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THANK YOU to all of you who signed up! There will be a new sheet out for January 2022. Call Bonnie if you are interested at 786-1594 or sign up in the narthex.

December 5- Jeremy & Wendy Poteet
December 12- Bob & Cathy Stevens
December 19- Joe & Joann Schnellbach
December 26- Dick & Sue Poteet

From The Pastor's Desk

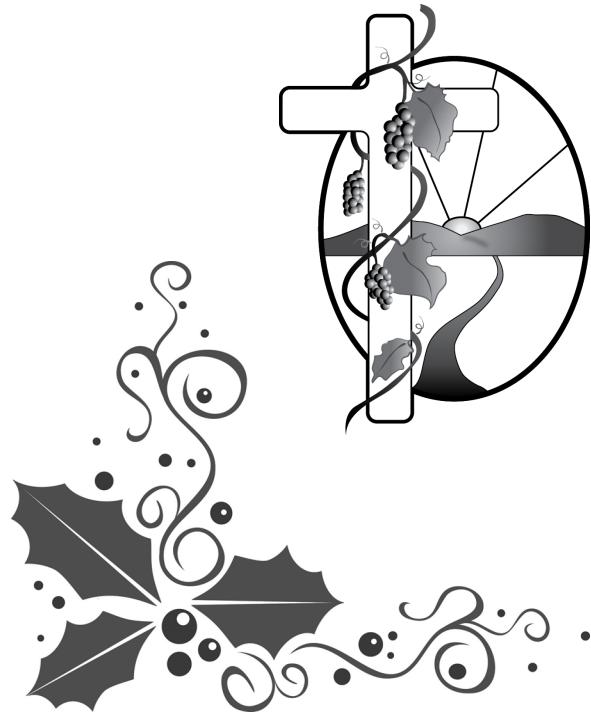
We have jumped into Advent! This past Sunday folks heard and saw the message of "God with Us" in a variety of creative ways. Stay tuned. There is more to come. The Advent season will culminate with our Christmas Eve service. One of the best times of year to invite a friend. Pray about it... please.

On the other side of Christmas, we also have some significant things happening in our lives together as a church family. First, during January we have arranged for several guest speakers to address issues around end-of-life planning. As followers of Jesus, we trust the Lord with our eternity – the Hope of the Resurrection. This means that we can face the end of our time here with calm assurance and confidence. We don't need to pretend it won't happen or ignore it. In fact, planning for this can be a great gift to those we love and a powerful witness to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As a pastor I can tell you that it is so much better for those you love and the work of the Kingdom when thoughtful and prayerful preparation has taken place. Check out the detailed information inside and put it on your calendars. You won't regret it.

The second thing in January is our annual stewardship emphasis. This is a time in our city, nation, and world when the hope found in Jesus Christ is desperately needed. Keeping our ministries strong through our work and resources is vital. This year may be more important than most because the last two years have been anything but "normal." We, as leaders, recognized that a pandemic and an economic crisis could be financially difficult for many in our church family. Accordingly, we chose to not put as strong of an emphasis on giving. Many of you continued to be generous and some went above and beyond to help make up for others who may be struggling. Thank you! Our ministries remained solid, but the pandemic and the economic crisis did have an effect. We, like most churches and businesses, received PPP funding which have since been forgiven. Your generosity supplemented by the extra funding helped us to stay the course and we are grateful. However, this coming year we will not be able to rely on those loans. As you listen for the Lord's voice concerning the resources he provided, I trust you will keep all this in mind. Our theme this year is "The Heart of Giving." We will look at how giving, saving, and earning are matters of the heart; expressions of our love for God and neighbor. As always, we will not be pressuring anyone, but we will look honestly at what God's word has to say and trust in the Holy Spirit's leading.

Blessings,
Pastor Paul Fredericks

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Pastor Jacki McNair

Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



Hope of the Resurrection ~ January 2022

"Spiritual, Financial and End of Life Planning"

Whether we are at the stage of life starting our careers and families or transitioning to the sunset of life, planning for the future will bring comfort to you and your family. Our church will host you and others in our community for a series of spiritual, financial and end of life planning seminars entitled "Hope of the Resurrection". The seminars will be held here and will begin the first Thursday in January. Seminars start at 7pm and are estimated to be 1 hour in length. Masks are encouraged indoors. Nursery care will be available.

