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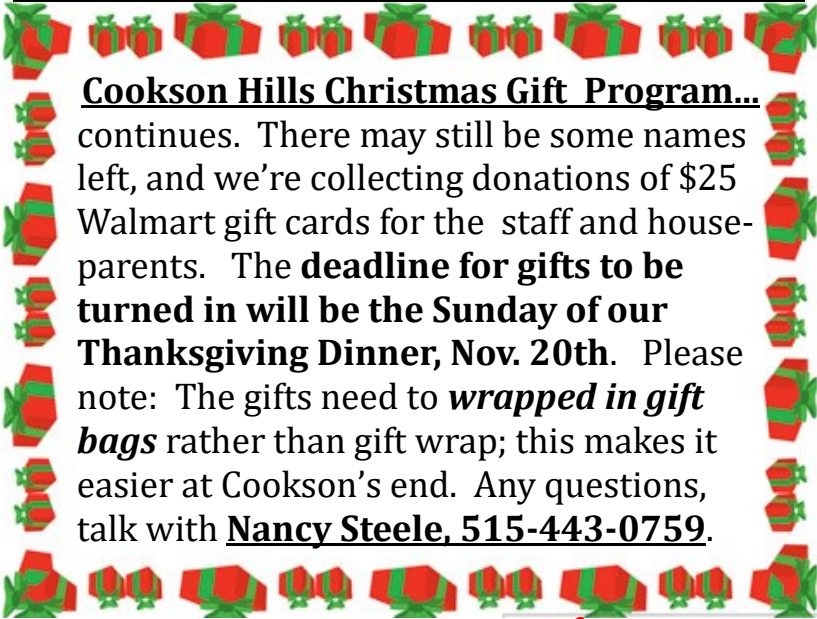
Open Nov. 11, 9:00-10:30 am
Remember that your contributions to the food pantry help feed over 15 families in the community each month.



**Newcastle
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

Newsletter - NOV 2022

COOKSON CHRISTMAS



Cookson Hills Christmas Gift Program... continues. There may still be some names left, and we're collecting donations of \$25 Walmart gift cards for the staff and house-parents. The **deadline for gifts to be turned in will be the Sunday of our Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 20th.** Please note: The gifts need to be **wrapped in gift bags** rather than gift wrap; this makes it easier at Cookson's end. Any questions, talk with **Nancy Steele, 515-443-0759.**

CHURCH LIFE

HANGING OF THE GREENS & SOUP SUPPER—Sunday, Nov. 27—3 pm
Come help decorate the church for Christmas and enjoy a pot-luck soup supper together. Bring a pot of soup or chili, bread, crackers, or a dessert to share.

**All Church
Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Sun. Nov. 20,
5:00 pm**

Church provides turkey, dressing, gravy, rolls, mashed potatoes, and drinks. Sign up in the foyer to bring sides, salads, and desserts.

MEN'S MINISTRY



**Men's
Breakfast
& Bible
Study**

Sat. Nov. 19th,
8 am

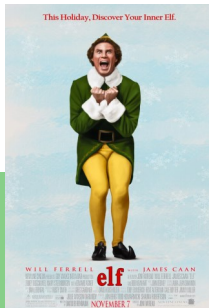
SCHOLARSHIP EVENT—NOV 6

Tara Beth Storey Memorial Scholarship Benefit!

Sunday, November 6th, 2:00—@ 4:30 pm

"Matinee at the Movies"

\$5 per person/ \$15 max per family



- * A Christmas-themed event with a movie matinee Gift items for sale (for early Christmas shopping),
- * A bake sale (not an auction, there will be baked goods on offer for donations), **Taking donations of baked goods 1st week of November**
- * A limited silent auction with some very nice items,
- * Movie concessions (for a minimal charge)
- * Child care, where they will have their own fun Christmas movie & snacks,
- * The winner of the quilt raffle will be drawn



\$10 Donation for one ticket
\$25 Donation for three tickets
\$50 Donation for six tickets
\$100 Donation for 12 tickets

See *Ellen Storey* or *Darlene Hawkins* for tickets, or more info.

