

*"The Church Where
Broken Hearts Are Mended"*

THE CALLER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018 EDITION

Fellowship 8:30-9:00 AM
Sunday School 9:00-10:00 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM

HAPPY
New Year

May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.

PSALM 20:4

The church office will be closed on
Monday, December 25th & Monday, January 1st.

Office hours from December 26th through
January 5th will be 8 am to noon.

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Studies on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM

Everyone is invited to join us for coffee and donuts from 8:30 - 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall and then attend one of the following studies...



- **Journey Through the New Testament** - We are now in 2 Thessalonians. Join us on our journey. This study is meeting in a room upstairs next to Rainbow's End Preschool.
- **Parables** - Led by Elaine Duncan and Pam Smith in the Library. All ladies welcome.
- **Lord Change My Attitude** - Led by Ryan Woodard in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- **Reading Devotional Classics for Spiritual Growth** - Led by the Chenoweth's in Blake's office. Everyone is welcome.



Packing Dates:

January 11th @ 10am

February 8th @ 10am

March 8th @ 10am

April 5th @ 10am

May 3rd @ 10am

Christmas Cards

Please pick up your Christmas cards from the Fellowship Hall.

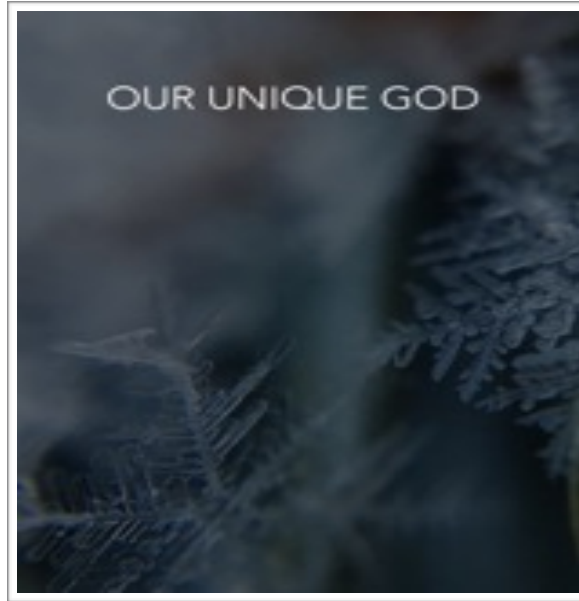
Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.

Rainbow's End is taking registrations for the 2017-2018 school year.



Everyone is invited to join a Bible Study at the McMullen's house on Sunday evenings at 5:30. They will be studying I Corinthians. If you have any questions please see Larry or Linda.



Our Unique God

There are several days that go by where I am so blessed to contemplate the nature and character of our immensely grand and glorious Triune God. Lately I have been thinking about the Ten Commandments, and seeing them differently than I may have ever seen them before, looking at God's heart behind all of the commands. Why does he command those things? Is it because he wants to just put those rules out there, so we know how to live, partially yes, but I think it is deeper than that, and a way that we can get to know our unique God a little more.

Take the first commandment for example, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). God is without equal, without rival. He is unique. You can look around you and see that there is no equal to God, just by looking at the beautiful creation. What other god could do this? What other king would do what He did? This is a one of a kind God, who at just the right time, set aside His majestic, privileged past and put on the working clothes of a peasant-servant and entered time and space as perfect God and perfect Man. There is no story that matches that one.

God alone lives, heals, and loves in Jesus, ultimately taking on my sin, dying on a cross on my behalf, thus defeating sin and death, rising three days later. As we begin this new year, may your prayer be to notice the glory of our unique God. To see all that He has done for us and celebrate that daily. May our prayer be the prayer of Flannery O'Connor, "Oh God, please help me to get down under things and find where You are. Amen."

~Blake

kidcity Elementary Series:



Growing in faith is not something that happens by simply cramming information about the Bible into a child's brain. The knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their heart. To experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith and that takes commitment.

God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has kept His promises to us, we can make a plan and stick to it. One of the best plans you can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out your faith every day.

When kids learn they should learn to hear from God, they might have some questions. After all, when God doesn't really speak audibly, how can I hear from Him? We hope kids wrestle with this idea and learn that through reading God's Word they can hear from God and discover what God wants for their life.

Kids are just starting to discover that they can pray more than before meals and at bedtime. We hope the kids in your environments learn that they can pray to God whenever they feel like they feel like pray with whatever words come to mind. God is always there to listen.

They can pray anytime, anywhere because God is always listening. We hope kids will understand more about the faith skill, PRAY, and find that talking to God is an important part of growing in their faith.



kidcity Pre-K Series:

Preschoolers love showing us what they can do. They are full of WATCH THIS moments. And it can be anything – turning in a circle, running and jumping on a pile of pillows, curtsying like a princess, or my favorite, making their eyebrows go up and down. I love it when they learn how to do that. Their facial expressions are hilarious!

Pretty much anything a preschooler can do falls into the WATCH THIS category, simply because they think anything they learn how to do deserves a WATCH THIS moment.

This month we're going to run with that theme and the words 'WATCH THIS!' will be said... A LOT! For all of you science experiment fans, you're going to have a blast! Any messes that will be made will be TOTALLY worth it. We want to invite preschoolers to WATCH THIS as we do a few impressive things so we can lead them to the ONE who can do ANYTHING!

