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The Flame



NOVEMBER

We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

THE IDOLATRY OF BUSY-NESS

I've just returned from a wonderful trip to Ohio. On the trip we visited Melissa's grandmother and uncle, residents of Ohio. I also had the privilege to visit the church that sent me into ministry back in 2004, First Wayne Street UMC in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Also, I attended the National Conference of the Federation of Fire Chaplains which was held this year in Toledo.

We have many sayings among chaplains, but one of my favorites is, "Don't just do something; STAND THERE!" So often, we want to take action to fix things and make things right. Often the answer or solution seems blatantly obvious. We are trained, experienced, and knowledgeable. If only the people we were helping would do what we told them to, their life would be so much better.

The real, hard truth, though, is that my answer and solution might not be God's solution for the person I'm helping. My answer comes from my perspective and my experiences, and it may or may not be the right solution. As a representative of God, my work as a chaplain is to stand there, to listen, and to care. My job is to provide space for the holy work of God, but not to do the work for the person I am called to help.

Sometimes in the church we can get so busy trying to solve our problems that we fail to make space for the holy work of God. We can become human "doings" rather than human beings. As we try to solve problems from the knowledge and experience we have, we miss out on the love and life God has for us even though we are trying to do good. The good work becomes the enemy of the best opportunities God will only reveal to us if we devote time and energy to pray, listen, and discern.

So it is in the Bible with Mary and Martha, with Martha working hard to cook and clean while Mary sits at Jesus's feet. Jesus tells Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

As a church, may we intentionally seek the "better part" that Jesus describes. May we seek to know and follow Jesus, the gift and relationship that will never run out. May we not seek to store up treasures that will run out, wear out, or rust. May we do God's will and lead others to the greatest treasure of all – a life knowing, celebrating, and living into the love of God.

Pastor David

give thanks with a grateful heart. give

thanksgiving day comes, by statute, once a year. to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. -edward sandford martin

thanks to the holy one.

thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action. -w.j. cameron

happy

{thanksgiving}

thanksgiving day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men, but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude.

PRAISE GOD EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS DOING. -e.p. powell

UNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS DOING. -HENRY JACOBSEN

we give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

thanksgiving comes to us out of the prehistoric dimness, universal to all ages and all faiths. at whatever straws we must grasp, there is always a time for gratitude and new beginnings. -j. robert moskin

thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day. -robert caspar

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enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. for the Lord is good. -psalm 100:4-5

if the only prayer you said in your whole life was 'thank you,' that would suffice. -meister eckhart

as we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

john fitzgerald kennedy



PRAYER WARRIORS

Please be in prayer for each of these on our continuing prayer list. If you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth at 869-4842 or the church office, 865-9334.

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| Pastor David & Family | Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store | Lynn Schultz | Erma Ward |
| Karel & Martha Pekarek | Don & Peggy Gleichman | Sharon Ramirez | Dorothy Marta Mike Heppler |
| Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello | Marj West | Cure for Cancer | Eva Timmons J'Amy Creel |
| Jim Kubisak | Janette Baughman | 5 year old Diego | Jim & Melba Derossett Larry Hardy |
| Joleen Baughman | Karen Fastnacht | Nate Meyer | USA Leaders Larry Huff |
| Michael Garrison | Terry & Cheryl Huber | Our Freedom | Richard & Linda Darnell Lori Buvinghausen |
| All Caregivers | Anne Cassidy-Vigil | All military & their families | Randy Ward Dennie Miller |
| Pauline Taylor | Mike Romero | Chris Knox | Bill Lynch Debbie Hester-Rael USA Leaders |



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Memorial Library

Our Church Library is open every Sunday morning or by calling the church office. Stop by and choose a book!!!

38th
**HOLIDAY
BAZAAR**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Invite your friends, family
& neighbors!!!**

**United Methodist Men will be
selling burritos, & drinks, too!!**

Crafty Ladies are in the last days preparing for the Bazaar. If you can, please come help out on Tuesday/Wednesday, November 1st and 2nd from 9:00 am to about 2 pm. We can also use your help during the week prior to the Bazaar to set up (Nov 14-17th).

If you are baking for the Bazaar, we **THANK YOU!!!**. Please bring your baked goods on Thursday, November 17th. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 18th & 19th!!



The 2016 bell ringing campaign will be starting soon. We look forward to having a kettle at the Women's Holiday Bazaar, then at Smith's and Walmart. Letters are going to Smith's and Walmart to determine when we can start "Manning the Kettles".

Look for us in the Narthex; sign-up sheets are coming soon. If you have any questions, you can contact: Wayne Sharp 505-620-8042 or Lanna Sharp 505-615-8042.

