

AWESTRUCK

When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man. - Matthew 9:8

It seems that fewer and fewer things fill us with awe. I'm serious. When was the last time you were stopped speechless at discovering something? The vastness of the night sky? The miracle of a newborn baby? The beauty of a sunset? The magnificence of the storm clouds? When was the last time something completely overwhelmed you and the only thing you could say was, "Awe!"

The same is true about God. When was the last time you were "awestruck" about God? Realized (as much as possible) the vastness of Him? The power and wisdom? It seems life has become so accelerated and "loud" that we don't stop to truly recognize the awesomeness of our Heavenly Father.

And sometimes I, as a minister, speak and teach things that are counter-productive to this. In my sermons, lessons and devotionals, I have tried to make God understandable. I've tried to make Him to be identifiable to us by making Him as much like us as possible. Or I have spoken to people so that they can see God's will for their lives by making God like them.

If I am honest and transparent with you, even in my personal time with God, I haven't been in awe of Him. I even try to make Him an "average Joe" so as to think of Him as one of my pals. You know, to hang out with at the restaurant. It seems that I've tried to make Him look more like me than me like Him.

But, to put God in such a small box, so to speak, lessens the fact that the entire universe fits in His hands. It makes it appear that He isn't infinite, but finite like us. When the truth is, He sees the beginning and the end all at the same time. And He even has the power to walk into any portion of time He wishes. HE IS A BIG GOD!

And He created us in His image so that He, in all His size and wonder, can have a relationship with us. Little us. A blip on one of the trillion planets spinning around one of the trillion stars in one of the trillion galaxies. As David says, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139).

He still desires us. Longs for us. Knows us (even our hairs or the lack thereof). So when you see a magnificent Oklahoma sunset, remember how big our God is. And then find comfort in the fact He knows you completely.

And be AWESTRUCK!!

From My Heart,





If you play a sport, sing, play in band, are king of your chess club, or if you are involved in anything, GET ME YOUR SCHEDULE!! I would love to see you compete or perform.



JANUARY 2020

Every January, we get excited about the chance to start again. Whether the previous year was full of successes and happiness, or tragedy and sorrow, we look forward to doing better in the new year. As you make your goals and resolutions for the new year, I hope that these quotes and verses can give you insight into our God of new beginnings.

"<u>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new</u> creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."- 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God."-Jim Elliot

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."-Oswald Chambers

Caleb Page

What are we teaching?

WED NIGHTS: "Influencer" this 4-week series, we'll learn from a few key influencers in the Bible about what real influencers are like.

SUN NIGHTS: Our small group series is called "OWN 1T". We want to give our students the knowledge to move beyond, "1 just believe" to "here is exactly what 1 believe"

Sponsor meeting Sunday is Jan 26th!



Jr. high students are at a unique moment in their lives. They're growing and learning differently than any other age group. They're still young enough to need to play, but they're old enough to start grabbing onto some core ideals that will stay with them the rest of their lives.

They're expected to be older than they actually are. At Believe they want to give these students the chance to have fun and enjoy spending time with their peers, while also challenging them with age-appropriate ideals that will help them embrace Christ's call on their lives to be Kingdom workers. Believe is their chance to be exactly who they are – to play, listen and learn as themselves



January Newsletter

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

Memorize it!

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:26

Memory Challenge ~

Write verse on paper, memorize it, say it to Ms. Courtney for a prize.

KFC Yolunteer Schedule

Sunday School

3yo - 2nd grade > Alyson 3rd - 5th grade > Jimmy

Kids' Church

*Loving God, Loving our Neighbors" Week > 3yo-2nd grade/3rd-5th grade 1st Sunday> Cheri, Emily/Jimmy 2nd Sunday> Amanda, Open/Caleb 3rd Sunday> Courtney, Open/Jimmy 4th Sunday> Courtney, Open/Open

Wednesday Night

340 - 5th grade age group together -All meet in the KFC Room to Worship & Pray together...Lesson > Creation

Sunday School (9:30am)

3 yo - 2nd grade meet in Room 102 3rd - 5th grade meet in Room 101

Wednesday (7:00pm) 3yo - 5th grade meet in KFC Room

Kid's Church (10:45am)

3yo ~ 5th grade meet in KFC Room 3rd ~ 5th grade will split after Offering

Happy New Year! 2020

News & Upcoming Events

Did you make a New Year's resolution? If not, I'd like to encourage you to make one that helps you grow closer to God. Commit to one or two daily acts.

Books of the Bible Challenge

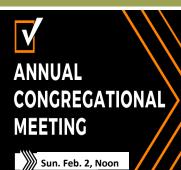
How are you doing on the challenge? Been going on since November. Challenge ends Feb. 2nd. We are working with the kids here and would like to encourage families to work with them at home. Every child that learns the books will be given a certificate and a prize.

Sape Start

Feb. 7 - 8th for 3rd - 5th grade \$60 registration due Jan. 19th Sign up in the Foyer under Youth/KFC bulletin board, along with paperwork that need to be filled out.

Courtney Loveless Children's Ministry Director

ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Giving Statements

Annual statements for 2019 giving will be distributed during the month of January. If you don't receive one and you should have, or something is incorrect, please notify the office as soon as possible.

NCC 101

Beginning in January, Billy will be leading twice a month. a class entitled "NCC 101: WHO WE ARE". This is a class about our church and how it works and who's who. The Elders would like for every member and regular visitor to go through one class, if at all possible. There are signup sheets in the foyer to select a class time that will work for you. The classes will be Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 9 & 23. March 8 & 22, 2:00-4:00pm. Please sign up as soon as you can, class size is limited to 20. For more information, talk to Billy or one of the Elders.

Newsletter January 2020



SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Office Closed Dec.31 - Jan. 1

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Thursday, January 9, 10:00 am

AREA MEN'S MEETING

On <u>January 20th</u>, Harmony Christian Church, 7100 S Choctaw Rd, Choctaw, OK 73020, will host the Area Men's Meeting!

Dinner of various homemade chilis and soups will be served at <u>6pm</u>. Speaker Dr. Jim Baird, OCU Bible Professor, <u>at 7pm</u>. Bring your friends.



MINISTRY LEADERS MEET 4 PM—SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Deadline for CIY "Believe" registration is Sunday, Jan. 5th. (Jr. Hi trip, Jan. 24-25th). It's \$80; talk with Caleb for more info.

peapline for "superstart" registration, (trip for 3rp-5th Grapers, FeB. 7 & 8,) is *Jan. 19th.* \$60, talk with courtney for more info.

Coming up in February: Our annual Love & Appreciation Banquet on Wednesday, February 12th. Watch for more information about this—it's going to be fun!

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Monthly Workers & Servers January 2020



2200 North Main Street Newcastle, OK 73065

Sunday

Sunday School Worship Service Youth Group Wednesday Dinner at 5:30 Bible Study @ 7pm

9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 pm

Important Dates in January

- Jan. 1—No services, Office Closed
- Jan. 5—First NCC 101 class 2pm
- Jan. 7—Yoga at 6:30
- Jan. 9- Ladies Bunco at 10:00
- Jan. 10—Food Pantry 9-10:30 am
- Jan. 12—Ministry Leaders meeting—4 pm
- Jan. 18—Men's Bible Study—8 am
- Jan. 19-NCC 101-2pm
- Jan. 20—Areawide Men's meeting—6 pm
- Jan. 24-25—CIY Believe—Jr. Hi trip



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