The goal for this month is to learn that Jesus is the one to watch, because JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING!

We'll begin the month talking about the time Jesus caught all of those fish after Peter caught nothing. Can you imagine Jesus saying, 'Hey Peter! Watch this!' as He pulled up the net filled with fish? Jesus can do things we can't. Peter wasn't able to catch fish on his own. But, with Jesus, his nets were filled! Only Jesus can do that! Jesus can do anything.



Connect 18

A special thanks to
Billy and Ashley
Adams, Jake and
Tara Merritt, and
Blake and Jessica
Chenoweth, for
being great
coaches.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

9:00 am meet in the rooms in the lower level of the north building (the old teen basement).

Join us for grade appropriate Bible Study, making a stronger connection with our faith, Bible and church family. We pray together, have monthly activities and serve together. Please encourage & invite all students to attend. We would love to have them!

The coaches: Larry, Velta and Georgianne

Connect Jr - Students who are in Junior High

Connect Hi - Students who are in High School

Connect U - Students who have graduated high school and moved on to College/University or career minded. These outstanding young people are always welcome with us. However, we encourage them to join one of our many enriching Adult Bible Studies.



Students interested in fun...

Creve Coeur Christian Church

YOUTH GROUP

... where faith explodes in your heart

WHO: Jr. High and High School Students

WHAT: Fun, Fellowship & Worship together

WHERE: Creve Coeur Christian Church

WHEN: Thurs., Dec. 7th & 14th from 6-7:30pm

There is no youth group on 12/21, 12/28 & 1/4. It will resume on 1/11.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



RELATIONSHIPS • ENCOURAGEMENT • ACCOUNTABILITY • LAUGHTER

2018 Women's Ministry

He is able to do anything above and beyond anything we can ever **ASK. THINK. IMAGINE.** - Ephesians 3:20

2018 Calendar of Events

Secret Sister Sign Up



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All of the ladies of the church are invited to participate in this ministry of caring and sharing with other sisters in Christ. You will each be given a “sister” that you will need to pray for and encourage. It is wonderful to have someone that prays for you daily and is there to send you an encouraging note from time to time. We’ll be keeping our “sisters” a secret; so don’t let anyone know who you have. Of course, it may be fun for you to guess as we go along. At the end of the program year, we will reveal our “sisters”. You may pick up a questionnaire at the Welcome Center.

Due to lack of interest, Letters from the Heart will no longer be meeting.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	January 7th	January 14th	January 21st	January 28th
Deaconess	Shirley Cusac	Shirley Cusac	Shirley Cusac	Shirley Cusac
Greeters	Judi Schorr Jacki Donohue Pat Defreitas	Shirley Cusac Bert Cusac John Schneider	Brenda Vercler Rich Vercler Rudy Valentine	Juanita Crook Ralph Crook Lori Crook
Welcome Center	Judy Crackel	Josephine Bowen	Terry Flynn	Elaine Duncan
Sound Tech	Brody Woodard	Brody Woodard	Brody Woodard	Brody Woodard
Slides Tech	Chanda Parod	Chanda Parod	Chanda Parod	Chanda Parod
Pre-K (hour 1)	Malinda Gerhardt	Maddie Friend	Judy Crackel	Taylor Calhoun
Pre-K (hour 2)	Ashley Adams	Brenda Vercler	Chanda Parod	Larry & Velta Haynes
Elementary (hour 1)	Juanita Nelson Marna Gorrell	Juanita Nelson Marna Gorrell	Juanita Nelson Marna Gorrell	Juanita Nelson Marna Gorrell
Elementary (hour 2)	Vince Crook Lori Merritt	Corey Campbell Andrea Campbell Tara Merritt	Vince Crook Lori Merritt	Corey Campbell Andrea Campbell Tara Merritt
Nursery (Sunday School)	Taylor Calhoun	Sherry Stoltenberg	Maddie Friend	Sherry Woodard
Nursery (Worship Service)	Chanda Parod	Ashley Adams	Lindsey DuPage	Diane Siebenthal

FAMILY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

2-Sandra Conover
3-Larry Haynes
4-Trevor Bloomfield
6-Kyla Lambert
8-Masyn DuPage
Deb Fuller
9-Annaleigh Patridge
10-Barb Serpette
Brenda Vercler
Marian Hoffman
Gary Smith
11-Justin Neal
16-Steve Cusac
17-Doug Randall

19-Judy Coffey
20-Mollie Huisman
21-Marianne Sales
24-Bernice Polites
Jocelyn Parod
25-Pam Polites
28-Evagail Hammer
31-Bob McEndollar



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

4- Gary & Marlys Grant



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1	2 Food Bank 1 - 3 pm	3	4 Washington Christian Village 8:30 am	5	6
7	8 Prayer Meeting 5:30 pm	9	10	11 C4 Youth Group 6 pm Rainbow's End Board Meeting 6 pm	12	13
14	15	16 Washington Christian Village 8:30 am Food Bank 1 - 3 pm	17	18 C4 Youth Group 6 pm	19	20
21	22	23 Elder's Meeting 5:30 pm	24	25 C4 Youth Group 6 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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