

# THE GRAPEVINE

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## Wednesday Worship

When was the last time you attended Wednesday Worship? There are some great studies taking place in Kid’s Club, Adult Bible Study, and Youth Group. There is a great opportunity for you to grow and mature as a believer now matter what your age is. Come this Wednesday at 7 p.m. and see what you have been missing.

## Annual Business

As we come to the end of the year, we come to the end of our “business” year as well. Our Annual Business Meeting is in January, however, there is a lot of work that needs to take place before we have that meeting. One is filling positions on the Leadership Team. If you are feeling led to serve, please see Pastor Rob.

## Family Retreat

The cabins had been reserved, they were filled with eager campers ready to have a wonderful weekend in the woods of Lake Hope State park. We packed the cars, bought the food, bought the wood, and headed for the hills.



The weather was perfect all weekend long. Nice sunny days, warm enough for us to enjoy the lake, cool in the evenings to enjoy a nice fire in the fire pit. We had great conferences, great fellowship, lots of laughter, and awesome food. The best part of the trip was all of us coming together as the Family of God and sharing and being one in Him.



This year we did a study on Ephesians 3:14-21. There Paul talks to us about praying for the church. We took it apart word by word. Actually we didn’t have enough time to get through al of it, so look for that study to come up again, as prayer is vital to our congregation’s success in “Building the Kingdom.”



## Teen Week

This year the youth went camping at Salt Fork State Park. It was an awesome week of warm weather, lots of rain, but great spirits and awesome study in the Word. During the week we had three give their hearts to the Lord. Upon returning, one decided to follow the Lord's example by being baptized. Through this Fall the youth have continued to grow in their relationship with the Lord and are learning how to find passages in the Bible. As we have gone through the Fall we have seen several new youth come and are excited about what is taking place. We even had one quit cheerleading so that they could be at youth. Please continue to pray for the youth as they continue to grow.

## *Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner*

It is hard to believe that we are back around to this time of year where the leaves are changing colors, the smells in the kitchen are ginger, cinnamon, and apple pie. There may be a big pot of chili on the stove simmering, wood crackling in the fireplace, and the family is starting to make those plans to gather around the table for those wonderful holiday meals.

We have an awesome opportunity to provide one of those meals for our community. On Friday, November 16th we will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Outreach Community Dinner. Now, be mindful that this is for the community and not for our congregation. We want to **SERVE** the community. We are praying and working in hopes that the community will come to dinner and come hungry for those wonderful Fall smells, that wonderful Thanksgiving food, and experience the Love of the Lord as we interact with our neighbors.

Mark the date, get out the recipes, sign-up when the list goes up, bring the dish or dishes, and then stand behind and serve as the community comes through ready to eat. Let's invite all to come and eat at the table. God has blessed us beyond measure and we have the wonderful opportunity to share His blessings with others who need that blessing.



## *Availability: How does the turkey illustrate availability by being where it is needed?*

As it scratched through the leaves the bird ate every bit of food it could find. It was preparing for a very special responsibility—one which would affect many others. It was never in better condition than now, and the more it ate the more it ensured this strength.

One day it was put to the test. Early in the morning, before it left its roost in the tree, it began to gobble. It was proclaiming to the males that this was its territory. The call also notified the females that it was available.

A young tom in the area was aroused by the proclamation and came to contest the gobbler's domain. It is through combat that the position of dominance is established in the community. The victorious bird has the responsibility of servicing the females. Healthy offspring are assured by having strong, healthy parents.

If this young male won, it would unseat the older gobbler which for the last two years had had the prestige of maintaining the number one position in the pecking order.

The gobbler jumped down from the roost and faced the young opponent. The birds positioned themselves, and with a flurry of feathers and wings the two collided. The fight was spirited, but the older gobbler soon overpowered its younger opponent. Its size and long experience in using its wings and spurs had made the crucial difference. The younger bird acknowledged defeat by retreating.

Combat was not the major reason for its preparation, though. During the next month—the mating season—the gobbler would have extra demands on its time. It was important that nothing hinder it from being available when needed. At the yelp or cluck of an approaching female, the male jumps off its roost to respond. At the end of three or four weeks, the females have finished laying all their eggs, after which time they begin incubation and no longer seek out the male. Only when no longer needed will it find some secluded place to take care of its own personal needs.



To ensure its availability, the gobbler had taken steps to prepare for this time. Weeks before the mating season began, the male concentrated on feeding. The more it fed, the more its chest expanded. Soon it was bulging and formed what is known as a breast sponge. The sponge is made up of a mass of thick, cellular tissue. Because of this stored food, the gobbler was not concerned with its own feeding needs but rather could concentrate on being where it was needed to ensure strong, healthy offspring for future generations.

## CW SPORTS IS HERE!!!!

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CW Sports is a new ministry from CW Church. This ministry oversees all the sports ministries of CW Church including Basketball. With that being said, this season of basketball has already started. Evaluation night is Monday, November 5th 6-8 p.m. They have lowered the price for the season for basketball and cheerleading. The cost this season is \$50 per student. The practices and games will start in January. We are still looking for volunteers for coaches, assistant coaches, work in the kitchen and crowd control. If you are ready to volunteer or would like to sign someone up, contact Traci Milburn at (614) 806-4633, or Karen Watts at (614) 376-6598 and you can always call the church office at (614) 878-6808. Let's fill every team and share the love of God with a lot of kids and the gym with a lot of families and have a great season.

