



Open Jan 14th 9:00-10:30 am
Remember that your contributions to the food pantry help feed over 15 families in the community each month



**Newcastle
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

Newsletter - January 2022

MISSIONS & BENEVOLENCE

NCC is a GIVING Church!

Just a little information about our missions and how well you supported them in 2021. All our missions depend on regular monthly support from us in order to fund their service to people and God. A percentage of our regular offering each week plus "Extra Mile" offerings and special fundraisers allow us to help all these worthy causes in a significant way.

Cookson Hills Christian School: Since 1957, Cookson Hills has provided a nurturing home, quality Christian education, and therapy services in a safe environment. Located in the rural Cookson Hills region of Northeast Oklahoma, the school serves kids ages 5-17 who have faced challenges with family life, school truancy, homelessness, relationships, or experienced abuse and neglect. The staff of 52 as well as many volunteers come together to fulfill the school vision – to raise up healthy individuals who are empowered to positively impact future generations. **Total for the year 2021 \$9,439.65 plus 75 individual gift cards for Christmas gifts.**

Lakeview Bible College: This college and seminary located in India is committed to guiding students to grow in an authentic relationship with God and in the knowledge of His Word. Their mission is to help students have maximum impact on their communities and beyond, through finding treasures in God's Word, belonging to a community, discovering individual spiritual gifts and identifying each person's calling to serve in the world. **Total for the year 2021: (Sunday School Support of \$1,800.00) plus regular support of \$3029.20**

Camp Sooner: Camp Sooner exists as an extension of the Church to expand and enhance the Kingdom by providing a place to disconnect from the world and reconnect with God. Through summer camp programs for all ages, special camp experiences during the year and Winter Camp programs, Camp Sooner has changed the lives of thousands. Supported and operated by Oklahoma Independent Christian Churches since 1981 and located in Pink, Oklahoma, the camp is a safe, convenient and affordable experience for children and adults alike. **Total for 2021: (monthly support of \$1,200.00) plus mission percentage of \$6,351.39**



Ozark Christian College : Training men and women for Christian service for over 79 years. Located in Joplin, Missouri. Both our senior and youth ministers are graduates of Ozark Christian College. **Total for 2021: \$10,154.17**

Operation Care Organizations: Outside Juarez, Mexico, on the Southern US border, Operation Care volunteers distribute food, clothing, toiletries and school supplies to orphanages and rehabilitation centers, as well as nursing homes and shelters each year in November. Other than the annual November distribution, Emmanuel ministries prints and provides tracts in Spanish that are used for many organizations. Arbol de Vida (Tree of Life) mission and church is supported by Operation Care funds also. **Total for 2021: \$4,962.00**



One Step

“So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

When I read Hebrews 11, I am awed as I see what these men of God accomplished. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. Great men with great faith who accomplished great things. And I want to be one. Who wouldn't want to be a father of many nations or do miracles with a simple staff. The writer even ends with a “catch-all” of men he couldn't fit in the book. Oh, to have my name there!

What's even more incredible is when you realize none of the men knew when they started what God was going to do. They were just told to “Go.” Or “Speak.” Or “Move.” None of them ever knew the endgame when they began. Even more is that none of them were called to do something they had done before. All of them just took the first step. Then the second. And so on. And so on. That is what makes them great men of faith. That's what I want to be. It's what we all really want to be.

As I am writing this, a family is preparing a funeral for their daughter. She was a senior, well liked and always a smile. Then she had that fateful accident. I know that someday it will make sense but right now...none whatsoever. I have heard from so many, especially adults, reveal they are struggling with their “faith in God”. It's more than not making sense. It feels almost cruel and unfair. There are more “why's” than answers. The veil is hiding too much and we want answers. Honestly I want answers.

And yet the sky is quiet. Seems even more quiet than usual. “Don't you care?!” is the scream of hurt. “Where are You?!” is the cry of the broken. “Answer me!” is the demand of the heart. And we feel alone, guilty and forsaken. Doesn't God understand forsaken?!

He does. He knows. He's felt it. He's shed many tears because of it. See, Abraham never counted something God didn't create. Moses never commanded what God wasn't able to do. But He was also there for their sin and shortcomings. He was there for all the highs and lows. Both for Hebrews 11 and January, 2022. He is the same from Genesis to Revelation. And He knows all too well your hurt, confusion and even your anger. He's seen the other side of this, and he is walking with us to get there. And He knows what we can't.

So what do we do when our faith collides with our hurt and confusion?

You just focus on that first step. Don't try to make sense of it. Our minds cannot contain it nor can we reason it into acceptance. It is beyond us but not God. And that is why the next step is never alone. He walks and invites more steps. And before you know it, you've entered the “land” He prepared for you.

Don't trust me? Read Hebrews 11. Then go back and read their stories. He's got this. And He's got you.