CHURCH LIFE

Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sun. Nov. 6th



The Testimony of a Tree

*The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.— 2
Psalm 19:1-2 NIV*

“I don’t know that I believe in God anymore.” His voice was shaky as his eyes were fighting tears with all their might. He’d graduated high school just two years before and completed a semester at a Bible college without the desire to go back.

Becoming an adult can be so hard. Parents many times make it seem so easy. Dad’s seem to always have the correct (or close to it) answer and stronger than anyone. Able to leap tall buildings and pay for anything. Mom’s knew just what say and do when you were sad or confused or hurt. She could talk dad into most things and was just a hug with a smile. But children don’t see the development years.

So here he was doubting what he thought was truth for so long. I told him to look out the window and tell me what he sees. “A tree.” He said, somewhat cynical. I asked him what the tree was doing. He said the leaves were falling off (it was autumn). And that was the beginning of the tree’s testimony.

I asked him who told the leaves to fall. He said science, not knowing where I was going. I corrected him by telling him that science doesn’t create. It only brings some kind of order to things we cannot control. Besides, the preciseness of all the years of that tree is much too exact to leave to chance. Every fall the leaves brown and drop. Every spring they bud and grow. Amazingly that tree’s leaves take in carbon dioxide and turns it into oxygen for us. We take in the oxygen where we turn it into carbon dioxide to exhale. Then the trees take in the carbon dioxide... All at the direction of a succinct, precise, powerful being. God.

He said, “Ok. I believe that there is a God. But which one?” And a new discussion began.

Who would’ve thought a tree could give a testimony? I mean, it’s just a tree! Stands in the field. Silent. Growing at a steady rate. Always reaching for its creator. Now that I look at those words, why not a tree? Maybe we should be more like trees.

Standing in silent reverence. Always growing. Reaching for God through Jesus Christ, who made it possible.

From My Heart,

Billy

*** By the way, this not quite so young man has a family of his own and is very active in his church. He is doing well and striving to be who God wants him to be.

It's the time of the year where we begin to hear about being thankful. It is a ubiquitous saying, "Be thankful" but in the end it is echoed in our scriptures many times. Much of the time we as humans are familiar with being thankful for things that we like. We are raised to say, "Thank you" when ever something is given to us or whenever someone does something positive for us. This is the norm for all american families, if its good, be thankful for it, but what if its not good? What if it's negative? How do we typically respond? We are told by Paul to, "Be thankful in all circumstances" (1 Thess 5:18) I believe most people read this the wrong way, I think most people read it like this, "be thankful everytime something good happens." I believe this because as a culture we aren't taught to be thankful for things we don't like. It's extremely rare for someone to be thankful in the midst of heartache or disappointment. The verse states that we should be "thankful in all circumstances." What makes this verse even more compelling is the author. Paul makes it clear in a few places in scripture that he has been in just about every circumstance. So, if he is saying this you can believe he means this from the depths of his heart. You got flogged? Be thankful. A riot breaks out and tries to kill you? Be thankful. You get shipwrecked. Be thankful. You get sent to prison knowing your time is coming to an end? Be thankful.

Honestly, the more we give thanks in the bitter and painful circumstances, the more powerful thankfulness is during the good times. There is not a much more powerful witness than someone who has been thankful in all circumstances. Don't get me wrong, this isn't an easy endeavour, but it is a worthy one. As you take time this month to be thankful for all the blessings you have received, take a moment and be thankful for the bruises as well.

Practicing Thankfulness,
David



November 2022

What are we Studying?

Sunday School: 1 Corinthians

Wednesday Night: Philippians

Sunday Night: Where is Jesus?

Winter
CAMP
6th-12th Grades
December 2 - 4, 2022
\$75

Home Sporting events this month.

Football

4th: 7pm Senior Night

We also have students involved in Cheer and Band during football games.

CIY Move

NEVERTHELESS
2023

I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live: yet not I,
but Christ liveth in me: and the
life which I now live in the
flesh I live by the faith of the
Son of God, who loved me, and
gave himself for me.

