A Moment with the Pastor

https://biblicalcounselingcenter.org/how-to-be-light-in-the-darkness/

One candle, in a very dark room, makes a far bigger difference.

Matthew 5:14 – 16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

If we are going to be light in the darkness, the Bible asks us to remember four things so that our Light will shine bright.

Philippians 2:14 – 17 "Do all things without complaining or arguments; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding firmly the word of life, so that on the day of Christ I can take pride because I did not run in vain nor labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all."

1. Check your attitude [Vs. 14] "Do all things without complaining or arguments."
2. Consider your example [Vs. 15] "That you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world."
3. Cling to Christ [Vs. 16] "Holding firmly the word of life, so that on the day of Christ I can take pride because I did not run in vain nor labor in vain."
4. Choose to be faithful [Vs. 17] "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all."

https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-light-we-need-to-see

In the natural realm, we depend on the sun's light for illumination. Our physical bodies have eyes and therefore we need light to show us where we are and where we need to go. We also need it to help us see and avoid or evade the myriad dangers around us. We have good reason to have a natural fear of the dark, because it conceals those dangers. Darkness veils creatures, inanimate objects, and environments that can seriously injure or kill us. And in the dark, we don't know the way to go.

But the sun also literally gives our bodies life. In order to survive, we eat plants that eat light, or we eat animals that eat plants that eat light. Our bodies also absorb vital nutrients directly from sunlight and would not be able to survive without the heating effect that this electromagnetic radiance produces.

But there is also a spiritual light, Jesus is, "the true light, and He dispels the great darkness (John 1:9). And he says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Jesus is the light of life (John 8:12), and He embodies all that we know spiritual light is and does. He is "the way" and shows us the way to go; he is "the truth" and reveals the truth of our spiritual surroundings; and he is "the life" and gives us life — he's the light from which we derive our very life (John 14:6). And in his light, we not only see light, we become "light in the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8) and therefore become ourselves "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

Jesus is the "true light" of the world, and He will also be the true light of the world to come (Revelation 21:23).

Stewardship Statistics	9.27.26	10.4.26	10.11.26	10.18.26	10.25.26	**Total Money Given and Average Attendance**
Attendance for in-person services	53	53	47	55	51	51.8
General Fund	$2000	$3185.00	$1696.00	$7530.00	$2074.00	$16485.00
Weekly Budget	$2855.00	$2855.00	$2855.00	$2855.00	$2855.00	$14275.00
+ or - Budget	($855.00)	$330.00	($1159.00)	$4675.00	($781.00)	$2210.00
Designated Giving						
Birthday Money	$24.00	$40.00	2.00			$66.00
Food Pantry		$200.00		$100.00	$100.00	$400.00
Mud Hens Tickets	$44.00					$44.00
Concert tickets		$88.00				$88.00
Minister Appreciation			$70.00		$955.00	$1025.00
Lehman Memorial					$100.00	$100.00
Total Givings	**$2068.00**	**$3513.00**	**$1768.00**	**$7630.00**	**$3229.00**	**$18208.00**

Prayer List

Sue Snyder (brain cancer)
Gloria Snyder (cancer in vocal cords)
Dave Boswell (bladder cancer, chemo)
Ken Altmeyer (colon cancer surgery)
Dawn (Cathy & John DuBois's daughter has fluid buildup around her heart.)
Carol Krause (eyesight restoration)
Tom of Victory Chapel (stroke)
Bill Leach (leaky heart valve)
Leighan's father-in-law Tay (pancreatic cancer/starts radiation)
Jamie Donald
Judy Pope (cancer)
June Wilson (cancer, chemo)
John McKenzie (face pain relief)
Carl Murphy (back problems)
Family of Dave Garver
Family of Tom Guyger
Larry Frost (Health Issues)
John DuBois (health decline/bedridden)
Family of Larry Williams (Howard's cousin)
Matt (sepsis)
Pray for people and animals flooded in NM, CO, AZ, and UT. Pray especially for the Navajo nation who have fewer resources.

