

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Official Newsletter of
Stone Creek Fellowship Church



From the Pastor Jeremy Tennery

Hello friends, my name is Jeremy Tennery, the pastor of Stone Creek Fellowship Church in Huntsville, TX. As we enter the holiday season, I think about all our family's plans on the calendar.

We have Thanksgiving planned and almost every weekend leading up to Christmas planned out. It's a busy time for everyone, and with this holiday busyness comes holiday anxiety and stress that we have become accustomed to at the holiday season.

I get it. This is anxiety and stress on top of the everyday life anxiety and stress we deal with. Scripture tells us to "Be anxious for nothing...". More specifically, Philippians says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." At times, the holidays can also make us feel alone in our struggles, anxiety, and stress.

I want to remind and encourage everyone to remember what Hebrews 13 teaches us, that you are not alone. Jesus promises that He will never leave you or forsake you. Even when we feel alone, and struggle with fearing that the world is coming down on top of us, Jesus is always there. When we feel abandoned, Jesus is there. When we feel overwhelmed, Jesus is there. He is always there. So how do we manage? Just as scripture tells us, pray.

Get on your knees before Jesus, lay your stress and anxiety at His feet, and like I say to my family at Stone Creek Fellowship, leave it at the feet of Jesus when you stand up.

You are not alone. Jesus is always with you and wants to give you peace and joy during this season.

We love our church family!
Pastor Jeremy

Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child 2023

Our church is participating in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child". The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication. Every Sunday in October is collection Sunday and our church will collect items to fill the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes which will be sent to children in various areas of the world. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse ships these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

To learn more about this amazing annual process, you can visit the following website:
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Birthdays in October

Emmett Williams Oct 10th
Becky Holliday Oct 25th

Sylvia Williams 23rd
Carol Weatherford Oct 29th

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Bible Verse of the Month

Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6 CSV

True or False

- 1) Old Jewish scrolls were written on both sides?
- 2) Papyrus paper was invented by the Phoenicians.
- 3) The book of Luke was written for the Hebrew people?
- 4) The label lukewarm Christian, where was that used in the Bible?
- 5) God commanded that the promised land be divided lots.
- 6) The Gospel of Mark was based upon Peter's preaching.

(Answers on page 4)

DID YOU KNOW?

- It took over 1,000 years to complete the Old Testament. The completion of the Old Testament took over 1,000 years in history. Meanwhile, it took 50-75 to complete the Word of God in the New Testament.
- The first Bibles did not have verses. The first Bibles can be hard to memorize because it is not organized into verses. The Geneva Bible was the first Bible to have numbered verses.
- The Bible shows historical accuracy. While authors and disciples were writing the New Testament, many historians wrote about the same events the way it was written in the Bible. For instance, Flavius Josephus, Tacitus, and many other historians corroborate the historical accuracy of the New Testament in their works.

5 Things Jesus Did Not Say

- Follow your heart - Jesus said, "Follow Me"
- Be true to yourself - Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple, must deny himself"
- Believe in yourself - Jesus said, "Believe in me"
- Live your truth - Jesus said, "I am the truth"
- As long as you are happy - Jesus said, "What will it profit a man if he gains the world and loses his soul"

49th Annual Fair on the Square - Saturday, October 7, 2023



49th Annual Fair on the Square
Date: October 7, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM CDT
Location: Downtown Huntsville
<http://www.faironthesquare.com>

Thoughts to Ponder

"We must remember that the shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor." – Charles Stanley

"You are the only Bible some unbelievers will

This annual event, presented by the Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Wischnewsky Dodge, offers Fun, Food and Adventure!! Over 400 vendors set up shop in the historic downtown district selling many unique items, some hand crafted by local artisans. Jewelry, home décor, apparel, and many more treasures can be found by both vendors and the merchants on the downtown square. For more happenings at all the locations of the fair visit the official website at: www.faironthesquare.com

Bible Trivia



1. What prophecy is foretold in Micah 3:1 about the forthcoming of the Lord. God is silence for 400 years.
2. What is the shortest book in the Old Testament?
3. What minor prophet in the Old Testament is married to a prostitute?
4. What minor prophet call for repentance without describing the sin committed.
5. What minor prophet is seeing the prophetic visions, including that of seventy weeks of the end times.
6. What minor prophet describes the Messiah riding a donkey into Jerusalem?

(Answers on page 4)

"Clean Heart, Clean Hands"

By Dr. B.L. Worsham

"Create in me a clean heart, oh God; and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 1:10)

One of the greatest conflicts between our relationship with God is when we give up on his promises! We pray! He has promised to answer! But, the answer is not forthcoming --- and the most frustrating thing is for us to wait! If we are a seasoned Christian, we know that God is not trifling with us; --- so what is going on?

The Lord answers prayer, always, in our best interest! Faith tells us He has delayed for our benefit. Never think that God is tempting you. "For God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any man ---" (James 1:13). Christ will never be cruel simply to see us suffer, but He will "test" us! Why? Perhaps to strengthen us for what is ahead!

Perhaps to remind us that "Every good gift – comes down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17)! Or, perhaps, the Father has chosen to "Keep you in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee" (Isaiah 26:3)! Perhaps God has a special word for you, or some unique labor to complete, or a lesson, that we must learn!

God picks whom He will and equips them for His service! No one was more unwilling or less prepared than Jonah to bring Faith to Nineveh, but with God's power he succeeded. (Jonah chapter 1-3). And who would choose William T Seymour to ignite the famous "Azusa Street Revival" in Los Angeles, California? God did! And then came Mordach Hamm, preaching and praying thru North Carolina. Seeking whomever God would save! Here the Lord chose an unlikely farm boy named, William Franklin Graham, Jr. and molded him into "the most influential Christian leader" of the 20th century.

Beloved if you are willing, God will choose and use you --- "and then will (you) teach transgressors (God's) ways; and sinners shall be Converted unto Thee" (Psalm 51:13).

God Bless You,



Why is it called Christmas?

A big step in rebranding the old holiday was to give it a new, religious name. In fact, the word Christmas comes from Cristes maesse, Old English for "Christ's Mass," which references the Catholic tradition of holding a special mass ceremony to celebrate Jesus.

The Day Is Near

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. - Romans 13:11

May Recipes & Kitchen Tips

Fall Simmer Pot Recipes

Place ingredients into water and simmer on stove in small pot for amazing smells

- **Cinnamon Apples:** 1/2 apple sliced, 2 whole cloves, 2 cinnamon sticks
- **Pumpkin Patch:** 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice, 2 whole anise, 1/2 apple sliced
- **Spicy Harvest:** 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 2 cinnamon sticks, 2 whole anise, 1 apple, sliced
- **Autumn Apple Pie:** 1 apple, sliced, 2 cinnamon sticks, 2 whole cloves, 1/2 tsp vanilla
- **Spicy Citrus:** Peel from 1 orange, Peel from 1/2 lemon, 1/2 tsp vanilla, 2 whole cloves
- **Pumpkin Spice:** 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice, 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 1 tsp vanilla
- **Cinnamon Citrus:** Peel from 1 orange, 3 cinnamon sticks, 1/2 tsp vanilla
- **Apple Cider:** 1 apple, sliced, 1/2 tsp lemon juice, 3 whole cloves, 2 cinnamon sticks
- **Cozy Autumn Evening:** 1/2 cup cranberries, Peel from 1 orange, 4 whole cloves, 1 tsp vanilla

Quick & Easy Meatloaf Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup oatmeal
- salt and pepper to taste
- For the sauce:
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons mustard
- 1/3 cup ketchup



Directions:

- Mix all meatloaf ingredients together in a large mixing bowl. Use a large spoon for mixing, and if you aren't too squeamish, wash your hands well and mix it together well with your hands.
- Press meatloaf mixture firmly into a loaf pan.
- Turn formed meatloaf onto a parchment paper lined baking pan with sides. Rather than baking meatloaf in a loaf pan (where the grease sits in a pool on the top ~ Yuck!), try this trick: Flip the packed meatloaf from the loaf pan onto a large pan with sides which has been lined with parchment paper. ("Whack it!" firmly on the bottom, till it slides out of the loaf pan.)
- With this method, the grease will then run out onto the pan as it bakes. It works like a charm!
- Mix the barbecue sauce ingredients together in another bowl and pour over the top of the meatloaf.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, or until completely done (and not pink) in the center.

Buttery Garlic Mushrooms

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 an onion chopped (optional)
- 1 pound Cremini or button mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- Salt and pepper to taste



Directions:

- Heat the butter and oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.
- Sauté the onion until softened (about 3 minutes).
- Add the mushrooms and cook for about 4-5 minutes until golden and crispy on the edges.
- Stir through thyme, 1 tablespoon of parsley and garlic. Cook for a further 30 seconds, until fragrant.
- Season generously with salt and pepper (to your taste).
- Sprinkle with remaining parsley and serve warm.

Peanut Butter Fudge

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 (16 ounce) package brown sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar



Directions:

- Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat; stir in brown sugar and milk. Bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes, stirring frequently.
- Remove the pot from heat; stir in peanut butter and vanilla.
- Place confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Pour in peanut butter mixture and beat with an electric mixer until smooth.
- Pour peanut butter mixture into an 8x8-inch dish.
- Chill until firm before slicing, about 1 hour.

Buttermilk Pie

Ingredients:

- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust



Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Beat eggs in a large bowl with an electric mixer until frothy. Add sugar, butter, and flour; beat until smooth.
- Stir in buttermilk, lemon juice, vanilla, and nutmeg. Pour into pie shell.
- Bake in the preheated oven until center is firm, 40 to 60 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool for 1 hour before serving.

Pumpkin Cheesecake Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 unbaked pie crust
- 1 8 Oz package cream cheese soften
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 eggs, divided
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup pecans copped
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1/4 cup brown sugar packed



Directions:

- Beat cream cheese, sugar 1 egg and vanilla till smooth. Spread evenly in pie shell, sprinkle pecans over top cheese layer.
- Beat remaining 3 eggs, corn syrup and brown sugar together well. Pour evenly over pecans.
- Bake at 425 for 10 min, then reduce heat to 375 and bake for 25-30 min or until set and golden. Cool, slice and Enjoy!

Cream Cheese Sausage Balls

Ingredients:

- 1 lb hot sausage, uncooked (or any sausage you prefer)
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/4 cups Bisquick
- 4 oz cheddar cheese, shredded
- Preheat oven to 400F



Directions:

- Mix all ingredients until well combined. Roll into 1-inch balls. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until brown.
- Sausage balls may be frozen uncooked. If baking frozen, add a few minutes to the baking time.

EVENTS, NEWS & GENERAL NOTICES

Trivia Answers:

1. The appearance of John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah has prophesied in this verse.
2. Obadiah one chapter with 21 verses.
3. God tells Hosea to marry the prostitute. It shows God's warnings for disobedience but also his promises of blessings for the repentance.
4. Joel unlike other the prophets who condemn idolatry, injustice and other specific sins of the Jewish people only call for repentance.
5. Daniel, the last six chapters in this minor prophet's book.
6. Zechariah's prophecy is found in Zechariah 9:9.

True/False Answers:

1. False - Only written on one side making them very bulky and hard to handle.
2. False - Invented by the Egyptians the scribes used it from 2500 BC to AD 700.
3. False - Written for the Gentile inquirers and Christians who needed strengthening in the faith.
4. True - In a letter to the Laodicea received their water from the aqueduct several miles away in that it came out lukewarm describing a Christian Faith.
5. True - Num 26:52-56.
6. True - Peter refers to Mark as his "son," as being with him in Rome.

Free Cybersecurity Awareness Training

We live in a world where everyone is online and uses the Internet on a daily basis for email, surfing the web, managed our prescriptions, bank accounts, order products online and much more. We are now offering [FREE Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) to all SCF members. The training includes videos, newsletters and other features designed to improve your awareness and knowledge of cybersecurity threats. Contact Bill Parker by email at bparker@stonecreekfellowship.org or call 802-602-3551 for more information.

Santa Claus origin: Where did St. Nick come from?

The jolly old elf with the magical sleigh came from the story of a humble monk named St. Nicholas, who was born in Turkey around 280 AD. Monk St. Nicholas acquired his sainthood after giving away all his wealth to help the poor and the needy. He became known as the patron saint of children and had his own honorary day on Dec. 6.

Early Dutch immigrants to the United States, however, get credit for the name Santa Claus. They brought with them their cultural tradition of celebrating the saint's death. They called him "Sint Nikolaas" (Dutch for Saint Nicholas) and abbreviated it to "Sinter Klaas," which has since evolved into Santa Claus.

The main characteristics of the Santa story—his jolly personality, gifts, a naughty-or-nice list, reindeer and chimney shenanigans—were put into place by the 1822 poem written by Episcopal minister Clement Clarke Moore. The poem is called "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas," but you likely know it by its iconic first line: "'Twas the night before Christmas ..."

You can thank Coca-Cola for the last component, the grandfatherly style of Santa Claus. Coke's early-1900s advertising featured a warm, happy elderly man with rosy cheeks, a white beard and twinkling eyes. It was so popular that it became the default image of Santa, who's now the central character in many Christmas books and Christmas movies for kids.

October 2023 Is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

"Secure Our World: 2023 and Beyond" is this year's cybersecurity awareness month theme. Keep yourself safe and prevent cybercrime threats from stealing your personal, financial and private information. Both online and offline scams are designed to take your money, hold your data hostage and place your personal information on the dark web.

Staying Safe Online Is Easy With These Four Steps

- **Use Strong Passwords**—Strong passwords are long, random, unique and include all four character types (uppercase, lowercase, numbers and symbols).
- **Turn On MFA**—Enabling MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) makes you significantly less likely to get hacked.
- **Recognize & Report Phishing**—Be cautious of unsolicited messages asking for personal information. Never provide your login name and password requested by scam emails.
- **Update Software**—Ensuring your software is up to date is the best way to make sure you have the latest security patches and updates on your devices.

HUMOR FOR THE SOUL



Hope Words

Justice is getting what you deserve. Mercy is not getting what you deserve.

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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Children's Church 11:00 AM

Thursday

Praise Team Practice 5:30 PM

Churchtrac—Your Web Window Into The Church

<https://elwsjw.churchtrac.com>



The second way to access the site is to open up your smartphone's camera and point it at the QR code shown to the left.

Your login name will be your email address. Click the "Forgot Your Password" to set your password. Contact Emmett Williams or Bill Parker for assistance

The Lord's Supper



The men's Sunday school class is now preparing the Lord's Supper which occurs on the first Sunday of each quarter. The group prepares unleavened bread and pure grape juice.

Dates for upcoming Lord's Supper events are shown below:

October 1, 2023

January 7, 2024

April 7, 2024

July 7, 2024

October 6, 2024