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# The Fishing Line

News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



## From the MINISTER

These are exciting days in the life of our church family. We are stepping out by faith and trying new things in order to be able to reach people for Christ and accommodate those that God is drawing into Christ's body here in Troy. In some cases, having two services and the changes that come with that means that we are being moved out of our comfort zones, but the thrilling thing for me is that we are doing it with such a sweet spirit of cooperation. Dozens of people are working hard and pulling together to make it happen, and it is working with larger attendances than we could consistently maintain comfortably in one service. Thank you.

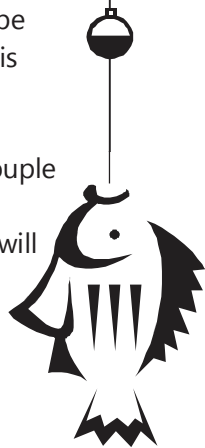
Here are four things that I hope you will get involved in this month.

Operation Christmas Child: This is a ministry of Samaritans Purse. By packing a shoebox with gifts, you are not only sharing the message of Christmas, but also the love of Jesus with kids somewhere in the world who very often have nothing. Included in every box is a coloring book version of the gospel in the child's own language and a discipleship course. The boxes are distributed through local churches and become a tremendous tool for outreach in the communities they go into. Many have already taken the information and are planning on filling a box, but there is still time for you to get involved. Just pick up a flyer in the church foyer and fill a box. Remember all boxes need to be back by November 7 so that we can have the time to get them to the collection site in St. Joseph.

On Wednesday night, November 10th, we will be having a chili cook-off at the church at 6:30. This should be a wonderful evening of fellowship, as well as an opportunity to feast on some great chili. Got a good recipe? Be sure to get signed up.

Wednesday night, November 17th, we will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service. Our praise team will be leading worship, and we are talking with Mr. Allison at the school about bringing some of the kids over for special music. The offering this year will be divided between the two food pantries in the county. This service alternates between local area churches and is not usually very well attended. I hope that we can change that this year. Please mark your calendar right now, and plan on being here on this special night.

On Sunday, November 21st, we will be sharing together in our annual Thanks Offering. For the last couple of years the offering has gone to help pay for the new church property. This year, our leadership has decided that all of the monies raised in our Thanks Offering will go to our church's missionaries. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to advance the cause of Christ in other areas through those our church regularly supports. I hope that you will begin now to pray about your part in this special offering. Following the 2nd service, we will be gathering together for our annual church Thanksgiving dinner in the fellowship hall. This is always a special time, with plenty of good food and fellowship. (Continued on page 2).



**From the Minister** (from page 1)

As we enter November, we come into the start of the holiday season. There will be plenty of distractions offered by the world. I pray that we will maintain our focus and priorities by keeping our eyes on Jesus. One of the best ways to do that is by having a daily time alone with Him and His Word, and by making Sunday worship an absolute priority for you and your family. Why not invite an unchurched or unsaved friend to come with you as well.

Blessings.....Dave



**Our Weekly Services and Activities**

**Sundays:**

- 8:00 a.m. 1st Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. 2nd Service
- 6:00 p.m. 7th-12th grade youth group

**Wednesdays:** 3:40 - 5:15 p.m. KICKS for K-6th graders

**Weekly Statistics**

**Our Giving                      Attendance**

Sept. 26: \$3,176.35	170
Oct. 3: \$12,703.35	184
Oct. 10: \$2,484.35	181
Oct. 17: \$2,790.35	165
Oct. 24: \$1,799.35	177
Church Budget: \$178,712.00	
Needed per Sunday: \$3,436.76	
Building Fund: \$21,775.09	

**Announcements and Coming Events**

- Nov. 7:** Operation Christmas Child boxes due back at the church
- Nov. 10:** Chili Cook-off 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14:** Adam Kretzinger's Ordination 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15:** Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00
- Nov. 17:** Community Thanksgiving Service at Troy Christian Church 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20:** 10:00 a.m. Love Your Neighbor Project baskets prepared
- Nov. 21:** Thanks Offering; Thanksgiving dinner following 2nd service. Please bring a couple of dishes to share.
- No KICKS on Nov. 24th**