Topics, dates, and presenters for the seminars are as follows:

Thursday, January 6 @7p

Topics: Planning for the Funeral Arrangements, Memorial Service & more
Presenters: Carlen, Funeral Home Director & Pastor Paul

Thursday, January 13 @ 7p

Topics: Estate Planning (covers pensions/retirement benefits, investments, savings and checking accounts), Life and Long-term Care Insurance & more

Presenter: Evan Tidball, Financial Advisor: Edward Jones

Thursday, January 20 @ 7p

Topics: Last Will & Testament, Living Trust, Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney for Finances/Medical, Medicare and Medicaid, & more

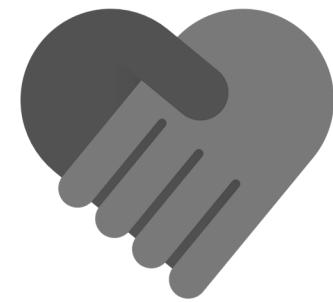
Presenter: Thomas Heye, Attorney: Walker Heye Attorneys

Thursday, January 27 @ 7p

Topics: Five Wishes: Health Care Agent, Medical Treatment (Wants and Don't Wants), Wish for My Comfort, Wish for How I Want Treated & What I Want My Loved Ones to Know. Hospice Care

Presenters: Wendy Van Klinken, Licensed Practical Nurse: Chaplaincy Healthcare & Alison Bestebreur, RN: PSD

No charge but a donation basket will be available. You can attend all four or come to the ones you need more information about.



The Heart of Giving ~ Stewardship Emphasis
Sunday, January 9-January 30

We will look at how giving, saving, and earning are matters of the heart; expressions of our love for God and neighbor.

As we near the end of 2021 we are grateful for your faithful giving! Together with your brothers and sisters at Covenant Presbyterian Church we have given a total of \$204,556.00 (through the end of October) and have also received \$46,619.00 in PPP funds (explained in the next paragraph) totaling \$251,175.00 for the ministry and mission of Jesus in our valley and beyond. Our actual expenses for this period are \$238,537.86. As this reflects a surplus please keep in mind this is largely due to receiving PPP funds. We are thankful as God continues to provide.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provided funding to small businesses and non-profit businesses through the SBA (Small Business Association) during the pandemic. We were approved and received \$46,619 and these funds were used for payroll and utilities in compliance with the SBA. We have been approved through our lender & the SBA for 100% forgiveness of these funds.



January-November 2021

Actual Income: \$270,715.00*
Actual Expenses: -\$264,880.81
\$ 5,834.19

*includes two pledges fulfilled for the year and funding from the PPP (\$46,619)-see above.

RENOVATE

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020):
\$432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled)

RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):

Total Recv'd: \$74,473.00

LOAN BALANCE 10/30/21: \$167,254.51



God With Us invitations are available in the weekly bulletin or in the narthex. Please pray about inviting someone to our special Christmas services leading up to Christmas as well as our Christmas Eve service.



Christmas Food Boxes & Giving Tree

What is the giving tree? For each member (79 people) of the thirteen families we have a gift tag hanging on the tree that has their specific needs listed. We ask that you "sign" out your tags and return them to the church wrapped and with the tag on top by Tuesday, December 14.

If you do not feel comfortable gift shopping but want to take a tag we can help with the shopping! Reach out to Bonnie at 786-1594.

We will need 13 people and a partner (we don't want anyone going by themselves) to be willing to deliver Christmas gifts to each of these families on **Sunday, December 19 at 11:30am**. If you are interested please sign up at church or call/text Bonnie. We will have clear and exact directions for you.

We are also accepting monetary donations to help purchase groceries for the Christmas holiday. We normally spend \$125-\$150 on each family. Please write "food boxes" in the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

Please keep these families in your prayers, thank you & Merry Christmas!

PROMISELAND



THE BEST HOUR OF EVERY KID'S WEEK!

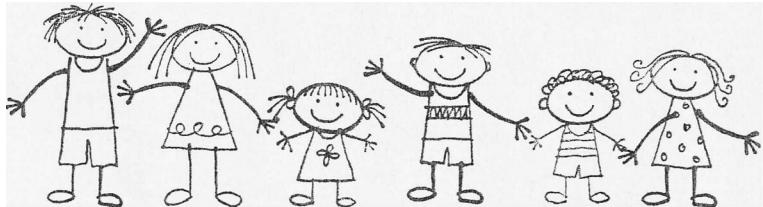
For children Kinder -5th grade

Please join the Promiseland Team as we explore the Book of Genesis!

Youth Group

Wednesday's 5:30-7:30p

dinner, Bible study, friends, fun, and ...



