

General information

For Your Kids - Infant Nursery is caringly staffed for newborns to age 2 during the Sunday School hour and Worship hour. The toddler room is available for children ages 2 - 5 during the worship hour. Sunday School is offered for children ages 2 through grade 6 from 9:00 - 9:50 every Sunday morning. In addition, there is a worship time for kids ages 5 through 3rd grade! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. It is a time for children to experience a "worship gathering" geared for their age group. We have a Bible story, singing, prayer and share time, and crafts.

Wednesday Night BLAST - BLAST meets at the Together Community Center. Registration opens at 6:45 pm, program starts promptly at 7 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. This year BLAST will maintain the same age groups (preschool, K-1, 2-3 & 4-5 grade) and will introduce some new elements. In addition to the teaching & snack time, there will be science lab & minute-to-win-it game time for kids to choose from.

Spotlight is a Middle School Ministry. In addition to Sunday School every Sunday, we provide Bible studies on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We plan one social activity a month and service/mission projects throughout the year.

Sr High Student Group provides great teaching each Sunday at 9 am and caring leaders for Wednesday nights (7:00-9:00 pm) include fun, small groups and missional activities.

For Adults - Adult life stage groups average 15-40 people in attendance each Sunday and study a Bible-focused curriculum. They provide opportunities for socialization and friendship as well as service.

Sermon notes

This Week

December 3, 2017

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 pm Sr High Student Group

Thursday, December 7

6:30 pm Rogers Family Christmas at Tim & Jen's

Announcements

Church Host: Dan & Katie Kauffman

If you would like more information about an item listed in the bulletin, please use your communication card and note the words that are written in ***bold/italic***.

We're excited to share ***Son of God, Son of Man*** with you, a collection of devotionals for the advent season written by faculty from Dallas Theological Seminary. Copies were in your church mailbox last week, and extra copies are available at the Welcome Center. We hope that "Son of God, Son of Man" will be an encouragement to you and your family as you celebrate our Savior's birth.

This Christmas we are excited to partner with The Factory Ministries to help ***provide gifts for children in our community***. The parents will come to the Together Community Center to purchase the gifts at a reduced price and to wrap them for Christmas. Our role is to purchase the gifts and donate them to the Factory Ministries. Cards with gift requests are available at the Welcome Center. If you would like to help, **please purchase the gifts and return them to the Welcome Center by next Sunday, December 10**. Each card has two gifts that should be purchased at about \$25 each. The gifts should be unwrapped and the card with the gift idea should be attached to the gifts so that we can give it to the correct family. Thank you for helping to care for our community in this way!

Offering envelopes for 2018 are in your mailboxes today. Contact Lois Beiler if you no longer need envelopes because of online giving or if you currently do not have envelopes and would like some.

On February 23, 2018, GPC will be hosting a ***Work as Worship Retreat*** by RightNow Media. Join other business leaders who want their faith to impact their work as we learn from several speakers throughout the day. The retreat will be simulcast from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Invite a friend and register for the event at

<https://www.workasworshipretreat.org/registration?id=313184860>

Please contact Jen Rogers with any questions.

Family News

Congratulations to Troy & Dani Smoker on the birth of their second daughter, Hannah Mae, born Thursday, November 23.

Remember Tonya Petersheim and Jolene Moyer as they continue their journey with cancer.

Pray for Merv Beiler as he is recovering in the hospital from a work related injury this past week.

Financial News

	Weekly Need	Weekly Received	Year to Date
11-26-17			
General	\$6,448	\$4,394	\$8,608
Missions	\$1,924	\$2,984	-\$7,854