Activities this month:

Food Pantry Is Open
Saturdays, November 7 & 21, 10:00am – Noon

TCM presentation
November 1, after Praise/Prayer Time

Fellowship Break (Brunch for TCM)
Sunday, November 1, after Worship
Hosted by The Harshberger's and Higley's

Men's Mentoring
Follows Fellowship Break

Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 7:30pm

Small Group Bible Studies
Continuing in the book of John
(currently in Chapter 12)
Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Friday Game Night
November 13, 6:00 -8:00pm
Note: No game night on the 27th due to Thanksgiving

Youth Group at the church
Saturday, November 14, 5:00-6:30pm

Thanksgiving Dinner open to the community
Saturday, November 21, 5:00-7:00pm (church)

Ladies Christian Fellowship
Monday, November 23, 7:00pm

Remember our Shut-ins
Bud Brown – BG Manor

Those in Service
Darryl & Carol Krause - missionaries
Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Carlisle, PA
Ron Burkhart – Stateside
Jon Walker - 179th Air Nat'l Guard – currently in Biloxi, MS
Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
Luke Millican - USAF
Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan
McNiel Snyder - USAF/GA
Wynter Anderson - Army Nat'l Guard
Hunter Braun - USAF
MSgt. Deidra Anderson Braun – USAF -currently in Jordan

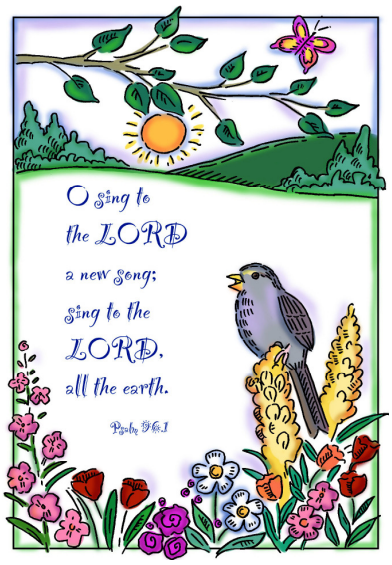
Activities continued:

Hanging the Greens
Saturday, November 28, 9:00am

First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 29

5th Sunday Singspiration (Weston)
Sunday, November 29, 6:00pm

Singspiration



5th Sunday Singspiration

November 29, 6:00pm

Weston Church of Christ

There will be a sign-up sheet for needed refreshment items.

Please take a look and see what you can donate. Thanks.

Come and sing praises to the Lord and enjoy great fellowship!

Daylight Savings Time Ends, November 1, 2:00am

Set your clocks back one hour. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep before coming to church. We'll see you bright-eyed and ready to sing along with our great praise band.

TCM (Training Christians for Ministry)

TCM is one of the many missions we support. A guest speaker, Ken Flora will be in Weston on **November 1st**. He will give a presentation after praise/prayer time.

TCM focuses on equipping national Christian leaders to plant churches and drive disciple-making movements within their own countries, cultures and languages.

First Sunday of Advent, November 29

This Sunday focuses on the expectation of The Messiah's coming.
Isaiah 64 continues a prayer in which Isaiah moves from complaint to petition, calling on God to leave the "heavens" and to come to their aid.



A Mission Field of Prayer



Missionary Cynthia Sundman shares the story of a woman in her 80s who is battling cancer and confined to bed. Though she can no longer leave home, she keeps a list of missionaries around the world and prays for them each day.

Cynthia says, “This woman travels the globe every day serving the Lord. Her mission is to pray for all the missionaries on her list.”

Her story reminds us that faithful service does not always require travel or public recognition. Sometimes ministry happens quietly, from a bedside, through prayers lifted to God.

A Reason to Give Thanks

After Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions were rescued after more than three weeks adrift in life rafts in the Pacific, he was asked what lesson he had learned from the ordeal.

He answered that anyone with plenty of fresh water to drink and enough food to eat should never complain.

His words still speak clearly today. Many blessings can become so familiar that we barely notice them. This Thanksgiving, pause to give thanks for clean water, nourishing food, a safe place to rest and the people God has placed in your life. Let gratitude continue long after the holiday table is cleared.

Honoring Faithful Service



Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.

As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.

May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

Don’t Let It Get Under Your Skin

Holidays are meant to bring joy, yet they can easily become stressful. A careless comment, an unmet expectation or a simple misunderstanding may lead to hurt feelings and family tension. Before long, a small disagreement can grow into an argument that overshadows the celebration.

In moments like these, remember the wise teacher who chose to let slights and insults pass. He explained, “I have only one skin, and it covers me very well. I don’t let anyone else get under it.”

This holiday season, choose patience, extend grace and protect the peace around your table.