CIY Move Registration
Where: Lincoln, NE
When: July 10-14
Register: \$65
non-refundable,
until there are no spots left
Questions: Talk to David



November 2022 Newsletter

Courtney Loveless, Children's Ministry/Preschool Director

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

"Come, my children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Psalm 34:11

Children's Church

3yo ~ 5th grade meets in Room 101, Door will open at 10:20 am for check in. Church will start at 10:30 am.

Sunday School
→ 9:30am
Room 105

Wednesday Nights
No meals during the Summer. KIDMO! starts at 7pm

Castle KIDS Servant Schedule

1st Sunday > Cheri & Emily
2nd Sunday > MaLinda & Friend
3rd Sunday > Michelle
4th Sunday > Courtney

Children's Church lessons are added to our church website every week. www.nccok.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM THANKFULNESS

God wants us to be thankful, and he's given us a lot of things to be thankful for. In this series kids will learn about the blessings God has given them and how they can show their gratitude to God.

Memory Verse - Hide it in your heart!

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done." 1 Chronicles 16:8

Upcoming Events...

FALL CAMP AT CAMP SOONER

NOVEMBER 18-19, 2022

1ST-5TH GRADE

PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH THEIR CAMPERS

SUPER EXCITED FOR CAMP SOONER TO OFFER AN AND OVERNIGHT CAMP FOR OUR ELEMENTARY KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

COST

\$30 Camper Cost Includes
• 2 meals + 2 snacks
• T-shirt

\$10 Parent Cost Includes
• 2 meals
• Shirts will be available for extra cost

REGISTER HERE

All campers, parents, and sponsors must be registered online by November 4.

WHAT TO PACK?

- Bedding for a twin bed or sleeping bag + pillow
- Jacket or hoodie (depending on weather)
- Blanket to use for hayride & outdoor movie
- Bible
- Change of clothes
- Toiletries
- Any medications needed

Cabins do not have heat

No money needed for campers. Please do not send cash.

Cell phone use will not be permitted for campers.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

6:30-7:30 PM Arrival & Check In
7:30 PM Welcome Gathering
8:00 PM Hayride & Campfire
8:45 PM Outdoor Movie
10:00 PM Bedtime

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM Come & Go Breakfast
8:30 AM Nature Walk & Morning Devotions
9:30 AM Morning Gathering
10:30 AM Organized Games
11:00 AM Tournaments
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Parent Only/Camper Only Sessions
2:00 PM Canteen
2:30 PM Pack Up / Clean Up
2:55 PM Prayer Circle



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK OR IF YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES SIGNING UP, LET ME KNOW.



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Rick DeWeese
Garland Hawkins

Deacons

Alan Allison
Travis Cotten

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Youth Group 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Dinner at 5:30 pm
Bible Studies (all ages) 7:00 pm

Important Dates in November

1st—Ladies Bible Study 10am & 6:30pm
2nd—Wed night dinner & classes
4th-5th—The Event youth trip
6th—DST ends—turn clocks back 1 hr
6th—Scholarship Fundraiser—2 pm
8th—Ladies Bible Study 10am
8th—Election Day
9th—Garden Club—noon
9th—Wed night dinner & classes
11th—Pantry 9:00-10:30am
15th—Ladies Bible Study 10am (last one for morning) & 6:30pm
18-19th—Fall Camp—1st-5th grades
19th—Men's big fellowship breakfast 8am
20th—Thanksgiving dinner 5 pm & Cookson gift deadline
23rd—No dinner or classes—office closed through Friday
27th—Hanging of the Greens & soup 3 pm
29th—Last Ladies evening Bible Study – 6:30 pm

Prayer Requests

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

Submit prayer requests to the church office any-time. They will be added to the weekly list, emailed out each week, or emailed immediately if its urgent.



Happy Thanksgiving

Office closed Wednesday-Friday 11/23-25
No Wednesday night services 11/23

The Extra Mile

**NOV 27
HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS**

November 2022 - Communion Thought

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
COMMUNION					
THOUGHT	Rick DeWeese	Garland Hawkins	Gary Pitzer	Travis Cotten	N/A

Tithes and Offerings



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 at NCCOK.com, or on your mobile devices on the Faithlife app. Download the Faithlife app from your smartphone Apple Store or download to your Android phone from the Faithlife.com website. If you need help, just call the church office.