# We've Moved

**The Church offices have moved!!! Starting the month of October the offices have moved to the parsonage, 150 Inah Ave. Since moving the offices, the conference room has been used not only for Leadership meetings, but also for Sunday Night Bible Study and right now is being used for Craft and Verse. It is going to be a great resource for training, Bible Studies, and meetings with pastors, leaders, and people in the community. With the Kitchen close and fully useable with appliances it will be great to use for lunches and meals for the meetings. Leadership would like to thank all those who helped with cleaning the Office Complex and moving the furniture and setting up the offices. This is not only going to great as church office, but going to be great for resource.**

## *How does Scripture illustrate the need to reject ambitions that hinder us from being where we are needed?*

The service we give is often measure by the degree of sacrifice required to give it. Who was given a treasure when he expected death but lost half of it when he failed to give service in the right place.

His clothes were dirty and worn, and his feet stank. His hair and beard were matted and unkempt. Clothes, feet, hair, and beard would actually be evidence in an approaching trial. He was sure that his future wealth—possibly even his life—depended on this evidence.

Jerking the reins of his donkey, he nervously approached the royal procession. The king stared at him. There was an awkward silence before the king asked, “Where were you when I needed you?” This was the grave question that he must answer.

Months earlier, he had not been available for service when this king was in desperate need. The king’s own son had led an organized rebellion, and the king had been forced to flee for his life. He expected this servant to accompany him with his other faithful men. This servant’s support and encouragement would have been a special comfort on that day of humiliation when so many of his trust friends turned against him.

It was especially important that this servant declare his loyalty to the king at that time. His grandfather had been the previous king, and the people were still divided in their loyalties to the leadership. By remaining in the royal city, this servant had really failed to declare his loyalty during the civil war.

An assistant of this servant brought food to the king when he was forced to leave the city and at that time accused his master of having personal ambitions to become the king himself. The king rewarded the assistant by turning over to him the lands he had previously given the servant. now that servant must explain why he failed to be where he was needed.

The man made his defense. he claimed that he had intended to come to the king but that his assistant had deceived him and then slandered his intentions. In order to prove that he was innocent of the charge, he had not bathed his feet, washed his clothes, or cut his hair or beard since the day the king left.

Well acquainted with signs of disloyalty, the king weighed both sides. He was familiar with the actions of those who make extra efforts to give service when it is needed.

Everyone waited for the king's decision. In firm, final tones he spoke. The servant and his assistant were to divide the land equally between themselves and, for the sake of a covenant made with the servant's father, the man was invited to return to the king's table. The fact that all the land was not returned to him was a personal rebuke from the king.

The servant had not overcome personal obstacles to render service when and where it was needed. This servant was lame in both feet, and his name was Mephibosheth. From 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 16:-14; 19:24-30.

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## Kid's Club

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Kid's Club is back in action. Each Sunday during the message the kid's ages 4 yrs -6th grade will be meeting in the Kid's Worship Center for a great time of learning, singing and even some crafts from time to time. Right now they are doing a study on 1 John and "What it Means to be a Christian." The kids rejoin worship at the end of the message for the last couple of songs and celebration of what the Lord had done during their time of studying the Word. Come one, come all kids this next week and every week at 10:30 for the Morning Celebration, Kid's Club and a great time of being in the Lord's presence. See you Sunday.

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## "Build the Kingdom"

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The Lord has given Leadership a new purpose for our congregation. "Build the Kingdom." We have read in Scripture where Jesus told Peter that He will build His Church. You read in the book of Acts that the Lord added to the church daily. Nowhere in Scripture do we read where we're supposed to "Build the Church." However, we do read in Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV2011) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We also read in Acts 1:8 (NIV2011) "But you will receive power when the

Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth.” There are other passages where the Word tells us to go out. In light of these passages we have decided that “Building the Church” is up to the Lord. Our responsibility at CW Church is to “Build the Kingdom.” As a result the focus of the ministry of CW Church is reaching out into our community. Over the next several months we will be sharing with you how we will be accomplishing this purpose. Mind you this is a never ending purpose. One that we will be working on until Christ comes again. So, join us as we “Build the Kingdom” together.

# Christmas is Coming

With Christmas just around the corner, what plans have you made this year? There are so many things that happen during this time of year. Family gatherings, special concerts, company dinners, and all other kinds of activities. In the midst of the scheduling and shopping, we’d like to make you aware of some of the special things that are taking place at the church this year. We are having our Annual Christmas Eve Worship Service on December 14th at 6 p.m. We’d encourage all of



you to come and join us as we remember and celebrate the coming of Christ. This has proven to be a very moving and touching service of singing carols, reading Scriptures and some special music. This is a great way to start of celebrating Christmas Day. Before you have that family dinner on Christmas Eve, or that family gathering, come and worship the Lord and start a new tradition.

Then on New Year’s Eve we will once again be having our “Come and Go Communion” time. The doors will be open at 7 p.m. and will stay open until after mid-night for those who’d like to come and pray out the old year and in the New Year. What a way to remember the Lord and celebrate the goodness and blessing of this last year. Then spend time looking to the Lord for direction this next year. We encourage each of you to take full advantage of both of these special services. There will be other special events throughout the month, so look for those special announcements.