**Tuesday, November 8th is the next date
for Mary Circle/UMW to Meet!**

Please join us at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall for prayer, coffee, fellowship and a bit of United Methodist Women business!



Hymn History

We Gather Together-1597

“So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.” Psalm 102:15

Those who have visited the Netherlands, with its picturesque dikes and windmills, may be unaware of the terrific struggle for religious freedom that took place there in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. In 1555, the Low Country was given to King Philip II of Spain by his father,

Emperor Charles V of Germany. Philip was an arch-Catholic, but the winds of Calvinistic Reformation had reached the Netherlands. Roman Catholic churches were plundered, and the authority of Spain was resisted. In 1557, King Philip sent the dreaded Duke of Alba (Fernando Alvarez de Toledo) to bring the Netherlands back into the pope's fold. He established a reign of terror during which ten thousand people were executed and another forty thousand exiled. His ruling counsel was called the "Council of Troubles," but it's better known to history as the "Blood Council." The bodies of thousands of people were hung in the streets and on the doorposts of houses. Alva didn't hesitate to massacre whole cities. An attack on Leiden was stopped only by cutting the dikes and flooding the countryside.

On January 6, 1579, the Catholic southern regions of the Netherlands (modern Belgium) declared their allegiance to Philip, but three weeks later the northern part (modern Holland) refused to submit to the Catholic rule of Spain. In 1581, Holland declared its independence, led by the courageous William of Orange. Holland was devastated by warfare, and in the process William was cut down by an assassin's dagger. But the brave nation would not be denied, and eventually Spain lost its hold on the Dutch Republic.

This hymn, "We Gather Together," which Americans associate with their Thanksgiving holiday, was actually written sometime in 1597 to celebrate Holland's freedom from Spain. Its author, an unknown Dutchman, was full of thanksgiving that his people were finally free from Spanish tyranny and free to worship as they chose. Notice how he expressed this theme in these three beautiful verses:

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing...

*...so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.*

*Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

(Story taken from Then Sings My Soul, by Robert J. Morgan.)



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS ENDING

**BE SURE TO set clocks back 1 hour
When you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th**

Operation Christmas Child

As always, Mike and I are so grateful for your support of The Shoeboxes. **The final collection date this year is actually November 20, 2016.** You may return the filled boxes (plastic or the provided red and green ones) to the church or directly to us, and we will be sure they are taken to the collection center in Albuquerque.



If you have any questions or would like a personal shopper (Mike or me), please do not hesitate to contact us (505-869-4842). Also, the Samaritan's Purse website has information, too (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>).

Thank you, again, for your support, and we pray someone will come forward to coordinate The Shoeboxes after Mike and I retire this year.

Blessings to you always.

Ruth Romero



The "Walk to Emmaus" is an experience of spiritual renewal that begins with a 3 day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The Upper Room is coming to Albuquerque to give a one day leadership training class on Saturday November 5th. All who have been on their Walk are invited to this training. It will cover all aspects of Emmaus.

Our next Men's Walk is scheduled to begin April 27th. The team is forming now.

A new reunion group has started and is meeting the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in Room 101 of the Community building. It starts at 6:30 pm.

Any questions about Emmaus, the training, or the gatherings, please contact Wayne Sharp 505-620-8042 or Gayle Stayton 505-261-7579.



GOSPEL JAM --- Come enjoy some ol' time gospel songs on Sunday afternoon, November 6th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!!!



November 2 – Jase Martinez
 November 3 – Caleb Proctor
 November 8 – Lori Buvinghausen
 November 9 – Kristy Smith
 November 9 – Lucy Darst
 November 10 – Samual Holden
 November 12 – Roy Carson
 November 12 – Liam Crews
 November 14 – Lanna Sharp
 November 15 – Janette Baughman
 November 15 – Curtis Crews
 November 17 – Matthew Inman
 November 18 – Debbie Lansdell
 November 18 – Katie Inman
 November 19 – Don Smith
 November 19 – Kristine Mather-McRae
 November 20 – Lynn Plante
 November 20 – Atlantis Meyer
 November 22 – Solara Garcia
 November 23 – Julie Riley
 November 24 – Corene Honeyfield
 November 25 – Jennifer Rose
 November 25 – Michelle Candelaria
 November 25 – Antigone Genson
 November 28 – Monte Fastnacht
 November 28 – Larry Huff
 November 28 – Ava Heppler
 November 29 – Marjorie McGarrah
 November 30 – Lisa Stockton



November 2- John & Maxine Gobert
 November 14 – Blake & Caitlyn Signorello
 November 23 – Terry & Cheryl Huber

AfterShock - Youth Group

" Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other "

