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News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



Hello Troy Christian Church!

I am continually amazed at how God opens doors for me to proclaim His Word, and I am excited to announce that I have accepted the call to pastor your fine congregation there in Troy. As I'm sure you know, my name is Mitchell Morrow and I am a graduate of Manhattan Christian College and Dallas Theological Seminary. I am originally from Topeka, Kansas and was ordained into the ministry at Valley Center Christian Church in Valley Center, Kansas. My wife Melissa is delighted by this call as well. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in kinesiology and will be graduating from Dallas Seminary in May. She is overjoyed at the chance to become a full-time

Kansan in December! She is a very faithful supporter of my ministry and a fellow servant whom I am forever grateful for! We both feel very blessed by this opportunity!

The first class I ever took at Dallas Theological Seminary was taught by a fantastic professor named Howard Hendricks. In his opening message to us he gave a stern warning that no matter how well this Seminary teaches us to study the Word, no matter what type charisma we can bring to a message, and no matter how grandiose our plans for ministry are, the only reason why we can accept the call to preach the Gospel is because God has chosen, in His sovereign pleasure, to use a former enemy and present sinner to represent something that they could never achieve in their own strength. At the time, these words were shocking to me coming from this great man whom I had read, studied, and sought to emulate in my own ministry. But they have been proven full of truth, time and time again in my own life as I have seen grace manifested in ways that I could not imagine or ever deserve, particularly in the blessing it is to study and share the Word of God. For that opportunity I am eternally grateful.

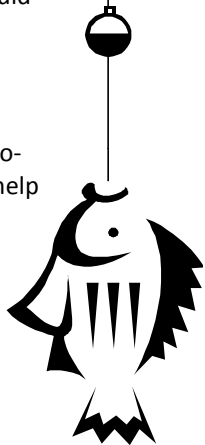
This was even more evident as I contemplate on even being considered for a lead pastor position, especially when I think about how many Godly individuals I have encountered during my time in Troy. I feel very humbled to have gotten such a wonderful reception and acceptance by the church, and I pray that God will continue to work through our relationship so that His Kingdom may be advanced. I hope that the advancement of the Kingdom can be a ministry focus for us all as we labor together for the sake of the Gospel! Through both good times and bad I will have a special place in my heart for the step of faith that this church has taken in bringing me in to serve your church family. As I look forward to our ministry together, I truly think that by God's grace we can be a strong community that truly exemplifies the beauty of John 15:16 which proclaims, "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

Please continue to pray for us through this time of transition as you have taken a place of predominance in our own prayer life. I can be reached at Mitchmorrow@mccs.edu and would be delighted to hear from you as we seek to glorify God together. Please know that as your pastor, my door will always be open and my ear attentive to how I can help you all grow spiritually. We feel very blessed and look forward to becoming a part of your already beautiful church family.

God Bless,

Mitchell R. Morrow

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18





Mark Your Calendar!

September 11: 7th-12th grade youth group KICKOFF at 6:00 p.m. at the church

September 14: KICKs begins - KICKs is held from 3:40 - 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday that school is in session

September 19: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

| Our Giving | Attendance |
|-----------------------|------------|
| July 31: \$2,859.50 | 154 |
| August 7: \$3,253.52 | 136 |
| August 14: \$1,636.72 | 157 |
| August 21: \$2,964.00 | 129 |

Church Budget: \$201,690.00
Needed per Sunday: \$3,878.65



Special Dates

- Labor Day, September 5
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparents Day, September 11
- First Day of Autumn, September 23

SEPTEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Tommy Jenkins
- 5 Kelsey Thomas
- 9 J.D. & Peg Euler
- 12 Derek Jasper, Kaston Jasper
- 13 Jim & Pam Pickerell
- 14 Katie Smith
- 16 Jason & Jennifer Whetstine
- 17 Creighton Johnson
- 18 Maggie Johnson, Melissa Whetstine

- 19 Gary Davies
- 22 Cindy Rush, Leon & Becky Martinez
- 23 Casey Rush, Rick & Peggy Simmons
- 24 Hana Speaks
- 25 Bruce & Cara Jeschke
- 26 Danae Jenkins, Traci Molt, Cade Franken
- 28 Dale & Karen Wetmore, Michelle Douglas
- 29 Joi Davies
- 30 Opal Kiehnhoff

7th-12th Grade Youth Group



FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 11
6:00 p.m.
At the church

BIBLE STORIES

SNACKS

CALLING ALL K-6TH GRADERS!!!

KICKS

 begins

Wednesday,
September 14th
3:40-5:00 p.m.

CRAFTS

MUSIC

GAMES



September Sermons

September 4: Adam Kretzinger, "Knowing Christ" Matthew 7:13-24
September 11: Mitch Morrow, "The Heart of Restoration" Nehemiah 1:1-4
September 18: Mitch Morrow, "The Power of the Restorer" Nehemiah 1:4b-2:5
September 25: Mitch Morrow, "The Plan of the Restorer" Nehemiah 2:6-3:32

Follow God's Lead

Have you ever watched a well-trained dog walk with its master? On or off a leash, the dog will slow or quicken its pace, turn left or right, or immediately stop at the soft command of his master's voice.

Such isn't the case with my pooch. Either he's straining ahead or lagging behind, darting after a bird or stubbornly lingering over an interesting scent. He isn't content to follow my lead.

Sometimes that latter scene resembles my own walk with God. At times, I rush ahead or lag behind, veer to the right or stumble to the left, oblivious of my Master's pace and direction. How much better to walk closely with God and let him lead!

"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart" (1 Kings 8:23, NRSV).



Serving In September

September 4: Greeters: Gene & Barbara Speaks; Time Of Prayer: Jared Pickerell; Elder: Neil Caudle; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Laura Winkel, Joi Davies; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Craig & Robyn Johnson; Stewards: John Wiedmer, Josh Smith (counting at end of 2nd service).

September 11: Greeters: Karen & Chasity Wetmore; Time Of Prayer: Rick Simmons; Elder: John Wiedmer; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Jerry, Amy, Dalton Masters; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Georgette Miner; Stewards: Tom Etherton, Gene Speaks (counting at end of 2nd service).

September 18: Greeters: Jason & Jennifer Whetstine; Time Of Prayer: Adam Kretzinger; Elder: Steve Adams; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Derek & Lacey Jasper, Reece Simpson; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Bruce & Cara Jeschke; Stewards: Peg Euler, Sandy Whetstine (counting at end of 2nd service).

September 25: Greeters: Sherman & Mary Jane Smith; Time Of Prayer: Steve Adams; Elder: Wayne Rush; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Adam & Sarah Kretzinger, Brandon Caudle; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Jesse & Sheri Smith; Stewards: Cindy Rush, Tom Speaks (counting at end of 2nd service).

Serving This Month: Communion: Patty Wiedmer, Mille Caudle; Sunday School Nursery: Casey & Abra Rush; For a ride to church call: Terry Simpson, 985-2528; Mowing in September: Chad & Brody Winder.

A Clean Slate



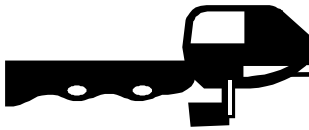
One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.

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Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.

