

TO RESERVE OUR FACILITIES

We are happy that our building is used throughout each week by many different classes and groups. All building use needs must go through the main office for scheduling. You can contact Linda at 918.627.0783 or lindar@hptulsa.com to schedule your event.

Sermons

Sermons are available at hptulsa.com/media and on iTunes, Spotify and Stitcher. Also, look for more HP content on Roku and Apple TV devices.

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DO NOT FORWARD

LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)

DATE	IN PERSON	ON-LINE	TOTAL
Nov 05	123	56	179
Nov 12	131	82	213
Nov 19	166	63	229
Nov 26	124	87	211

AS GOD PROVIDES

YTD Need: \$ 142,630.41
YTD Received: \$ 139,716.75



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December Sermon Series at HP

Violence, dysfunction, mental health crisis – You read about these things. You may also be experiencing them. Whether it be a young pregnant couple or a group of marginalized shepherds, what the world needed 2000 years ago is the same thing it needs right now. We need the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus. Advent is a season of remembering the promises of God, celebrating his work on earth, and longing for things to come.

12/03 - Hope
12/10 - Peace
12/17 - Joy
12/24 - Love (10:30am)

End-of-Year Contributions

Charitable contributions must be claimed in the year they are delivered. One exception is a check delivered by mail. Checks written in 2023 and postmarked with a 2023 postmark will be reported as 2023 contributions regardless of the date HP receives that mail. Gifts delivered to the church before January 1, 2024, will be reported as 2023 contributions. Regardless of the date written on the check, all gifts deposited in the offering in January 2024 will be reported as 2024 contributions.



BLESSINGS...WHEN THE HOLIDAYS ARE HARD

We have just completed our latest 13-week series of GriefShare and the "Surviving the Holidays" workshop. We had very good attendance for both events, and people were better equipped to deal with the types of loss and grief that they experienced.

Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." Going into this holiday season can be a very difficult time for everyone but especially for those who are approaching their "first" without a special loved one. One of the GriefShare presenters said that she used to think that she would like to go to sleep the day before Thanksgiving and wake up on January 02.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ, but we also need to remember why Jesus came to earth in the first place. We celebrate not only His birth; we celebrate our hope of a new birth that gives us hope in this life and in our eternal life. Though we may now experience sorrow, loss and suffering, because of Christ we have the hope of the grand reunion of the resurrection.

Here are some tips for dealing with this season of the year:

- Recognize that the holidays are going to be tough – emotionally, relationally, physically and spiritually.
- Don't try to numb or deny your emotions.
- Set realistic expectations for yourself, and recognize your limitations.
- Don't allow others to force you into more than you can handle.
- Pray frequently and ask God to help you and make His presence known to you.

Our next GriefShare series will begin in the middle of January 2024. Be watching for more information on how to register for our next session.

"I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me." (Psalm 16:7-8 NLT)

HP YOUTH NEWS!



Update:

Our Bedlam Pickleball Tournament raised over \$1,000! Praise God! This helps offset the cost for things like camp and CIY for our students.

We had a bonfire at the *Lahmeyer's* house and it was so fun! We roasted hot dogs, made s'mores, played football, and enjoyed some good time together. Thank you to *Matt* and *Crystal* for hosting us - and for not setting anyone on fire!

We had another Elder's dinner with the *Thalkens*! *Ashley* and *Tyler* spoke about gratitude and also got a little crazy with the whipped cream. Thank you to the *Thalkens* for taking time to invest in our students!

Studying:

We finished our series in Galatians! We saw how Paul defended the gospel by sharing his testimony (Chapters 1-2), by using a compare/contrast method (Chapters 3-4), and by practically applying it. The students have come to understand the gospel message Paul is defending: In Christ, we are saved by grace through faith.

Upcoming:

12/03 - Christmas Party
12/27 - Ice Skating

For December, we'll be in a series called "Christmas Carols." Here are the songs we'll be taking a closer look at over the Christmas season!

11/29 - "O, Holy Night"
12/06 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
12/13 - "Away in a Manger"
12/20 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



2:20 CENTER NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

Blankets - Gloves - Scarves
(To give out during December and into the colder months)

Hearty Soups - Hamburger/Tuna Helper Jelly - Condiments

**Razors - Simple Can Openers
Toothpaste - Toilet Paper**



CONGRATULATIONS!!

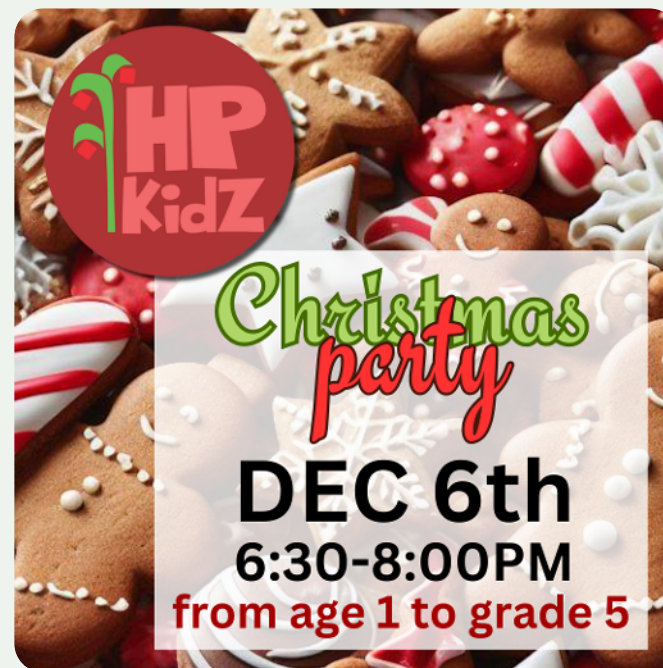
Thatcher Edwin Dautenhahn

Born: November 04, 2023

Parents: *Logan & Jessica*

Big Sister: *Scout*

Grandparents: *Dale and Michelle Dautenhahn*



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I want to thank you all for the food, prayers, and the plant. They mean a lot to me and my family.



Love in Christ,
Rose Mary Hill

I wanted to say "Thank you" to HP and PECE for allowing the leftover food from the Thanksgiving dinner to be donated to *The Merchant Shelter* for our Tuesday meal for our homeless neighbors. They sure did enjoy it and they ate every bit of it! Thank you for this gift of hope for my friends. We served approximately 100 meals that day for our friends!

Cathy Koloff

Dear Friends at HPCC:

Thank you so much for responding to the "Sunset Steps Campaign" with your generous gift.

We are grateful to partners like you who have the best interests of the camp at heart.

God bless you!

In Christ,
*Eric & Elizabeth
Sunset Bible Camp*

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Mike Mallory's dad, *Gordon Mallory*, passed away on October 25 in Nebraska. Please lift *Mike* and *Ruth* and their family in your prayers in this time of loss.

Billie Elwood, sister of *Marilyn Sullivan*, passed away on October 30. Services were held in Glencoe, Oklahoma, on November 6. The *Sullivan* and *Pierce* families would deeply appreciate your prayers as they grieve this loss.

Lili Sauter's mom, *Sue Rhodes Dodd*, passed away on November 06. Services are scheduled for 1:00pm on December 02 at Highland Park. Lift up the *Sauter* family as they navigate this time of great loss.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants."

(Psalm 116:15)