- Ignite '17 will be coming up in February of 2017. This is a student led conference held in Valencia County for 17 years now. Youth from all over Valencia, Estancia, and El Paso come together to worship, pray, and attend student led workshops for an all-day event that will be hosted by the First Baptist Church of Bosque Farms this year. The praise band also consists of youth from around the county. This year's theme is "Are you Free?" from Galatians 5:1. The Messiah has set us free so that we may enjoy the benefits of freedom. So, keep on standing firm in it, and stop putting yourselves under the yoke of slavery again. All youth are invited to come up with a graphic design utilizing this theme and scripture. The designs will be posted on the Ignite Facebook page and voted on for best design. The winner will work with the t-shirt graphics designer and their design will be put on this year's t-shirts and banners, with one banner going to the winner as well. Each registered student for the conference will receive a t-shirt with the design for this year, a grilled hamburger lunch, and a catered dinner. It is a truly amazing experience for your youth to attend. Talk with Marlow for any additional information that you may need. Hope to see all the youth attend.
- 2016 seems to have streaked by, and the Aftershock youth have had a fantastic year thanks to the support of all of you. We would like to **thank each and every one of you** for taking such good care of the Aftershock youth group members. Thank you for allowing us to learn, share, play, and enjoy our time as young people getting to know God.

Upcoming events:

- Youth Leadership Team Meeting November 6 @ 12:15 in Fellowship Hall (lunch provided)
- November 8 Winter Jam Concert at Sandia Star Center 5:00 till 11:00pm or 12am?
- Feed the Homeless -- TBD at YLT meeting
- Caroling hayride and Aftershock Christmas party -- December 18



LOGOS NEWS



Wow what a great start into the 2016-2017 LOGOS year. We have had new kids signing up each week since we started and now have 30 kids registered this year so far. We have had several donations already which are helping tremendously in several areas. One of those areas is our scholarships; this is so important to have because at LOGOS we believe that no child will ever be turned away due to financial reasons. THANKS to all who have donated to this ministry!

Our new LOGOS leaders are doing a fantastic job and leading our young ones very well with new and creative ideas in Bible Study and Worship Skills. The kids are also having a ball in Recreation which is their time to get to play at no one's expense. Family Time is just amazing this year as well. We have new Table Parents who are doing a terrific job with their Table Families and our tables are growing fast. We are up to 5 tables so far and they are all almost completely full so as we continue to grow we will be adding Table 6 very soon.

LOGOS is definitely unique in that our main goal is building strong Christian relationships with the kids and that is most definitely happening. It happens in various ways:

- Learning the kids' names and talking with them each week; really talking with them by getting to know them and their interests and then following up each week by asking them how things are going in their lives and discussing their interests with them.
- Being ever so patient. Yes there are behavioral issues at times but the premise of LOGOS is that all are Children of God and deserve to be treated as such. So we have to ask ourselves each week, how would Jesus handle this child that is misbehaving and it transforms how we interact with the children. It also transforms their behavior because they begin to realize that they are loved no matter what they do and their bad behavior becomes positive and good behavior.
- Leaders are prepared each week for their class; this is important because it lets the kids know that they are important enough for their leader to have their lesson planned out each week.

These are just a few of the ways we are building Christian relationships that are based on Kingdom of God living which is the arena we create where God's love is first each and every week, no matter where you are at LOGOS.

WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are really in need of a set up crew that can arrive around 4:30 or 5:00 each week to set up the tables, which includes putting the place settings at each table. If you could give us 30 minutes of your time each week to help with set up we would be most blessed.


