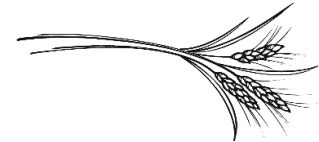


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Communion SARM Sunday AA 3pm Prayer Group 6 pm	Wm's Bible Study 2 pm		No Bell Choir Bible Journaling 2 pm		VETERANS DAY	Men's Group 9 am
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27	28	29	30			



**BIRTHDAYS:**

Nov 2	Ryleigh Crabtree	Nov 13	David Skeels
Nov 4	Cathy Brey	Nov 14	Todd Williams
Nov 5	Julie Armitage	Nov 15	Nancy Hinsman
Nov 7	Gail Ranville	Nov 23	Loretta Martinek
Nov 8	Liz Limberg	Nov 28	Katie Strittmatter
Nov 9	Arial Durant	Nov 28	Nan Keck
Nov 9	Ayden Crabtree		
Nov 10	Weston Martin		
Nov 11	Sue Kohs		
Nov 11	Dave Hubbard		
Nov 13	Kathy Heilman		
Nov 13	Jennifer O'Brien		

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Nov 10	Don & Jan Hawver
Nov 28	Dave & Patricia Hubbard



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Mike's Musings

Every month when I sit down to right my article, I think about what God wants me to write. I never want for topics to share, but most of the time He has shown me something that sticks out. This month is no different. I read a quote recently by

someone I've never heard of, and it shook me. The quote was from Smith Wigglesworth. "He said to maintain a good relationship there are four principles we need to maintain. First, read the word of God. Second, consume the word of God until it consumes you. Third, believe the word of God. Forth, act on the word."

So not knowing who Smith Wigglesworth was I Goggled him. He was a British evangelist who lived between 1856-1947. I am planning to know more about him and will pass on other things he has shared. I want to look at what he said though. He said read the word of God. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Makes sense that to have a relationship with God we must read the word. Are you reading the Word daily? We wonder sometimes why our life seems so messed up, but we don't think about what we may not be doing.

Second, consume the word of God until it consumes you. I don't do this every day, but when I do I see His power. We are called to go deeper 1Corinthians 6:17 says, "But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in Spirit." When the Word consumes us we are on fire for Him. Ask yourself if you are on fire or not?

Third, believe the word of God. Boy, I sometimes struggle with this one. I know all of God's word is true, but I sometimes don't like what it says. Like Love your enemies, or even Love your neighbors when your neighbor makes it hard to love them. Yet this is what we need to do to have that relationship that adds so much more meaning to our lives. Ask yourself truthfully if you believe all of the word of God not just the parts you like.

Forth, act on the word. This is the part that most of us find an excuse for. We are too busy, or we don't know how to do that, or we are just afraid to commit to doing anything. Churches are mostly volunteer organizations. There is so much that needs to be done in every church. Ask yourself what can I do to help? I'm sure our church can find a place for you, if you want to help.

This isn't easy, but if we start by reading the Word and then we will see great change in our lives and in our church, then our community and then the world. You are the only one who can do this. Why don't you begin today and see what happens?

**Pinecrest Fellowship** is the first Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. There will be a short devotional, prayer and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.



**Operation Christmas Child**

We're gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions!

Older kid suggestions: tape measure, craft hammer, sewing kit, mixing spoons, spatulas, plastic utensil sets, calculator, flashlight & batteries....

Boxes you can fill yourself are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please do not tape shut; rubber bands are acceptable. Each box requires a \$10.00 payment for shipping. REMEMBER – NO candy, toothpaste, gum, chocolate, food, seeds, fruit rolls, drink mixes, liquids, lotions, aerosol cans, vitamins, medications, nothing glass or breakable, no toy guns, knives, or military figures.



**The Food Pantry will open** for the 2022-23 season on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-11:00 am. The Pantry will run every other Wednesday for the winter months.

Donations can be dropped off at the church M-Th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Cash donations can be made to the Church of the Straits, c/o food pantry. Helping Hands on Wednesdays are always welcome!! If you have questions, call Rose LaPointe at 436-5307.