Note: All articles on this page are from the The Newsletter Insider

Just for KIDS

Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = _____ Father	10 + 15 = _____ in
10 + 9 = _____ heavenly	6 - 3 = _____ to
10 + 5 = _____ blessed	12 - 6 = _____ and
2 - 1 = _____ Praise	6 + 6 = _____ Christ
7 + 7 = _____ has	18 - 9 = _____ our
11 + 11 = _____ every	22 - 11 = _____ Jesus
12 + 12 = _____ blessing	1 + 1 = _____ be
10 + 10 = _____ realms	7 + 6 = _____ who
13 + 13 = _____ Christ	2 + 2 = _____ the
8 + 8 = _____ us	10 - 5 = _____ God
8 + 9 = _____ in	4 + 4 = _____ of
5 + 5 = _____ Lord	9 + 9 = _____ the
10 + 11 = _____ with	10 + 13 = _____ spiritual

" _____ (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ (6)

_____ (7) _____ (8) _____ (9) _____ (10) _____ (11) _____ (12),

_____ (13) _____ (14) _____ (15) _____ (16) _____ (17) _____ (18)

_____ (19) _____ (20) _____ (21) _____ (22)

_____ (23) _____ (24) _____ (25) _____ (26)."

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14 is a Bible story about a special dinner. Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____ .
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

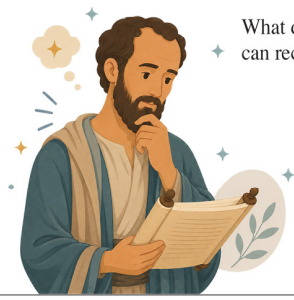


Derrick Saylor
Norm Tolles, Sr.
Carol Clark
Nancy Roe
Shelen Stevens
Kaylee Murphy



1 Dave & Cindy Wichman
15 Jim & Carol Clark

Bible Quiz



What did St. Paul teach about how people can recognize the existence of God?

A. They would have no understanding of God unless someone told them.
B. They could see evidence of God by observing creation.
C. God cannot be known in any way except through Jesus.

Answer: B (Romans 1:19-21)

Saturday, November 21st, 5:00-7:00pm,we are hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner.



This is open to everyone in the local community of Weston. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the stairs for needed items. Please take a look and sign up for whatever you can. It is very much appreciated. We'll need help in the kitchen, serving and cleaning up too. Thanks.

Christian Symbol



DOOR — A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and a personal relationship with Jesus: “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7, NIV). A door can also represent Jesus’ loving invitation to open our hearts to him: “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock” (Revelation 3:20, NIV). When we welcome him in, we receive the joy of fellowship and life with Christ.

The Journey of the Church Year

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, in 2026. In many Christian traditions, Advent also marks the beginning of the church year. Rather than starting with a new calendar, the church begins by preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent leads to Christmas, followed by Epiphany, traditionally observed on January 6, 2027, to remember the revelation of Christ to the nations and the visit of the wise men. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and guides believers toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, March 28.

Forty days after Easter, Christians observe Ascension Day on May 6, remembering how Jesus “was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9, ESV). Pentecost follows on May 16, 50 days after Easter. On that day, the Holy Spirit empowered Christ’s followers and united them for the church’s mission.

The season after Pentecost continues until Advent arrives once more, inviting the church to begin the sacred journey again.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DST ends 1 9:30am Worship Birthdays & Anniversaries Fellowship Break Men's mentoring	2	3 7:30pm Board Meeting	4 6:15-6:45pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Small Group	5 7:00pm Band Practice	6	7 10am-noon Food Pantry
8 9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High and Adult Sunday School	9	10	11  7:00pm Small Group	12 7:00pm Band Practice	13 6-8pm Game Night	14 5-6:30pm Youth Group
15 9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High and Adult Sunday School Poinsettia orders	16 Have all cookie jar ingredients at church	17	18 7:00pm Small Group	19 7:00pm Band Practice	20	21 10am-noon Food Pantry 5-7pm Thanksgiving Dinner open to the community
22 9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High and Adult Sunday School	23 7:00pm Ladies Christian Fellowship Cookie Jar assembly	24	25 7:00pm Small Group	26 	27	28 **9:00am Hanging the Greens**
29 1st Sunday in Advent 9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High and Adult Sunday School 6:00pm 5th Sunday Singspiration	30					

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Sunday Worship Times
9:30am Worship Service
11:00am Sunday School



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