A Note from Scott Todd

Minute for Mission

Oftentimes in life, we crave routine, the same old same old, and form habits that are hard to break. People often long for the way things were, but the way things were is not the way things are going.

Isaiah 43: 18-19 says to

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Think about a time in your life when you experienced a drastic change? It likely created a period of anxiety, but after a while, you adapted and what was once scary and unknown suddenly felt normal. Leaning into our faith during a time of change is when we learn more about ourselves, our relationship with God, and our church. As we move forward through this transition, ask yourselves what can I give to a place that has given me so much? I would ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment this stewardship season. What can we do to help take us from "what we want to be" to "what we are."

Going back to the verse, make a way through the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Get out of your comfort zones and magnify your faith in the Lord, trusting that he will guide you in the decisions you make. Get involved in our Church in ways that may be outside your norm.

So, ask yourselves if you have not already. Our church is moving forward... how can I? Life is moving forward through the wilderness and the desert, but we must remember that we have God on our side who knows the way. So, what might seem like the wilderness, desert, the unknown to us.... To God it looks like the road we were always meant to take.

Advent Festival

We are excited about the upcoming Advent Festival on November 30 from 4:00-6:00. We need to know who is interested in making an Advent wreath. Please let Robyn Prince know if you'd like to make one by Sunday, November 23. We need to plan out the schedule and secure enough materials for the project.

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Church Events

November 12th Bell Choir 6:30 and Choir at 7:15

November 15th Roadside Pick-Up Meet at Welcome Baptist Church at 8:30

November 17th- 23rd Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child.

Please return your filled shoebox by the 23rd of November along with \$10.00 for processing!

November 23rd Decorating the Sanctuary—all are welcome to help

November 27th &28th Church office will be closed November 30th Advent Festival 4:00:-6:00

Church Flowers

USHERS

November 16,2025
Titus
David Craig*
Mari Craig

Marj Craig Mike Fortune Mary Fortune November 23, 2025

Matthew
Lewis Mathews*
William Smith
Ivy Smith
Cliff Fuhrman

December 7, 2025

Mark

James Buchanan*

Bennett Edwards

Jim Todd

Jean Whitley

December 14, 2025
Luke
Travis Thomas*
Scott Todd
Emily Todd
Jan Gibbs

November 16, 2025 Walter & Lynne Todd

November 23, 2025
James & Sally Wasson

November 30, 2025
Jim & Lee Westmorland

December 7, 2025 Jean Whitley

<u>December 14,2025</u> Wayne & Rosemary Wicker

Safety Team Member - David Craig