From My Heart,

Billy

January 2022

NEWCASTLE CHRISTIAN STUDENT MINISTRY

Happy New year!! What does this mean? It means we now feel a desire to restart/reset our life. Resolutions will be made, diets will be started, and Bible plans will begin. I believe this to be a great thing every year. Actually, I think it's a good idea to renew/recalibrate our lives daily. It is not an unfamiliar task for believers to "renew" their walk with Christ, even Jesus says, "take up your cross daily..." (Luke 9)

As a matter of fact, deciding to follow the Lord is a pivotal part of ones faith growth. We see it take place throughout scripture, Joshua calls out the Israelites to make a decision. He calls them to choose to either worship God, or to worship the gods of their enemies. Joshua makes it clear that he and his family will be continuing to worship Yahweh, he can't decide for the rest of the people. (Joshua 24) The struggle in this story is that Joshua knows how great God is, but not everyone shares the same view. Even though God has shown himself to be faithful over and over again in the Israelites journey, some are still on the fence as to whether God is worthy of their allegiance. It seems today people are comfortable on the fence. We find God to be good, especially when life seems to be going our way. But, when life seems to be wavering, we are usually quick to try and find something else to provide us safety and peace.

We don't like carrying crosses, we much rather carry our own personal burdens, so we decide daily to take those up. We are not big fans of deciding to serve God, so we decide, "when I feel like I need to serve, I will." We are very good at riding the fence, but one day there will be no fence to ride and you'll be forced to make a decision. The decision you make will be based on which side you stayed on the most.

The safest way to land on the right side? Chose today... choose daily.

Happy new year, David

Youth Sponsor Meeting

If you want to be a youth sponsor we have a meeting for you!!

January 23rd 12pm Lunch Provided

You cannot be a sponsor if you don't come to this meeting.

What are we Studying?

Sunday School: OT Characters

Sunday Night: Life

Wednesday Night: Acts

Super Bowl Party

February 13th.

Bring a snack to share!!

Time:TBD

Where: NCC

National Pie Day

Students, January 23rd Let's make pie for youth group time!! bring a pie filling of your choice and we will make miniture pies for everyone.



JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to help children come to **KNOW** Jesus Christ, **GROW** to be like Him, and **GO** serve Him.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3yo ~ 5th grade meets in the KFC Room, Door will open at 10:20 am for check in. Church will start at 10:30 am.

Sunday School

→ 9:30am

Wednesday Nights

In-Person 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Devotion added to our website if you can't make it in-person.

KFC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

1st Sunday: Cheri & Emily
2nd Sunday: Malinda & Kyla
3rd Sunday: Michelle, Haden
4th Sunday: Courtney
5th Sunday: Courtney

Not able to attend church in person... Your kids won't miss a week! Children's Church lessons are added to our church website every week. www.nccok.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



- January 2nd - Lesson 1: Your Guide - Jesus Following Jesus Leads to a Life of Adventure
- January 9th - Lesson 2: Your Map - The Bible The Bible is our map for life
- January 16th - Lesson 3: Your Walkie-Talkie - Prayer Help is always just a prayer away
- January 23rd - Lesson 4: Your Rope - Friendship You are only as strong as the friends you choose
- January 30th - Bible-O-Rama

SuperStart!

Kids 3rd grade - 5th grade

Nation's Biggest Christian Preteen Event! A high energy weekend in which Preteens can learn to grow in their relationships with Friends, Leaders and most importantly God.

Where: Mabee Center in Tulsa, OK

When: February 18 - 19, 2022

Cost \$100, includes lodging & 2 meals

Early bird registration of \$50 due 1/16/2022.

Remaining \$50 due the week of event.



Courtney Loveless
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Sunday
Sunday School 9:30-10:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Youth Group 6:00 pm
Wednesday
Dinner 5:30 pm
Bible Studies (all ages) 7:00 pm



IT'S GAME TIME!!! We will be holding our ODD-3 Game nites again! ODD-3 means the third Friday in an odd numbered month. In January, game nite will be at 6pm on the 21st. Bring your friends, snacks, even your own favorite games and come on over!

MEETINGS: Ministry Leaders Meeting is January 9th at 4pm. All ministry leaders are encouraged to participate.

Youth Sponsors Meeting is January 23rd at noon.

BIBLE STUDIES: Women's bible study is January 13th at 7pm.

Men's Bible study is at 8am on January 22nd.

Jan 2022 - Communion & Prayer Thoughts

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
COMMUNION					
THOUGHT	Rick DeWeese	Gary Pitzer	Mike Aston	David Martinez	
PRAYER TIME	David Martinez	Garland Hawkins	Rick DeWeese	Travis Cotten	

Prayer Requests

Call or email the church office, 405-387-4100, ncc@nccok.com.

Submit prayer requests to the church office anytime. They will be added to the weekly list, emailed twice each week or emailed immediately if its urgent.

Offering

There is a giving box in the foyer for your checks or cash (in an envelope please). Giving is also available through the church website, or by mobile device on the VancoMobile app. Directions for new app are on the church website, or at www.vanco.com/vm.) If you have any questions about this, call the church office. Thank you!

Important Dates in Jan.

- Jan 1—Happy New Year: Office Closed
- Jan 9—Ministry Leaders meet at 4pm
- Jan 13—Ladies Bible Study 7pm
- Jan 13—Homeschool meeting 6pm
- Jan 14—Pantry Open 9-10:30
- Jan 21—ODD 3 Friday Game Nite 6pm
- Jan 22—Men's Bible Study 8am
- Jan 23—Youth Sponsors Meeting Noon
- Jan 27—Red Hats Game Day