

THE JOURNEY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, in 2026. In many Christian traditions, Advent also marks the beginning of the church year. Rather than starting with a new calendar, the church begins by preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent leads to Christmas, followed by Epiphany, traditionally observed on January 6, 2027, to remember the revelation of Christ to the nations and the visit of the wise men. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and guides believers toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, March 28.

Forty days after Easter, Christians observe Ascension Day on May 6, remembering how Jesus “was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9, ESV). Pentecost follows on May 16, 50 days after Easter. On that day, the Holy Spirit empowered Christ’s followers and united them for the church’s mission.

The season after Pentecost continues until Advent arrives once more, inviting the church to begin the sacred journey again.

BIBLE QUIZ

What did St. Paul teach about how people can recognize the existence of God?

- A. They would have no understanding of God unless someone told them.
- B. They could see evidence of God by observing creation.
- C. God cannot be known in any way except through Jesus.

Answer: B (Romans 1:19-21)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...

On Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday, I was surprised by cards from the young people, the congregational book of our year of ministry together, and your gift of mutual ministry that we have shared since July of last year. The card with your comments and signatures will be treasured for years to come.

A major emphasis for November is the season of Thanksgiving. This can easily be translated as Thanks-living. Being thankful is a way of life, starting with our prayer life.

We need to pray for not only our ‘needs’, but also the ‘needs’ of others. ‘Needs’ are necessary; ‘wants’ are optional. This Thanksgiving season, may we pray: “Dear Lord, help us separate our ‘needs’ from our ‘wants’.”

Pastor Don Safrit

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 11/1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- 11/3** 6:30pm Annual Circles Meeting to assemble NALC Health Kits (Assembly Room)
- 11/8** 3:00pm-4:00pm Second Congregational Workshop for Call Process
 4:00pm-5:00pm Christmas Play Practice
- 11/11 VETERANS DAY**
- 11/15** 4:00pm-5:00pm Christmas Play Practice
 4:00pm-9:00pm FLC Reserved (Randall Barger)
- 11/21** FLC Reserved (Stewardship)
- 11/22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**
 11:30am Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon
 4:00pm-5:00pm Christmas Play Practice
- 11/24** 10:00am WiFFLe 3rd Anniversary Celebration
- 11/26 THANKSGIVING DAY**
 12:00pm-8:00pm FLC Reserved (Sylvia Barger)
- 11/27 BLACK FRIDAY**
- 11/29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 9:00am Church Chat – Gingerbread Bash: Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

WEDNESDAYS – 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25

- 10:00am – Bible Study & Holy Communion
 6:30pm – Handbells
 7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
 9:30am – Sunday School
 10:30am – Worship



- 5 – Oscar Bost
 12 – TJ Drew
 15 – Amanda Moose
 Colby Smith
 Bryson Ingold
 Kay Harviel
 Easton Spinella
 19 – Lisa Painter
 20 – Colton Laws
 21 – Leslie Wright
 Jackie Speight
 23 – Daniel Moose
 Ryan Smith
 24 – Mike Wright
 Nick Bost
 26 – Ed Gurley
 29 – Barbara Moose

ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 – Mark & Lu Gamewell
 23 – Trent & Crystal Bradshaw

WiFFLe

- Dates:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC
Times: 10:00am-11:00am

FACS Basketball Practice

- Dates:** November 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 20, and 30 in FLC
Times: 3:30pm-6:30pm

Cub Scouts

- Dates:** Thursdays – November 5, 12, and 19 in FLC
Times: 3:30pm-6:30pm



**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*



November EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1ST is All Saints Sunday & Daylight Savings Time Ends.

**NOV
03**

6:30pm Annual Circles Meeting

The Yount, McCombs, and McDaniel Groups will meet for supper and to assemble **100 Health Care Kits**.

**NOV
08**

3:00pm Call Process Workshop

Please attend our 2nd Workshop to help the Call Committee complete our **Congregational Profile**.

**NOV
22**

11:30am Thanksgiving Luncheon

Gather with grateful hearts for **Christ the King Sunday** Worship, followed by our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch.

**NOV
24**

10:00am WiFFLe Celebration

Come celebrate the **3rd Anniversary of WiFFLe** with pre-Thanksgiving devotions, food, fellowship, and fun!

