

*Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.  
May your glory shine over all the earth.  
Psalm 108:5 (NLT)*

NOVEMBER

2015

## SERVING THIS MONTH

### ELDERS

Mick Arnold, Jack Dale

### ELDER ALTERNATES

Allen Anderson, Jim Bates

### DEACONS/USHERS

R.C. Peters (D/U), Ed Redmond (D),  
Graham Anderson (D), John Kim (D)  
(An usher needs to be responsible for  
locking foyer door after service starts.)

### JUNIOR DEACON

Tyler Anderson

### DEACONESSES/JR DEACONESSES

Dottie Corey, Tracy Peters

*If you cannot serve during your scheduled  
month, please contact another server  
to see about switching with you.*

*If you know of a shut-in desiring  
communion be taken to them, please  
call Jean Brannon at 276-669-7311.*

## C.O.N.N.E.C.T GROUP MEETINGS

### MEN'S CONNECT BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH • 8:30AM • BETHANY HALL

*We will be continuing our discipleship series, "Kingdom Man."  
If you haven't attended one of our men's breakfasts, we invite  
you to be with us. It's always a highlight of the month!*

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### FAMILIES W/CHILDREN CONNECT + KIDS CONNECT

SUNDAY, NOV. 15TH • 6:00PM • TODD & CRYSTAL'S

*Join us for our time of fun, fellowship and discussion.  
We are getting ready to launch a new study for January!*

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### TRIPLE C CONNECT

DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

*Small Group for young families balancing college, careers,  
and children, will be announcing their next event soon.  
Keep your eyes and ears open. You won't want to miss it!*



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## WHAT HERITAGE ARE YOU LEAVING YOUR CHILDREN?

One Sunday, walking past a Sunday School classroom, I saw something that moved my heart deeply, but at the same time moved me to a point of great concern.

I began to think of my Sunday School heritage. . . memory verses, Bible challenges (or others know it as Bible Drills) to see who could find a verse in the Bible first, gold stars on a chart for being present, bringing offering, bringing my Bible, a star for saying a memory verse, and flannel graph. (Okay, I know many of you have no clue what that is . . . it's a simple cut-out picture—relating to the Bible story that was being taught—that would stick to a flannel covered board which usually sat on an easel). If you had been really attentive in class you got to pick one of the pictures to take home with you along with a Sunday school paper with a story and picture to color. Then there was always promotion Sunday when you moved on up to the next class, a new teacher, and more flannel graph pictures to help the Bible story come alive. (Remember, we didn't have YouTube!) Wonderful days those were. That is where I learned how God created the heavens and the earth, about Daniel and the lion's den, about Noah and the ark, about David and Goliath, Jonah and the whale, and we memorized the books of the Bible . . . all 66, Old and New Testament.

I thank God often for all the times I was taken to Sunday school and church. I wasn't "made" to go, and I wasn't the one who made the decision if I "wanted" to go, it was what we did Sunday mornings. That heritage is a gift in my life to this day.

Here is where I may not be a popular person, and that's okay. You can stop reading here, but my heart is burdened by our passion to give our children so many other things, but it seems like teaching them things of Jesus is far down on the list. We make sure they have the best brand of clothing, participate in every sport or other activity possible, but allow our children to choose what part or how much of church they want.

To the best of our ability we gave many things outside of church life to our boys. They were good things to enhance their lives, but "those things" will not carry them into eternity with a relationship of knowing and loving Jesus.

Not long ago, I learned the heritage of faith goes deep—and generations back—on both sides of my family. Apparently that heritage was passed on because one day it reached this little girl from Illinois in a little church that certainly wasn't pretty. There weren't children's ministries as such, but I learned about Jesus and His love for me. I learned the importance of praying and that Jesus heard my prayers.

I urge you—give your children, your grandchildren, any children under your influence—give them Jesus, the greatest heritage in all of this world. If we gain the world and lose our soul, what a tragedy. If we give our children the world and they lose their soul, what a tragedy.



So, during this Thanksgiving season I am extremely, exceedingly, and humbly thankful to my family, to my parents, for my heritage of faith. Also, to those Sunday school teachers, and my pastors who gave me God's word each Sunday. I'm thankful, oh, so thankful.

I hope you still love me . . . my heart is burdened for our little ones to be in that place, to be taught God's word. Does that guarantee they will always walk the straight and narrow? No, sorry to say it does not, but it does guarantee they will never forget the message implanted in their hearts.

### L.I.F.T. – LADIES MINISTRY

There will be no meeting for this month, but mark your calendars for December . . .

Next month's meeting will be December 8th and we will have a Christmas cookie exchange! More information coming soon!

### KIDZ ZONE WORKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

K-6 (AGES 6-10)

Week 1	Jessica Stacy
Week 2	Dottie Corey
Week 3	Connie Branson
Week 4	Tammy Henkel
Week 5	Family Worship Day



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church  No evening services.	2	3 10:00-3:00 – Homeschool classes (Bethany Hall)	4 8:00-4:30 – Homeschool classes (Bethany Hall)  7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	5	6	7
8 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church  No evening services.	9 1:00-4:00 – Food Pantry  7:00 – Board Meeting (All church members are invited to attend meetings)	10 10:00-3:00 – Homeschool classes (Bethany Hall)	11 8:00-4:30 – Homeschool classes (Bethany Hall)  7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	12	13  Meals on Wheels We deliver smiles™ 10:00 – Meals on Wheels	14 8:30 – Men's Breakfast
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Margie is in the church office from 8:30-12:30, Tuesday thru Thursday unless otherwise indicated.

Please have items for Dec. newsletter to Margie or Judy by Nov. 19th.



Dear church family,

Now it's our turn to say thank you for a special Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The meal was wonderful! Thank you to all the ladies who worked HARD to decorate, cook, set up, serve, and clean up! Especially meaningful were those "special" foods prepared because you know what we like! The cards and notes were beautiful. It was evident from the messages on the cards that they were chosen from your hearts. The gifts of love are deeply appreciated . . . even Frapps for Pastor . . . someone knows how to get to his heart!

After 14+ years the bond of love from our church family is amazing and most humbling you allow us to be your pastors.

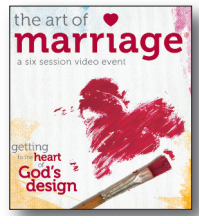


With much love,  
we thank you,

Herb & Evelyn

## A Very Special Video Event

### The Art of Marriage



The Art of Marriage Conference, is scheduled for Nov 20th and 21st. If you are wanting to register for this wonderful event, please see Pastor Todd ASAP. We are needing to start ordering materials. You can go to [theartofmarriage.com](http://theartofmarriage.com) for more information about this wonderful conference! This will be a very special event for all ages and stages of marriage. Please mark your calendars to attend!



Let's make this another wonderful holiday season . . . great music and exciting performances. If anyone would like to be a part of the choir, come on and join us. We would love to have you!

### HEY, KIDS 3RD - 6TH GRADE!

We are having lots of fun on Wednesday nights! Come join us for bible lessons, puzzles, games, and crafts, 7-9pm.

Connie