

THE HAPPENING

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Praise be to God our Father, God the Son (our Savior and Lord, Jesus

Christ) and God the Spirit (guiding, leading and indwelling). He is good, all the time! He has been faithful throughout the past year, no doubt, and I am confident that He will continue to be faithful in the year to come.

My primary duties as interim and, now, bi-vocational pastor have given me the opportunity to utilize the gifts (preaching and teaching) that the Spirit has so graciously given. I have enjoyed the time of

Bible Study on Wednesday nights and the deep exploration of the Word of God. Discussions have been lively, at times, challenging, but always encouraging. We have covered subjects such as prayer, spiritual gifts, Advent, the Old Testament and Letter to the Church by Francis Chan. We are still in the Chan book and would invite you to join us on Wednesday Nights at



7pm. It has been pure joy, co-teaching with Amy Dermen. It has been a wonderful opportunity to allow another person to take the lead 😊!

Preaching, over the past year, has covered topics such as Stewardship, the tenets of the ECC, fruits of the Spirit, and now Leadership in the church. I appreciate the gift of

the Parallel Bible, given by you all during the Installation, and believe that it has richly enhanced my weekly study of the Word. I pray that you are all strengthened and challenged by the Word of God delivered on Sunday mornings. I am far from perfect, nor eloquent, but God has been faithful, each week! Amen!



I am excited about the opportunity to take two of our tweens (12- year old students) through the Confirmation literature. I ask that you pray, with me, that they both would develop an even deeper love for God and the Word. May our time together glorify God and challenge us to better serve and worship Him with all our lives.

So many other opportunities this

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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS



Duane Cantrell
Deacon

If you were to ask me to describe where the Deacons are at this particular point in time, I think I'd come up with an image similar to

that of a sprinter in the starting blocks at the start of a race. Like a sprinter we have been in "training". The training we have been participating in involves meetings and discussions about how we can make our Angel Tree project as successful as we possibly can.

We are now ready to put that

"training" into action.

I know those of you who expressed an interest are ready to get moving on this and I'm happy to tell you that you can anticipate getting some detailed information in early November. We received our lists of Angel Tree participants just yester-

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year for ministry, such as leading Worship at the Ladies Retreat, taking meals to Serve City/ Chosen in partnership with the elders, teaching at the Leadership Retreat, coordinating Christmas Eve Service, and writing Nicole’s Notes for the Newsletter. It has been a pleasure and I anticipate more opportunities in the coming year. Been thinking about a

blog...please pray with me about this possible opportunity.

I ask that everyone be in prayer for the newly formed Worship Committee. These individuals are ones who have been coordinating the services for some time, but now are going to be meeting on a regular basis, praying and preparing. It is no small task, to be sure, so keep lifting them up to God.

Keeping this short and sweet 😊! I thank you for being a church who desires to be led by God and His Spirit. Thank you for being partners in ministry.

May the Lord bless you and keep you! May He make His face shine upon you and give you peace! (Nicole Thomas paraphrase of Numbers 6:24-26)

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day (10/22). I’m not ashamed to confess that I got a little teary eyed to think of these children, the majority of which were 10 years old or younger, who not only have to cope with not having a parent to celebrate Christmas with but who also have to deal with the stigma of having a parent who is not there because they’re in prison. It made me more determined than ever to make the two or three hours we get to spend with them as special as

possible. I’m sure you are as committed to that idea as we, your Deacons are.



Definitely put this date on your calendar.... our Angel Tree Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 14th from 2-4:00 PM.

Just for the sake of full disclosure, keep in mind that due to the possibility of instability in the home environment, we may have to display some flexibility insofar as how we engage some participants. We

can deal with those issues as they present themselves.

In the VERY NEAR future, one of your Deacons will be contacting you if you volunteered to sponsor a child and will provide you with all of the details you need to begin the process of selecting a gift for your Angel Tree child.

Thanks for your goodness Redeemer!

Ready! Set! Go... “into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15.

Happening in November

November 2 – Movie Night, “Aladdin”

November 3 – Communion (Daylight Saving Time Change)

November 17 – Church-wide “Thanksgiving Dinner” at Chosen (Serve City)

November 21 – Go-Getters at 11:00 a.m.

November 30 – Hanging of the Greens, 9 a.m. - 12 noon



- Seven Kearns..... Nov.16
- Katherine Beyerlein Nov.19
- Bill Phillips Nov.21
- Jack Dermen..... Nov.24
- Becky Taylor..... Nov.26
- Carrie Defevers Nov.27
- Evelyn Warner Nov.30



- Dan & Bev Childs..... Nov. 3
- Ronald & Gloria Spurlock Nov. 26
- Bill & Rose Marie Stiehl..... Nov. 26



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