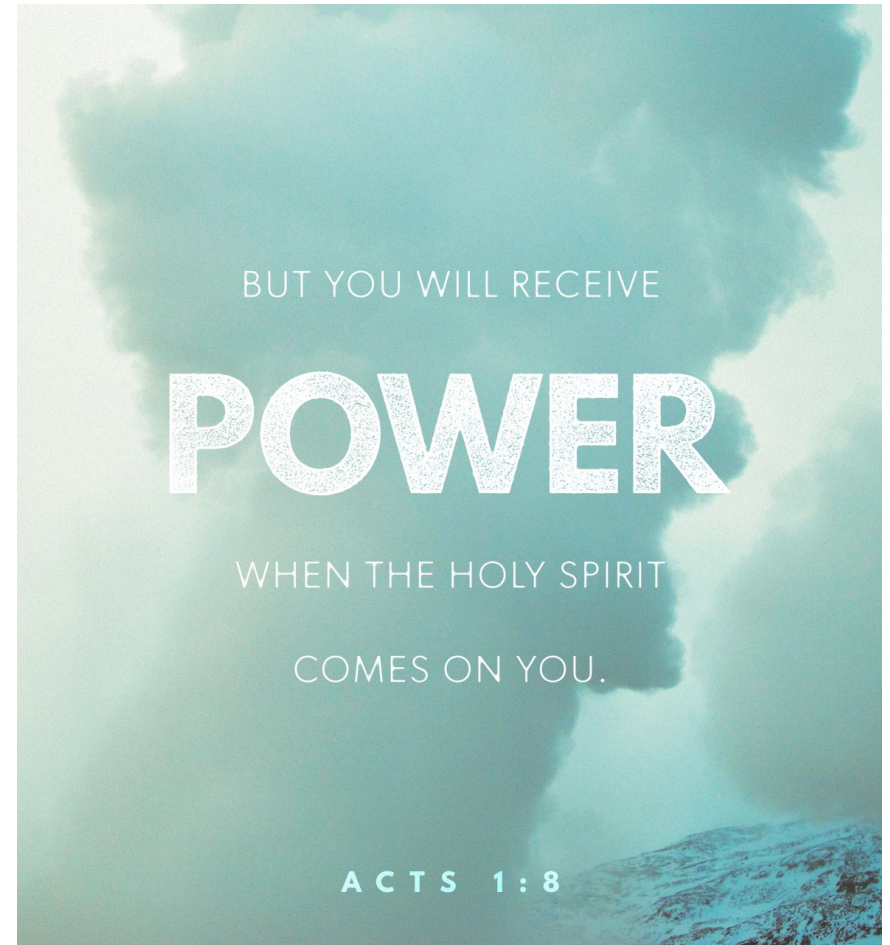
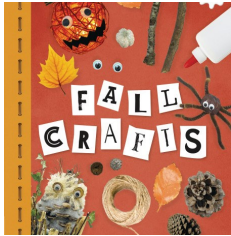




November 16, 2025



Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 23rd
Following the Worship Service
Sign-up sheets available in sanctuary



Wellspring Prep Craft Volunteers

Mrs. Stephanie is looking for volunteers to do a Thanksgiving/Autumn-themed craft with her two students, preferably on a Monday or Wednesday morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the church office.

Lunch Bags for the Homeless

Julie's Sunday School class is collecting different items each Sunday to pack & deliver lunch bags to a homeless camp off Sutherland Ave. in Monroe. If you would like to bring items, you can drop them off in Julie's Sunday School classroom (close to the Fellowship Hall).

1st Sunday: Peanut Butter & Jelly

2nd Sunday: Snack Bags of Chips & Little Debbie Cakes

3rd Sunday: Brown Lunch Bags & Sandwich Bags

4th Sunday: Canned Drinks & Bottled Water

Thank you to everyone
who has brought items in
for the lunch bags!



Save the Date

The next Ladies Painting Class will be on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 PM. This class will be Winter/Christmas-themed and will cost \$25. Look for sign up sheets in the SS classrooms & in the sanctuary!



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When a Time of Inactivity Slows You Down

Acts 1:4-8, 12-14; 2:1-4

The Point: Use unexpected downtime to prepare for what's next.

The Bible Meets Life: You and I face a dilemma: we hate waiting, yet we are forced to do it a lot. Think about how much of your life is spent...

- ▶ Standing in a grocery store check-out line
- ▶ Growing older in a traffic jam
- ▶ Listening to that terrible song cycle again while on hold
- ▶ Anticipating test results that seem to take forever

One UCLA professor humorously suggested the creation of a new unit of time called "the honko-second," defined as "the time between when the light changes and the person behind you honks his horn." It would be the smallest measure of time known to man.

Those of us who want things in a "honko-second" find waiting maddening. But what if God has something in those gaps for us that we can't receive any other way?

Let's not waste our waiting anymore. Jesus's disciples were in a waiting room with lessons to help us wait well.

Live It Out: Focus on Scripture. Read Isaiah 40:31 and meditate on these words. Commit this verse to memory this week. Hide God's Word in your heart for those times in the future when you will once again find yourself waiting on the Lord and trusting in Him. **Focus on Christ.** When you find yourself in a situation when you are forced to wait, intercept negative reactions by directing your thoughts to Christ. Develop this response through repetition. Open your mind and heart to Him instead of swimming in the circumstances. **Build a Cohort.** Ask God to help you find a believer with whom you can share your heart. Develop mutual trust by waiting together in prayerful hope.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

How to Handle Life's Interruptions

Sunday, November 23 When Doing God's Work Is Interrupted
(Acts 16:4-15)

From Problems to Praise

Sunday, November 30 From Problems to Praise
(Isaiah 38:9-20)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:30 AM Living Streams
Worship Center

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship
6:30 PM Youth
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, November 9



Indoor: 53
Online: 290

Wednesday, November 12

Online: 56
Youth: 9

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:
\$17,571.84

November
Offering
To Date:
\$7,207.00

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson
Dianne Avery
Sue Bruce
Gary Clontz
Marlene Crider
Sam & Wanda Goodwin
Mike & Renee Helms & Family
Lillian Lewis
Richard Lovingood & Family
Pam Majewski
Debbie McKnight
Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)
Kenny & Carolyn Street
Irene Welch
Susan Wood & Family

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will meet at 7:30 PM
on Wednesdays to rehearse for
the Christmas Musical!

Bible App

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today's Scripture on
the Bible app! Scan
this QR code with
your phone:

