



Cambridge Springs First Church of God

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GROW and GO!

Jesus is the subject!

Life in 6 Words/The Gospel

God created us to be with Him
Our sins separate us from God.
Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.
Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.
Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.
Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

This acrostic is a helpful tool in remembering and sharing the essence of the Gospel message, which is spelled out from cover to cover of the Bible. Cards with it are available in the church lobby.



FIRST CHURCH OF GOD CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS

Grow in and Go with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

From the Heart of "PK"

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "There is a time for every-thing, and a season for every activity under the heavens." What a season of the year we are entering, one that can feel like every activity under the heavens is included! These two months can be such a whirlwind of action that we do not truly take in the purposes behind the gatherings and activities. The significance of what we are doing is then lost, as we are simply going through motions and not allowing God to either be glorified or to work in our midst. Therefore, I want to encourage us to remember the why. Why do we gather with family for a big meal? While the meal is delicious and the family time is hopefully as sweet as the desserts, the food should

not be the focus. Also, may we care more about gifting and unwrapping the love of Jesus Christ, the ultimate gift to mankind, than something in a box. Everything in this season provides great opportunity to honor, glorify and share our awesome God! Lets fix our focus upon Him instead of going through the motions of societal celebrations. Lets thanks, praise, celebrate, and share Him.

We have several opportunities within these months to gather and help one another accomplish these greater goals. While I do not want you to bog yourself down with more activities, I am confident each of them will add value to your season. I highly encourage you to be involved as much as possible. Your presence and

participation are valuable, as you are valuable!

I cannot think of Thanksgiving without thinking of you. Please know that my family and I are very thankful for you and this church! We are thankful God has led us here and for the privilege He has given us to be in relationship with you and to serve with you. I am also thankful for the ways God is working in our midst and the good plans He is going to work out within and through us as we live in step with the Spirit and enact our mission of growing in and going with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3

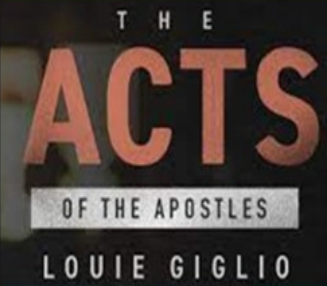
From the Pulpit



Our journey through the book of Acts and exploring how we need to imitate the first Church will continue through Thanksgiving. On November 27 we will have a guest speaker, who will also be holding a baby dedication for the Myers family. Then Pastor Kevin will share a series about Jesus' birth, likely focusing on Old Testament prophecies being fulfilled. We will then continue in Acts as we start the new year.

Growth Study

Wednesdays at 6:00
Ending Nov. 30



Grief Share Presents Surviving the Holidays

Are you facing the upcoming holidays without a loved one whose loss you are grieving? Do you know people in this situation? Grief Share has a wonderful gathering to aid and encourage those in this situation, and it will be taking place in our facility on November 12 from 9—11 a.m. Please spread the word about this gathering to all who need to hear it!



Movie Night



Saturday, November 12 at 6 p.m. Movie night is put on in conjunction with Men of Grace. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. A phenomenal movie for the whole family!

Church Annual Business Meeting

While it is not usually the most exciting event, the church's annual business meeting is a vital gathering in the year! In this meeting we will vote upon open board positions and the 2023 church budget. We will also ratify other positions. Please take an annual report from the table in the lobby. This report includes a few reports, the proposed budget, and a sample ballot. There will be a short time to ask questions during the meeting, but you are asked to review the report and budget proposal ahead of time and ask any questions within the couple weeks preceding the meeting. Your interest and participation in these matters and this meeting are welcome and important! The current guidelines for who can vote are this: over 18 years old, a Christ follower who has worshipped with us for at least six months, financial contributor.



Thirst Youth Convention



The Youth will be attending Thirst, state youth convention for the Church of God, is taking place this month. This convention is high quality and impactful gathering for Jr/Sr. High students, and we have more than a handful of students attending. Please be in prayer over this convention and those attending it.

Who are you inviting?

Several excellent opportunities have been shared in this newsletter. More important than any of these ministries and events, we are all invited to experience salvation through Jesus Christ and relationship with Him! Therefore, a logical question is this, "Who are you inviting?" Who are you striving to bring into our fellowship and, most importantly, into eternal fellowship with God? People usually will not come or respond if they are not first invited. If we truly care, we will share! .

Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10:00-12:00



All women over 12 are welcome.
Sign up and invite friends & family!

Community Advent Services

A wonderful part of our community's Christmas season, the Cambridge Springs ministerium is again having Advent devotional worship services. These take place at noon on Wednesdays. Soup will be needed for the gathering in our facility. You can sign up for that and/or personally tell Chuck Karcher you are bringing soup. The location schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 30 – St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Dec. 14 – First Baptist Church
- Dec. 7 – CMA
- Dec. 21 – First Church of God

Welcome Team Schedule

Date	Sanctuary	Parking Lot	Doors
Nov. 20	Darlene Roudybush	Steve Dies, Bus Stivanson	Lisa Harned, Aaron Davidson
Nov. 27	Lorene Fosburg	David Spaid, Aaron Davidson	Steve Dies
Dec. 4	Darlene Roudybush	Scott Spaid, Bus Stivanson	Debbe Davison, Lisa Harned
Dec. 11	Lorene Fosburg	David Spaid	Steve Dies, Aaron Davidson
Dec. 18	Darlene Roudybush	David Spaid, Bus Stivanson	Debbe Davidson, Scott Spaid
Dec. 25	Lorene Fosburg	Aaron Davidson	Steve Dies, Lisa Harned

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

Baptism

While we love to baptize believers on Easter Sunday, only offering this very important



activity once a year is not sufficient. Have you embraced Jesus Christ as Savior but have not publicly proclaimed it through following His instruction to be baptized? If so, you are highly encouraged to be take this important step in your discipleship journey on Sunday, November 20. Please talk with Pastor Kevin if you are interested in participating. There will be a baptism class for every participant on November 13 at 9:30

And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' Acts 22:16

Thanksgiving Service

We will be gathering for a special Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:00. Along with singing God's praises and partaking in Communion, everyone present will have opportunity to share testimonies of thanksgiving.



Thanks for Giving Offering

When thinking about Thanksgiving, our minds naturally fixate on the blessings we have received. This is good, but it leaves an incomplete process. Thankful people are giving people. Therefore, we are going to have an opportunity to express our thanks with a "Thanks for Giving Offering" on November 20 & 27. Knowing there are great needs within our community, our "Jerusalem," which we can do a better job addressing, these funds are going to be used to help local individuals in need. For example, gift cards for local businesses will be purchased with the goal of giving them to individuals who contact the church with need. To prevent abuse, an individual/family will only be able to receive aid once a year. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to these efforts by giving to this offering beyond your regular tithe.



Christmas Services

One of the most magical times of worship throughout the year will be expanded this year! As usual, we will be holding our Christmas Eve worship service on December 24 at 6:00, ending with candlelight worship. This year, Christmas falls on a Sunday, so we have the opportunity to gather for a shortened time of worship 16.5 hours later at 10:30. Sunday morning growth studies will not meet on Christmas morning.

November Events

- Nov. 2** Acts of the Apostles at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 6** Operation Christmas Child Pizza & Packing Party
- Nov. 9** Acts of the Apostles at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 12** Surviving Christmas Grief Share 9—11 a.m.
- Nov. 12** Movie Night - "Show Me The Father" at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 13** Annual Business Meeting after morning worship
- Nov. 16** Acts of the Apostles at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 18** Second Harvest Food Bank at noon at CS Carnival Grounds
- Nov. 18-20** Thirst Youth Convention
- Nov. 20** Baptism
- Nov. 20** Thanks for Giving Offering
- Nov. 22** Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 23** Actos of the Apostles at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 27** Thanks for Giving Offering

December Events

- Dec. 10** Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec. 10** Women's Christmas Tea 10 a.m. to noon
- Dec. 11** Community Christmas Service at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's
- Dec. 18** Christmas Caroling at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 23** Second Harvest Food Bank at noon at CS Carnival Grounds
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

- Connection Lunch Jan. 15
- Church bowling outing
- Trip to an Erie Sea Otters hockey game
- Church date night
- Game Night

Schedules For Nov/Dec

NURSERY

- Nov. 6** Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
- Nov. 13** Mollie Yanc
- Nov. 20** Kim Hurst, Makenzie Yanc
- Nov. 27** Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
- Dec. 4** Mollie Yanc
- Dec. 11** Kim Hurst, Makenzie Yanc
- Dec. 18** Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
- Dec. 25** Mollie Yanc
- Jan. 1** Kim Hurst, Makenzie Yanc

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Nov. 6** Sarah Myers
- Nov. 13** Heather Whitney
- Nov. 20** Sarah Myers
- Nov. 27** Heather Whitney
- Dec. 4** Sarah Myers
- Dec. 11** Heather Whitney
- Dec. 18** Sarah Myers
- Dec. 25** Heather Whitney
- Jan. 1** Sarah Myers

PRAISE TEAM-Heather Whitney

- Nov. 6** Darla, Finley, Makenzie, Margie
- Nov. 13** Kim, Makenzie, Martha, Mollie
- Nov. 20** Darla, Kim, Madison, Margie
- Nov. 27** Kim, Finley, Mollie, Martha
- Dec. 4** Darla, Makenzie, Margie, Madison
- Dec. 11** Kim, Finley, Makenzie Martha
- Dec. 18** Darla, Finley, Makenzie, Margie
- Dec. 25** All
- Jan. 1** Kim, Madison, Martha, Mollie

Thanks to all who are serving!

November 2022

Service Times Growth Groups/Praise Team 9:00 a.m.
 Times Worship 10:30 a.m.

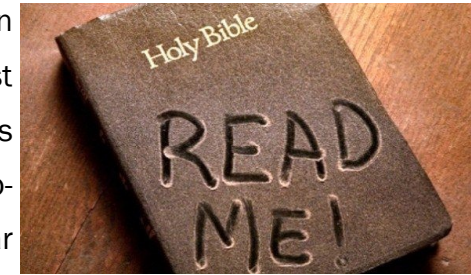
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Acts of the Apostles @ 6 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Operation Christmas Child Packing & Pizza Party	7	8 Remember to VOTE	9 Acts of the Apostles @ 6 p.m.	10	11	12 Surviving Christmas Grief Share Movie Night at 6 p.m.
13 Annual Business Meeting	14	15	16 Acts of the Apostles @ 6 p.m.	17	18 2nd Harvest Food Bank	19 Thirst Youth Convention
20 Thanks for Giving Offering Baptism	21	22 Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m.	23 Acts of the Apostles @ 6 p.m.	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 Thanks for Giving Offering	28	29	30			

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Women's Christmas Tea Salvation Army Bell Ringing
11 Community Christmas Service at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Christmas Caroling @ 6 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23 2nd Harvest Food Bank	24 Candlelit Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.
25 MERRY Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

Bible Reading Plan 2023

As has been done the past couple years (Bible Project's one year plan &



“Connect the Testaments” book/reading plan), Pastor Kevin is going to be announcing a Bible reading plan for 2023 throughout these two months. Everyone, young and less young (we're all young when we have eternal life), is encouraged to sign up and take part! We will strive to communicate regarding our reading throughout the year via emails and potentially with gatherings and partners.

Also, be watching in the coming months for these discipleship measures: growth studies, a seasonal growth group with two or three people studying a book on discipleship, a women's study, etc. As always, you are not only encouraged to take part. You are also encouraged to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance with both investing in other believers' lives and faith journeys in personal ways and pursuing a church growth study of some sort.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We have an easy opportunity to serve our community and individuals in need by ringing the Salvation Army bell on Saturday, Dec. 10. There will be a sign-up sheet for time slots, and the exact location will be announced ahead of time.



Children's Ministry

Did you know we are the only church in the community that weekly provides children's programming while the worship service is taking place? The children are not just being entertained, too, as they are learning important truths from God's Word in a fun and interactive environment! They also have a discussion guide from the lesson to take home and go over with their parents each week. This helps to foster a discipleship atmosphere in the primary place of discipleship, the home. To provide the best quality programming and care possible in junior church and the nursery and to plan for an increase in children, we need more volunteers serving in this ministry of utmost importance. If you sense God leading you to contribute with our children's ministry in some way, please talk with Pastor Kevin or Sarah Myers. This encouragement is not only for women, as godly men and teenagers would both be incredible additions to these efforts. Everyone who works with children/youth must have completed and turned in background checks, which are easy and free to complete.

Operation Christmas Child

Join us, Sunday, Nov. 6 after the worship service in the Activities Center. Our goal is to pack 100 boxes. You can still donate money toward the cost of doing this, which is \$10/box.

Prayer Calls

Did you know our church uses a phone messaging system to communicate prayer requests and praises, along with occasional announcements and reminders? If you do not currently receive these calls and would like to, please communicate that on a communication card or Pastor Kevin.