School Ave. 220

FIRST TRIP IN THE NEW VAN & TRAILER



Pastor Josh, Alan & Kathy Hitz, Crystal & Bob Smith, and 15 youth leave to go to InDepth in the new church van. Please be in prayer for safe travel, and that God will speak to these youth at this conference. Pray that lives will be changed.

**BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 4:00 PM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

News and Notes

Pastor Bob, Pastor Rob, Pastor Josh, Shelly, Mariaan, and Charlene would like to thank you for the generous Christmas love offering. We are blessed to serve along side each and every one of you.

Happy New Year!!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you all for the love, encouragement, and support that we have received since Pastor Appreciation Month in October and extending into the holidays. We are so blessed to be working with such a wonderful church family. May God bless you all this New Year! We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for the life of our church during the coming year.

In His Love,
Josh, Bethany, and Ellie

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

The Connections Committee would like to thank all the ladies that helped or attended the "Set I Free" Christmas Party. It was a great success. I hope you all enjoyed it and learned a little more about the issue of human trafficking. Now the question arises, where do we go from here? This is what our committee will be challenged to decide. If any of you would like to get involved with this issue in any way, please contact me. I have already had one lady ask about this so that is very encouraging.

We are hoping to get another Bible study started soon. I am looking for women who feel God is leading them to lead a study. We would like to offer a study on Wednesday mornings as well as an evening study for women that work. If you are interested, please contact me.

Lastly, a new year is upon us. Where do your thoughts take you? What do you long for? Where can it be found? In spite of what the world teaches us, climbing higher on the ladder to success, trying to become "somebody" is not how we attain joy or receive God's gifts. Humility grows gratitude and gratitude yields joy. Matthew 18:4 says, "anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." F.B. Myer says,

"I use to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other, and the taller we grew in Christian character the easier we should reach them. I find now that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other, and that is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower, and that we have to go down, always down, to get his best gifts."¹

"Humility is the only posture that can receive the grace gifts of God."² Learn to decrease and let God increase. (John 3:30) Wow! Can we really do that? How about that for a challenge in 2012?

May all of you be transformed by Him in the year ahead. Thank you for allowing me to serve with you in this women's ministry. Have a blessed year!
Julie Bohn

¹ "The Cultivation of Humility" by GBF Hallock
² "A Thousand Gifts" by Ann VosKamp

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

	9:30	10:45
Jan.		
1	Bethany Monhollon	Bethany Monhollon
8	Tami Morse	Karen Eck
15	Kristi Winsor	Amanda Harbour
22	Marina Pohl	Heather Adigun
29	Jaime Moyer	Megan Millan

Please find your own replacement if you cannot make your scheduled time. Please contact Bethany Monhollon if you have any questions or concerns.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Ray and Marie Bakshandeh will be here to share how God is working among the Muslims. Lunch will be provided after the service. The whole church family is encouraged to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, fellowship, and pray together as partners with Ray and Marie.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

AWANA WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 8 FROM 5-7 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 IS BACKWARDS DAY. SO WEAR YOUR CLOTHES BACKWARDS.

LEGACY STUDENT MINISTRY



Sunday Mornings

StudentLife classes begin @ 9:45am. Breakfast will be served every 1st and 3rd Sunday

Sunday Nights

Legacy Youth—The END: Study of Revelation starts @ 6pm in Youth Room

Wednesday Nights

Collide: Cults & Religions starts @ 7pm in Youth Room



Broomball

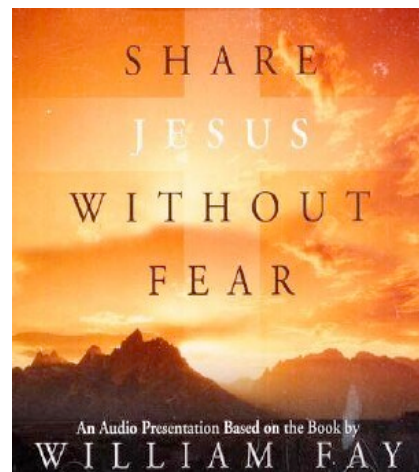
Sunday, Jan. 22 @ 6pm
Wichita Ice Center Cost is \$10
Bring \$ for Dinner
Depart Church @ 4:30pm
Return @ 9pm



Save the Date:

World Changers Mission Trip

Gallup, NM 6/18-23
Cost: \$249
\$50 Deposit Due by Jan. 8
More Info located outside Youth Room
Doors



Share Jesus Without Fear 4 Students
Starts Wednesday, Jan. 4 @ 7pm



Parents and Teenagers - Stay up to date on what's happening in the Student Ministry by becoming a fan of the Legacy Student Ministry page on Facebook



January Highlights

- Jan. 2 Church Office Closed
- Jan. 8 Business Mtg 4 pm
- Jan. 9 Missions Team Meeting @ 7 pm
- Jan. 10 Sunday School Training Meeting @ 7 pm
- Jan. 11 Wed. Night Meals Resume
- Jan. 15 Deacons Meeting @ 7:15
- Jan. 16 Church Council @ 7 pm
- Jan. 21 Heart 2 Heart 10-2

Regular Service Times:

Sunday Morning:

Worship Service.....8:30
Sunday School.....9:45
Worship Service.....11:00

Sunday Evening:

AWANA.....5:00
Youth.....6:00
Christian Challenge.....7:30

Wednesday Evening:

Fellowship Meal and Body Life.....5:30
Praise & Worship Practice.....6:30
Youth.....7:00

If you have anything you want in the February newsletter, please have it to the church office by Jan. 15. Thanks!!

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Sunday School Classes

Our Sunday School classes are one of the best ways for you to get involved and grow! This is a great opportunity for you to get to know folks and learn more about the God we serve.

We have classes for all ages and stages of life. Come on and check one out!

Use these ages as a general guideline:

- Adult 1 – 20’s Terry Clarkson Room E1-2
- Adult 2 – 30’s Herb McPherson Room W3
- Adult 3 – 40’s Scott Morse Room Meeting at PCC
- Adult 4 – 50’s Jerry Bohn Room Meeting at PCC
- Adult 5 – 60’s John Swindler Room E3-4
- Adult 6 – 70’s Walt Rosenbaum Room W2
- Adult 7 – 80+ Bill Hunter Room W1
- Adult 8 - Richard Drake meets in Sanctuary

There is no better way to get connected than through the Sunday School classes.

There are Sunday School Classes for children in the Children’s Wing.

"Please pray for the Personnel Team as they begin the search for our new Worship and Education Pastor. The team consists of Mark Crump, Ron Hill, Marcia Campbell and Terry Clarkson. If you have names of candidates you think should be considered, please have them mail or email their resume to the church."