My family and I would like to say "thank you" for the expressions of love during Pastor Appreciation Month. The cards, gifts, gift cards, and monetary gift are all greatly appreciated. God bless you all.  
Dave, Rae Jean, Alyssa & Jonathan

**From the Youth Minister**



I went to the mountains of Colorado recently and the trip didn't quite go as I had planned. I ended up with a pretty severe case of altitude sickness, consisting of vomiting and a headache that would bring shame to most migraine headaches. The second night there I was brought down to lower elevation and dropped off at a hotel to "sleep it off." Three hours into sleeping it off I woke up more sick than I had been yet, and I truly experienced what it was like to be alone while hurting and experiencing a traumatic event. I was greatly overwhelmed and talking to my wife, hundreds of miles away, who could do nothing for me.

The story ended well, thanks to some people from back here at home that stepped up to help Sarah and I by making phone calls and such, resulting in me getting the help I needed. Yet, the next day while driving home in the silence, I began to think, "What if my problem was even bigger and I was left all alone with nobody to help me and nobody to turn to?" God instituted the church because he knows how we were created. We are not meant to do life on our own. But, more importantly than that, we are called to seek after and pick up those in distress, carry each other, and strengthen each other spiritually. I hope we are always looking beyond our lives for those people we can strengthen and help.

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Adam



"Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child."  
Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan's Purse

We'll be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Here's how it works: determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. Pick up a brochure on the back table at the church, and tape the appropriate label (boy or girl) on top of your box.

Pack the shoe box with gifts (school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, candy, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights w/batteries, a personal note).

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare, to cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online or use the donation envelope. Drop your box off at the church by November 7th, and we'll make sure it gets to where it needs to go. For more information, see Dave or Cindy.



Have a good chili recipe? If so, be sure to enter our *CHILI COOK-OFF* on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. A prize will be awarded for the best chili. Following the judging, everyone can enjoy the contestant's entries. Sign up at the church if you're entering chili in the cook-off. Make plans to come and enjoy a great evening of fellowship and some prize-winning chili.

### ORDINATION SERVICE

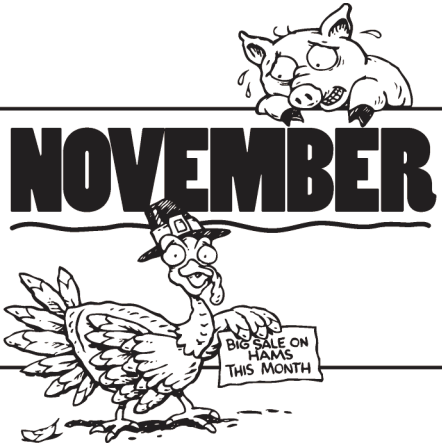
Our Youth Minister, Adam Kretzinger, will be ordained on Sunday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the church. A person is ordained when he has received and accepted a call to ministry, and has been prepared and approved for ministry. Everyone is invited to attend this special service.



The Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Interfaith Council, will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Troy Christian Church. Refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is invited.

### *Love Your Neighbor Project*

Would you like to help a neighbor? We are putting together baskets of nonperishable food, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. to give to our neighbors in Doniphan County who could use a helping hand. Please bring items to the church on or before November 20th. If you'd like to help prepare baskets, meet at the church on November 20th at 10:00 a.m.



**NOVEMBER**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Lowell Handley, Tom Etherton, Jesse McKittrick, Avery Euler	Jesse Smith, Chris Douglas
5	Kace Keller	18 Alex Martinez, Barbara Laipple
8	Amani Keller	19 Ron Cooke
9	Patty Loroff	20 David Rizer
10	Dale & Georgette Miner, Tucker Jarrett	23 Rachel Jenkins
12	Georgette Miner, Larry & Sharon Handley	25 Calli Caudle, Jena Pickerell, David & Jo Keller, Antonio Com- paran, Stacey Trant
16	Jason Whetstine	26 Stephanie Adams, Ina Lou Tucker
17	Neil Caudle, David Johnson,	27 Kristin Yurth

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Sunday Services: 1st Service 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School

9:30 a.m.; 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.

