Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Sunday School for kids
& Adult Bible Study
10:00 am — Worship Service
6:00 pm—Praise & Prayer Time

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesdays

8:30 am— Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm—Connecting with Christ
Bible Study
7:00 pm—Youth Group

Saturdays

9:00 am—Women's Bible Study

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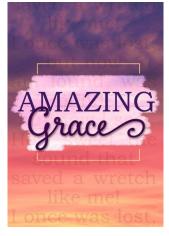
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It's human nature to attempt to paint ourselves in the best light possible, while looking at others in a worse light. We look at someone else's wrongs and say, "At least I'm not like that guy!" Or "She's so wicked for doing that! How could she be so evil?" But when it comes to our own, we say, "I'm only human! Give me a break! Cut me some slack!" But Paul paints a picture of ourselves in the brightest and most blunt light when he writes to the Ephesians, saying,

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins, in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." (2:1-3)

It's not a pretty picture. It's a tough pill to swallow because it says that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and we follow after Satan becoming like him by lying, stealing, and killing. We lie to ourselves about how bad our sin is. We deceive others for material or social gain. We steal glory and honor from God for ourselves. We steal other's people's joy or possessions on account of our envy. We lust after what we can't have. We kill others with hate, making them less than human. We kill ourselves with our sins. This is the case for all people that includes you and me. And no one will look good in that light. But it is a light we must all stand under, if we are to realize the depths of danger and destruction we are in. We should all be crying out, "Who can save us? What are we to do?" And it is at this point we can hear the Good News:

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—." (2:4-5)

God has worked through His Son, Jesus, to bring redemption and healing to all people who recognize their need and accept His atoning, cleansing death for theirs. We must always remain humble, remembering that we are only saved because of His grace and that this is offered to all, no matter what they've done. Praise God!

- Matthew Hopkins



Sunday, Nov. 2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back an hour!

Sunday, Nov. 2 OCC Box Dedication



Remember to bring your Operation Christ-

mas Child Boxes back to AHCC by November 2nd. We will take time to pray for the kids who will receive the boxes. If you will be gone or forget, please talk to Renee so we can coordinate a pick up time.

Tues., November 4 & 18 Young At Heart

The Young at Heart Senior Gatherings are for anyone age 60+ who

would like to come for a time of devotions, prayer, games, coffee and visiting. Invite your friends and neighbors and come enjoy a relaxing afternoon!

Thursday, November 6 Sew Blessed Mission Sewing



All ladies are invited to come for a day of sewing each month at Marsha Schutte's home. Quilts are made for a mission in Mexico. These are basic quilts so no fancy sewing skills are required and all fabric is provided. Talk to Kay if you have any questions. Potluck lunch.



Sunday, Nov. 9 **Monthly Meetings**

Everyone is welcome to come to the monthly business meetings held following the worship service on

Sunday, October 12. The men will meet in the middle SS room and the ladies will meet in the library. Devotions for the men's meeting will be by Delroy Thompson. If you have ideas for our Christmas Program, please come to the ladies meeting and share!

Thursday, November 20 Ladies' Craft Night



All ladies are invited to a Craft Fellow-ship Night on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 pm. Come and learn how to make a Thanksgiving card! Supplies will be provided and cost is \$2 per card. Make as many as you like!

Tuesday, November 25 Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to the annual joint Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm at AHCC. Pastor Jeff Cooper will be sharing. A sign up sheet for bringing a dessert will be available after the ladies' monthly meeting on November 9th.



Wednesdays Youth Group

All kids in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Youth Group! They meet each

Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at the church. Invite your friends! There will be no Youth Group on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you to the Youth Group and others who helped with packing Operation Christmas Child Boxes in October. We packed 177 boxes this year! That's 177 children that will hear the gospel this year! Keep OCC in your prayers as these boxes go out around the world to be delivered to children in need.





Plans are in the works for the AHCC Christmas Program. Kids will be practicing during some Sunday School and/or church times in the months of November and December. We are also hoping to have an adult choir as part of the program. They will be singing traditional Christmas songs. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please talk to Nancy Thompson or Julie Pederson. Watch the bulletin for announcements on practice times for the choir.

Mark your calendar for December 21st (tentative) for our Christmas Program! We will also have our annual Soup & Sandwich Potluck on that Sunday. Sign up sheets for soups will be available starting on November 16. (Tabithas serve.)







Mission Moment

Praying for the Persecuted

Every November, the International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church (IDOP) is marked by Christians around the world. It is an important call for the global church to remember our persecuted brothers and sisters and pray for them. This year, Release International is encouraging Christians

specifically to remember Pastors under Pressure.

- **Pray** for Christian pastors like Akashan in Sri Lanka, that they will have courage to continue their work despite the threats and intimidation.
- **Pray** that authorities in Sri Lanka would act justly, approve new church building applications, make proper provision for Christian burials, and follow up cases of harassment against Christians.
- Pray for Christian pastors like Mohan in India. Pray that they will not be silenced or intimated by the threat of fundamentalist mobs. Pray against the expansion of anti-conversion laws. Pray that pastors who have been arrested will get the legal assistance they need to defend themselves.
- Pray for Christian pastors like Wang Yi in China. Pray for those who are currently in prison or are awaiting sentencing. Pray that God will give them courage and confidence in Him; that they will have opportunities to share the gospel with their fellow inmates and guards; and that the Lord will provide for their families.
- Pray for Christian pastors in many other countries around the world such as Iran, Eritrea, Nigeria, Laos and Algeria who face daily discrimination, threats of violence, and arrest. Pray that God will sustain their faith and protect their churches.

Take time to pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ!

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