**NOV
29**

9:00am Church Chat

For the 2026 First Sunday of Advent, join us for our **Gingerbread Bash: Celebrating the Birth of Jesus!**

YOUTH: Christmas Play Practice starts November 8, 15, 22, 3PM-4PM.

WiFFLe

Walk in
Faith
Family Life

HAPPY 3RD ANNIVERSARY!

WHEN

Tuesday, November 24th in the Family Life Center

WiFFLe at 10:00am
Celebration at 11:00am

WHAT

Thanksgiving Devotions with Psalms, Songs, & Prayers

Soup, Sandwiches, & Dessert for Lunch

Recognition of all who have attended WiFFLe during its **third year!**

WHO

Members and friends may come enjoy this pre-Thanksgiving celebration that includes **food, fellowship, and fun** – even if you have not been to WiFFLe yet.

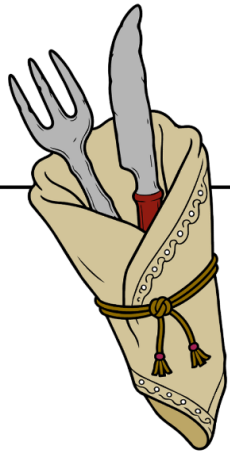
ALL ARE WELCOME
to join us for our fourth
year of WiFFLe!

PUT YOUR WALKING SHOES ON...

AND JOIN US FOR WiFFLe!



Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

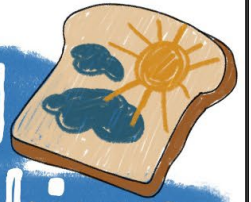
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Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____—five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, “Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____.”
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They’d need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____—five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

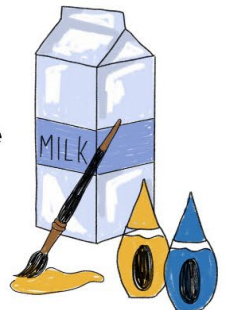
Bread Painting



When you eat this fun snack,
be thankful for Jesus,
who is our Bread of Life.

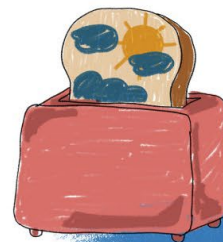
What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional



What you do:

1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you’re finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



Reminder:

Ask an adult for help
when using a toaster
or toaster oven.

“I am the
bread of life.”
John 6:35, NIV

DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
SEPTEMBER 27	\$4,401.00	47 Sunday School, 118 Worship
OCTOBER 4	\$6,460.76	41 Sunday School, 91 Worship
OCTOBER 11	\$7,502.00	37 Sunday School, 92 Worship
OCTOBER 18	\$2,853.00	30 Sunday School, 73 Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

	NOV. 1	NOV. 8	NOV. 15	NOV. 22	NOV. 29
Acolytes	Sydney & Griffin Alderman	Sailor Shoaf, Reagan Bradshaw	Mia Spinella, Julianna Sheets	Brooks Moody, Leila Roberts	Sydney & Griffin Alderman
Audio/Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer				
Children's Church	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Julie & Sarah Parker	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Amanda Meacham	Wendi Bradshaw
Children's Message	Pastor Don	Lu Gamewell	Barbara Moose	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>	Vicki Fink
Church Sign	Meredyth Fisher & Sally Drew				
Communion Prep.	Donnie Gandy & Barbara Moose				
Fellowship Refreshments	Tony & Sallie Herrin	Perry & Robin McKnight	Jeff & Wanda Mills	Kenny & Meredyth F.	<i>Church Chat</i>
Lector	Jeremy Alderman	Lu Gamewell	Jamie Sheets	CJ Moody	<i>Advent</i>
Nursery	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt
Offering Tellers	Ken Fink & Ashley Roberts				
Ushers	CJ Moody, Donnie Gandy, Jeff Parker, Aaron Smith				
2026 Council Members	Rhonda Alderman, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb (<i>Vice President</i>), Chandra Fink, Lisa Laws, Perry McKnight (<i>President</i>), Jake Moose, Laura Peeler (<i>Secretary</i>)				

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