If you would like a plant to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season, please fill out the following form. After Christmas Eve, you may take your plant home, or give it away as a gift.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

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Each 6" potted poinsettia is \$15.00.  
Your order must be in no later than Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the church office.  
Please make check payable to:  
Church of the Straits  
P.O. Box 430

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP THANKSGIVING SERVICE

- COS together with St. Anthony's Catholic Church will hold the Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7 pm. The service will be held at COS. Please join us for this special holiday tradition.



**Hanging of the Greens** will be immediately following Worship on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Come help us decorate the church for Christmas!



**Want something mentioned in the newsletter?**  
Let the Church office know! Thanks.

## SARM happenings

Looking back celebrating SARM pizza party was a great success and lots of fun was had by all. Pizza at Nona Lisa's was delicious, all of the youth had fun bowling and playing Games at the arcade and ice cream for dessert.

Looking forward SARM will be participating in trunk or treat at old school park October 31.

Help keep children warm this winter. SARM annual coats for kids coat Drive starts November 1 you can drop off donations of new coats at the COS between nine and two daily Monday through Friday or make a \$\$ donation for SARM all donations will be used by youth group to go shopping for new coats for local children in need.

November 20 SARM will be having an ice cream sundae fundraiser coffee hour to help with the cost of winter blast Christian Youth retreat.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for SARM youth program.  
God bless and much love, Shannon Cooley



# Fall and WINTER



## S.A.R.M. Schedule

**All SARM youth activities are free of charge and open to all youth**

**Nov-1** Exercise for Your Soul begins /Coats for Kids



**Nov-20 YMS\*** Sunday Sundae Coffee Hour 10-1 COS\*

**Dec-11 YMS\*** Children Community Christmas party 2-4 COS\*

**Dec.** shopping for coats for kids and pizza lunch date TBA

# Straits Talk Newsletter

## October 2022



The Mission of The Church of the Straits  
 To worship God faithfully  
 To grow together spiritually  
 To serve Jesus Christ and  
 our neighbor joyfully  
 ...in the power of God's Spirit.

### OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

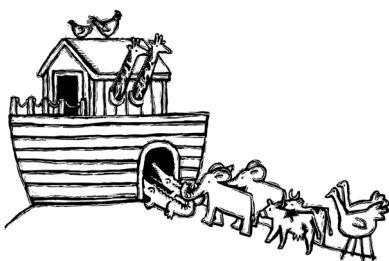
Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Head Ushers	Todd Kohs and Carl Strieby
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My wife and I, along with my mother and father-in-law, just got back from a week and a half in Florida to see our son and family. It was good to get away for a little bit. I was able to witness things like peanuts being harvested across the road from Matt and Megan's and watching cotton being rolled up in a bale.

My in laws had never experienced the Ark Encounter (Lisa and I have) so we made time to do that on the way back from Florida. A lot more has been added since we were there about 5 years ago. I liked reading all the information on the displays and just marveling at the story of creation. I still don't understand why many scientists won't let the story speak for itself and instead insert an unlikely story about macro evolution. When laid side by side, the 7-day creation story is much more believable than millions of years of chance, mutations, and disorder to have what we have today.

In Genesis 1:21,25, it says that God created everything "according to its kind" and all evidence points to the FACT that there has never been proven a species mutating into another species, only that there are species that change within their own kind. Interesting and provably true.

Another interesting observation was how evolution has by necessity dumbed down the intelligence of human beings from the beginning. You know the whole caveman, barbaric, unintelligent, animal like human. As we observed early evidence, that notion was shot down big time. When God created man and woman "in His image" (Genesis 1:26) what did that mean. It meant in part that we were created as a moral being, knowing right and wrong. It also must have meant that we were created with intelligence because we were made to "rule over the animal kingdom" and to manage all living plants and creatures. (see Genesis 1:28-29)

The early evidence indicates impressive intelligence that allowed for everything from determining days and seasons, locations from studying the stars, iron and bronze work, geometry, and physics, it's amazing. It would behoove you to go and see for yourself what an awesome Creator God we have and how nicely it has been laid out at the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. You see, humanity has tried to move us away from Creation as the answer to life, and instead moved toward a random, evolutionary fantasy that has little science behind it. Accept my challenge and be challenged. It may change your life.

Love you all,

Pastor Dave



**GOD MADE THE WILD ANIMALS OF  
 THE EARTH OF EVERY KIND.**  
GENESIS 1:25. NRSV