



**April 21, 2024**

**Yard Sale**

Saturday, April 27th  
8 AM - 12 Noon

You can begin dropping off the **large** items on Monday, April 22nd. Many of those items will be staged in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall, so we need to wait until services are over for both our congregation and our Hispanic partners, who use the building on Sunday afternoon.

As always, make sure your donations are clean and in good working order.



Please let Julie or the church office know if you would be willing to volunteer to work during the yard sale. It's a wonderful time of fun and fellowship and a great way to bless our community and church. Thank you for all you do and for serving and supporting your church!

**Backpacks of Hope Ministry**

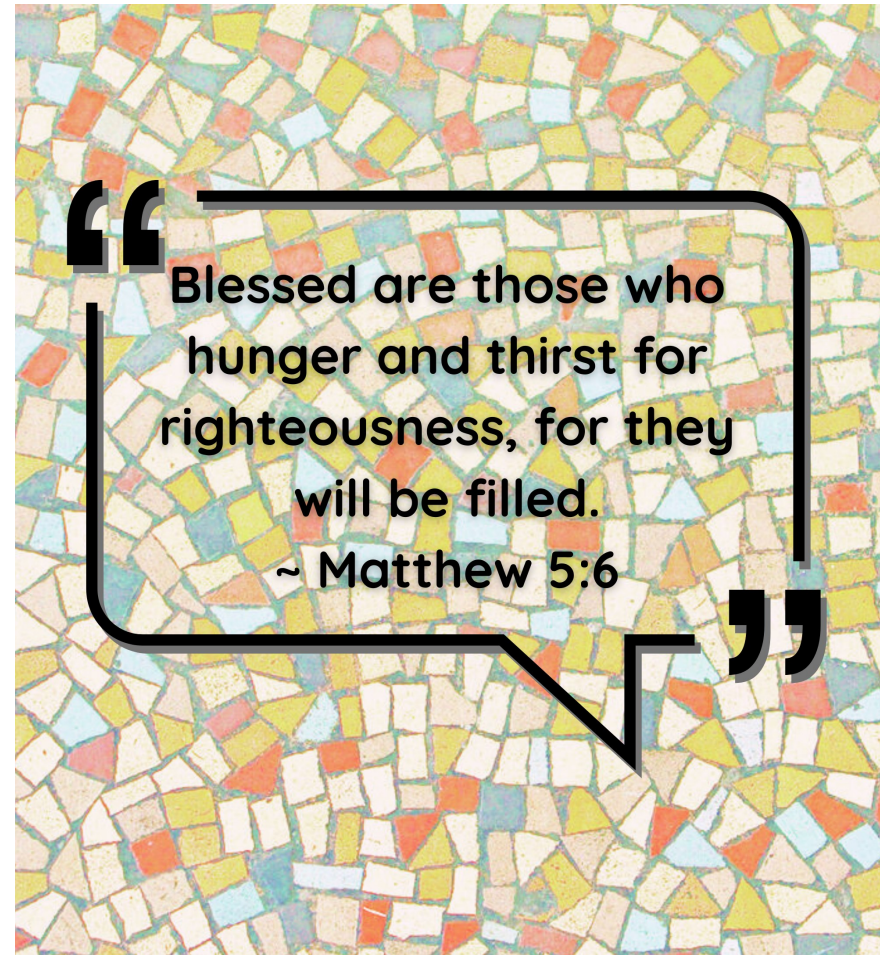
Pray for this ministry and for the students who receive food each week. Bags include a selection from the following items:



Applesauce, Beanie Weenies, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Cups (Fruit Medley, Orange Slices, Peaches), Grits, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Crackers, Pop Tarts, Pork & Beans, Pudding Cups, Raisins, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli, Shells & Cheese, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup

**Encouraging Cards**

If you are interested in sending the 10 middle schoolers who receive food bags each week an encouraging card, please drop them off in the church office.



**Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they  
will be filled.  
~ Matthew 5:6**

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## Sunday, April 21 2024

Sharing Christ

Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**The Point:** We are to invite others into a relationship with Christ.

**The Bible Meets Life:** I remember when I first heard about COVID-19 and thought it was an isolated problem in a distant part of the world. On December 31, 2019, China reported 27 cases of “viral pneumonia,” which was later identified as a new type of coronavirus named COVID-19. Soon it spread to Thailand, then Japan, then South Korea. By January 24, 2020, the virus had reached Europe. It spread until it touched the entire world. By December 2022, authorities in 227 countries and territories had reported cases.

Now, nearly everyone you talk to has either had COVID or knows someone who has. The scope and speed of the viral spread was unprecedented. Why? At least one person in China traveled outside the country, taking the highly contagious virus. Time and again, as people moved throughout the world, they took the virus with them.

While the pandemic was a rapid spread of the worst possible kind, it provides an illustration of God’s plan for the gospel. One person shares it with another, who shares with another, who shares with another. Today’s passages remind us that the authentic church is a church that shares the good news.

**Live It Out: Study.** Read a book on how to share your faith. Implement one suggestion from the book. **Share.** Write your testimony (before I met Jesus; how I met Jesus; since I met Jesus). Share it with someone you have never told. **Support.** Volunteer to mentor a new Christian. Meet with that person regularly to pray, study the Bible, and answer questions.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### Being An Authentic Church

Sunday, April 28 Growing in Christ  
(Colossians 1:9-14, 21-29)

Sunday, May 5 Worshiping Christ  
(Psalm 34:1-3, 8-10, 15-18)

BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE

## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

### Tuesday

6:45 PM Deacon Training 4/23

### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

### Thursday

10:00 AM Grief Share 4/25

Jail Ministry

## Grief Share Group

The next meeting will be on  
April 25th at 10 AM.

## Service Attendance

Sunday, April 14

Indoor: 63

Online: 98



Wednesday, April 17

Online: 56

Youth: 16

## Monthly Budget & Offerings

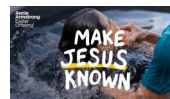
Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26

April Offering

To Date:

6,962.00



AAEO:

\$2,085.00

## Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump & Family

Peggy Dean

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Bob Hale (Shelia’s Dad)

Christine Hinson

## Deacon’s Training

The deacons will meet at 7 PM  
on Tuesday, April 23rd & 30th  
for deacon training.

They will be going through  
*A Deacon on Purpose:*  
*Four Biblical Essentials* by  
Dr. Tony Wolfe.

This training will cover  
topics such as:  
Lead By Example  
Serve the People  
Support the Pastor & Staff  
Protect the Peace  
Character and Purpose