MARKET STREET KIDS

Market Street Kids, our mid-week ministry for kids Kinder-5th grade

Wednesday's* *4:30-6:30p

Come join us for Worship, Large Group Bible Time, Small Group Teaching, and family style dinner!

YEAR-END
GIVING

As we close out 2021 we want to share a few tax benefit opportunities. As a reminder your year end giving needs to be postmarked or dropped off at the church office by December 31 for it to be reflected on your 2021 giving statement.

RMD's

A **required minimum distribution** (RMD) is the amount of money that must be withdrawn from an employer-sponsored retirement plan, traditional IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE individual retirement account (IRA) by owners and qualified retirement plan participants of retirement age.

Another reason to get your charitable contributions in by the end of the year due to the extension of the CARES Act:

For single filers who do not itemize you will be eligible for a \$300 above the line deduction for cash charitable contributions made in 2021; or if you are married filing joint and do not itemize you would be eligible for \$600 above the line deduction for cash charitable contributions.

Individual taxpayers who itemize tax deductions and who contribute cash to a public charity, or a limited number of private foundations, may deduct up to 100 percent of their adjusted gross income after taking into account other contributions subject to charitable contribution limitations.

Please talk with your financial advisor or accountant.
THANK YOU!

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Advent Schedule:

Special Christmas Services: Sunday's, November 28-December 19 at 10am
Christmas Eve Service, Friday, December 24 at 5pm



God With Us daily devotional book is available in the narthex. We encourage you to pick one up as this is a great way to begin your day, start a meal with, or right before bed.



Thank you for your generous donations to help purchase groceries for the Whitstran families for Thanksgiving!

Thank you to all who have served as ushers, greeters, and coffee hour hosts. These are important ministries in the life of our church.



Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that is offering Wellness classes here at the church. She focuses on Geriatric wellness, fitness, strength, and general well-being. Classes are Monday & Thursday at 11am; \$5 each class. You may attend twice at no charge to see if this is something you would benefit from. Please call Cheri if you are interested at 816-510-5025.



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Twitter: @PCovenantPres
Church website: www.prosserpres.org
Find us on Facebook too!

TOGETHER IN
Prayer

Jojo's Sanctuary

www.jojosthailand.org

find them on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram

Heather is originally from Prosser and has been doing anti-trafficking work in Thailand since 2011, first as a program coordinator for Taw Saeng, an after school program, and then as a case manager for child victims of abuse and trafficking with HUG Project. Heather is passionate about fighting injustice in whatever form it may take.

Covenant Presbyterian Church has had the pleasure of coming along side Heather. She has done minute for missions here at our church several times and we have supported her financially for many years.

Heather shared with our Session several months ago about a young boy, Isaac, who needs to have major spinal surgery. Due to his non-resident status there is no assistance for the surgery and his family does not have adequate funds. Session has earmarked funds to help towards the surgery but more will be needed. The current estimate for surgery is coming in at \$5000. We are working on setting up a gofundme page for his surgery and we will let you know when it's ready.

Heather plays a major role in making sure this surgery takes place by visiting the family, going to his doctors appointments, and helping with paperwork. Isaac's surgery will have an amazing impact on his life!

Please keep Isaac and his family in your prayers and we are grateful to Heather and her ministry for allowing us to be a part of Isaac's journey.

December Birthdays:

12/01 Wyatt York

12/01 Alisa Groenen

12/02 Jacki McNair

12/04 Chris Friberg

12/05 Jeremy Poteet

12/05 Casey Jensen

12/05 Sadie Andrews

12/07 Abby Jensen

12/10 Cathy Stevens

12/15 Wilma Martin

12/18 Randy Taylor

12/19 Chris McNair

12/23 Sofia Martinez

12/23 Olivia Jensen

12/24 Don McFerran

12/24 Kelsey Rollinger

12/28 Adrienne Rainer

12/28 Dennis Pleasant

12/28 Danielle Weaver

12/29 Greg Robertson

12/29 Lois Lyon

12/29 Abby Fitzgerald

12/30 Robin Humberstad

January Birthdays:

1/02 Carl Moore

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Market Street Kids 430-630p Youth Group	11a Wellness Class		
5 ADVENT	6	7	8	9	10	11
10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 4p Bonnie's Small Group	Market Street Kids 430-630p Youth Group 530-730p	11a Wellness Class		
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
9a Deacons Mtg 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 4p Bonnie's Small Group		11a Wellness Class		

December Anniversaries:

12/21 Phil & Karen Bell