Many blessings to each of you from the LOGOS Ministry Team

Julianne Frasier, Director

Robyn Albani, Co-Director

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| October 30th 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 5 pm – Bell Choir 6 pm - AfterShock | October 31st Food Pantry 10-12:30 NMSU set up Auditorium 12 noon No Cub Scouts Emmaus #101? Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg. | 1 RRFB Delivery Crafty Ladies, FH & K 9-2 NMSU cooking class, Auditorium – 9-1 LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm | 2 Crafty Ladies, FH & K, 9-2 6 pm – Girl Scouts 6 pm – Study #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir | 3 Exercise, 9 am, FH FH kitchen reserved 3:45 pm – Galey First Place, Conf Rm 6:30 pm 6:30 – GriefShare #103 Common Ground, #204, 6:30 pm | 4 Believe Study, Fell Hall, 10 am Cub Scout leaders', Ed bldg. room 6:30 Bible Study #103, 6 pm Emmaus, Fell Hall 6:30 pm | 5  Set clocks back one hour when you go to bed tonight |
| 6 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12 noon – Youth LT, FH 12 noon – FLOCK meeting Fell Hall Kitchen GOSPEL JAM – Fell Hall 3 pm (reserved 2-6) 5:00 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth | 7 Food Pantry 10-12:30 Cub Scouts, 6 pm Ed Bldg. Emmaus, #101, 6:30 Stewardship, #104, 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg. | 8 UMW, Fell Hall 9:30 am Baking, both kitchens, 9-3 LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm Trustees' meeting, #201, 6:30 pm | 9 Crafty Ladies, FH & K 9-2 --- Baking both kitchens, too 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm- Study, #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm – Choir | 10 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Baking both kitchens 9-3 6 pm – Worship meeting #101 6:30 GriefShare-103 6:30 – First Place 4 Health, Conf Room 7 pm, SPRC #104 | 11 Believe Study, Fell Hall, 10 am Bible Study #103, 6 pm EMMAUS, #101, 6:30 pm | 12 Threads of Love, 10:30, Fell Hall Cub Scouts, Auditorium & Kitchen 10-7 |
| 13 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall & Kitchen 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00-Worship Fellowship Hall set up for Bazaar --- all week 5:00 – Bell Choir 6 pm-AfterShock Youth | 14 Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 BAZAAR SET UP – ED BLDG. NMSU set up – Auditorium, 12 pm No Cub Scouts Emmaus #101, 6:30 Finance Meeting, #104, 6:30 pm No Boy Scouts | 15 BAZAAR SET UP – ED. BLDG. NMSU cooking class, Auditorium 9-1 LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm | 16 BAZAAR SET UP – ED BLDG. No Girl Scouts, 6 pm - Study, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir | 17 P.a.C.T. @ DF Park, 10 am BAZAAR SET UP – ED. BLDG –(all rooms) 6:30, GriefShare #103 6:30 – First Place 4 Health, #101 6:30 Common Ground #204 Ad Council meeting, Conf Room, 6:30 pm | 18 38th Holiday Bazaar 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  Bible Study #103, 6 pm | 19 38th Holiday Bazaar 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  |
| 20 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 5:00 – Bell Choir 6 pm AfterShock Youth | 21 Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 pm BAZAAR – take down, Fell Hall Cub Scouts, 6 pm Ed Bldg. Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, 6-8:30 – Auditorium | 22 No LOGOS | 23 Church office closes at 12 noon 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. No Study No Praise Team No Choir | 24 THANKSGIVING Thank God for His Many Blessings  | 25 DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER Church office is closed today No Believe Study, Bible Study #103, 6 pm EMMAUS, #101, 6:30 pm | 26 |
| 27 – 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall  8:30 – Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 5:00 Bell Choir 6 pm AfterShock | 28 Food Pantry, 10-12:30 (9-1) Cub Scouts, 6 pm Ed Bldg. Emmaus, #101 Boy Scouts, 7 pm Ed Bldg. | 29 LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm | 30 NMSU set up Auditorium 12 noon 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm - Study, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir | Dec 1st NMSU EXTRAVAGANZA – Auditorium reserved all day until 10 pm Exercise, FH, 9 am 6:30 – First Place 4 Health, Conf Room 6:30 GriefShare, 103 | Dec 2nd Believe Study, Fell Hall, 10 am Bible Study #103, 6 pm Cub Scout leaders mtg, Ed Bldg 6:30 EMMAUS, Fell Hall, 6:30 pm | Dec 3^d |



When children are separated from their loved ones because adults are incarcerated, many will struggle with feelings of abandonment, wondering if mom or dad will remember them this Christmas.

This is where Angel Tree comes in.

Last year, over 300,000 boys and girls received Christmas gifts from their incarcerated parents through Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree program. They were reminded that they are loved, both by their mom or dad in prison, and also by their Heavenly Father. “It is not uncommon that the Christmas gift that child receives from you, through the Angel Tree program this Christmas, will be the only Christmas gift they see, because, quite simply, the household can’t otherwise afford it.”

But the benefits of the Angel Tree program extend beyond the children. By connecting parents to their children, hearts are changed, and family ties are reconnected and strengthened. “I have seen few things soften the heart of a hardened criminal more than the realization that a complete stranger—on his or her behalf—went out, purchased a Christmas gift, and delivered it for him or her to his or her child.”

When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they aren’t forgotten. Consider giving a child of a prisoner the joy of Christmas this year.

PMUMC has been a tremendous supporter of “Angel Tree” through the years. Please be on the lookout for the Christmas tree with Angel Tags on it, in the Narthex beginning November 20th. Gifts should be returned to the church no later than December 7th, please. The party for the children will be held earlier than usual this year – it is scheduled for December 10th.

PLEASE NOTE... a gift should cost no more than \$25. There are reasons for this. Many children in the Angel Tree program are in a household with more than 1 child – so keeping gifts in the same price range is best for everyone.

Be sure to keep the Angel tag with the wrapped Christmas gift. THANKS!

