



November 3, 2024

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Church Workday yesterday!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

National Collection Week is November 18-25. November 24th is the last day to turn in filled shoeboxes to OBC! Empty shoeboxes can be found on the altar steps.



WMU Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

All ladies are invited to the World Day of Prayer service at Watts Grove Church on Monday, November 4th at 6 PM.

This year's theme is "Purposeful Life" which is drawn from Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."



Watts Grove Missionary Baptist Church:
3105 N. Rocky River Road, Monroe

Safer Communities Ministry

Safer Communities Ministry in Indian Trail has a goal of giving Christmas presents to 70 children this December.

If anyone is interested in 'adopting' a child to buy & wrap Christmas presents for, please let Julie Cook know.



Children's ages range from 18 months to 16 years.

Those who 'adopt' a child are invited to attend a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 10th.



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Sunday, November 3 2024

Jacob and Esau: Family Rivalry

Genesis 27:35-37, 41; 33:1-4, 8-11

The Point: Showing humility is critical to restoring a broken relationship.

The Bible Meets Life: Perhaps you've heard the oft-quoted statement, "Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate." That statement rings true for Jacob. He lived much of his life as a swindling, con man. Nearly all of Jacob's relationships involved conflict, and no conflict was more profound than the sibling rivalry between Jacob and Esau.

These brothers hated one another in differing ways. Jacob expressed his pride and rivalry against Esau with mental warfare, needling him for his birthright and scheming with his mother to steal his blessing. Esau responded to his betrayal with boisterous hatred and threats. Esau appeared to show no regard for the prophecy that he would, one day, serve his younger brother. To make matters worse, their parents, Isaac and Rebekah, fed the fire of their rivalry.

As grown men, they met in what could have resulted in the death of rivals. Both brothers, twins, desired to dominate the other. One felt entitled by birth; the other felt entitled because he bartered, swindled, and outwitted the other. Betrayal and treachery nearly collided with death because of the sibling rivalry between Jacob and Esau. Nearly.

Live It Out: Take responsibility. Identify some of your learned behaviors from your family and begin humbly to address them. **Forgive.** After humbly dealing with our sins and shortcomings, among the most significant things we can do is forgive those who have offended us or caused us harm or grief. Your forgiveness doesn't excuse their behavior; it's you letting go of the offense. Choose to forgive. **Do all that you can do to reconcile.** Take the initiative to reconcile a broken relationship in your life. This is tough, but it pays tremendous dividends. Doing your due diligence to maintain a clear conscience can help prevent future conflicts. Take steps now to move toward reconciliation.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Navigating Family Conflict

Sunday, November 10 Joseph and His Brothers: Family Jealousy
(Genesis 37:1-4, 18-24, 31-34)

Sunday, November 17 Joseph and His Brothers: Family Reconciliation
(Genesis 42:3-5, 21-24a; 45:1-5)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 11/6

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 6th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, October 27

Indoor: 50

Online: 47



Wednesday, October 30

Online: 43

Youth: 13

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



October Offering

To Date:

\$13,913.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Andy Cook

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Alan Haynes (Eddie & Candy's Neighbor)

Christine Hinson's Family

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Karyn Shauan & Family

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)



Thanksgiving Fellowship

Sunday, November 24th

Following Worship

Sign up sheets coming soon!

