



Our Vision Statement: NEWCASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH STRIVES TO BE A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS EAGER TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS.

### SERMON & STUDY TOPIC THROUGH NOV.



SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

THURSDAY NIGHT DISCIPLINES

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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### CRAFTING Fellowship & Luncheon

Oct. 18th | 10a - 1p SHOWER STEAMERS, SWEATSHIRTS, & LUNCH

We will be making sweatshirt and long-sleeve versions of the women's ministry shirts we made last year. And if you missed last year, we will have shirts again this time. Sign up by Oct. 12th. We will also be making shower steamers and loofah soap scrubbers
Please bring a friend and a lunch item to share!

#### **COOKSON CHRISTMAS KICKOFF** FELLOWSHIP



Sun. Oct. 19th, After worship service

The names and information about the kids at Cookson Hills will be available to sign up to buy Christmas presents for them. Deadline to turn in the gifts is Nov. 23, so sign up asap!

Tues. Oct. 14-5:30 pm



ALL CHURCH invited to Bill's Steakhouse (OKC). Sign up in Alcove

### PRAYER



Praying Sisterhood Club-Thursday, Oct 9h, 10 am

This is an opportunity for our praying women to get together and pray for our families, those younger than us that we love and are invested in. 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 am.

### ALL CHURCH WORSHIP

## Sat. Oct. 25th 7 pm

All church worship time by the fireside.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Continues Tuesdays 10 am.

Runs every Tuesday through November 18th. Sign up in the Info Alcove to bring snacks. TOPIC: WORSHIP—Why We do What We Do. We'll explore the nature, purpose, and practice of Christian worship in order to deep-

### **FALL FESTIVAL**



Let MaLinda know if you would like to help. There is a tub in the north foyer (under the Youth/Castle Kids) bulletin board for candy donations (individually wrapped, please). We can never get too much candy!!



# Now, what?

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – **John 16:33** 

I am afraid!! This world has gotten scary and looks out of control. I don't understand what is going on! People have become hateful and mean. Neighbors don't trust neighbors. People are angry at everyone. It just seems crazy. And then a man was martyred the other day. In front of everyone!

And I have never been much of a political person, but oh man!! This country is SO divided. It's become a community (loosely spoken) of "US" and "THEM". Both sides claim they are completely right, and the other one is completely wrong. There is no in-between. One hates the other and vice versa. Furthermore, they tell their followers that they must also hate "THEM". It seems their focus is to eradicate any politician and person that disagrees with "US".

I think it's important to tell you I am a believer in Jesus and go to church. But it seems my brothers and sisters have been directly affected by this new culture. Trust and respect have weakened. Even the family of believers are surrounding themselves with people that agree with them and distancing themselves from those who don't. Occasionally there are arguments over small things not dictated in the Holy Scriptures. Truth is we are afraid. Afraid of so much.

Because of this fear, we have retreated from this world. We only go to "US" markets. We are careful not to be mistaken for "THEM". And it seems to work. "THEY" stay in their circles, and "WE" stay in ours. We still try to tell them about Jesus but through distant discussions about Him, careful not to get too close. Please understand, some believers do venture into "THEIR" community to discuss Jesus' love, and correct inaccurate understandings of Him. But, it doesn't always go well. Sometimes it goes wrong. Very wrong! Ungodly wrong!! And that's why I'm writing this.

Three days ago, my friend Gaius was killed in the Coliseum by tigers. I told him not to do it. It was not a good idea. I tried to warn him what could happen if he went and discussed how Jesus changed his life to people that don't agree ("THEM"). But Gaius talked about his love for Jesus and people who will miss His salvation. He knew there could be risks but thought the message was worth it. I watched my friend die in a horrendous manner.

#### So, what do I do? Where do I go from here? Don't stop reading!

Understand, Gaius is not my Savior. Jesus is. And what Gaius went through does not compare to what my Savior did for me. FOR ME! Gaius wanted people to see Jesus and His love and so do I. So, the message of Jesus goes on. So many people have seen someone live on such a plateau with such a passion and have given their life to the Messiah. Every corner of this town speaks of the one willing to die for his love of Jesus. And if it mattered to Gaius that much, then it matters to them...and me.

So here I sit. On a stool on the same street my friend did and on the shoulders of those who spoke and loved before me. I know Gaius didn't start this movement, but he reached so many in his "chapter of life". Now that I've seen an example of passion for Jesus, I must live out mine. My message is the same...Jesus. His love. His cross. His empty tomb. Heaven. The Gospel will go on and, "the gates of hell will not overcome it."

(The previous is not an actual quote but could very well have happened in first century Rome.)

From My Heart,





### October 2025

Insight Student Ministry exist so that the student may have a firm grasp on God's word as they navigate their culture, implement a Christian worldview and impact others with the love of Jesus Christ.

### After The Lights

October 3rd
October 24th



High School Students
The Event
November 7-8
\$60 per person
Sign Up by October 1st

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Location: Ozark Christian College, Joplin, Mo

## Let's go hike for the day. October 4th

We'll leave the Church about 10am, (Head to the wichita wildlife refuge) bring a sack lunch we'll have a picnic when we get there. Also bring money for the ride back (We'll stop somewhere to eat, we'll be back between 5pm-6pm

October brings about fall vibes, pumkin spice wishes, and hoodie weather. It also brings about talk of spooky things like ghost, monsters, and other frightening entities. The problem with the previously mentioned entities is that we talk about them as if they are just a thing for movies. Mind you "monsters" in the sense of a creature with abnormal strength and a taste for innocent humans don't exist. Ghost? Nope, at least not in the way we normally think about them. Before we go any further I would like you to understand my view of ghost. I believe ghost are demons pretending to be something that you would find less threatening in hopes that they would be able to fabricate a relationship with you, which is not a good thing. What is a good thing? The fact that we as believers have a power living in us that is much more powerful than anyone gives credit.

One of my favorite stories in the book of Acts is found in the 19th chapter. The book of Acts tell the story of the disciples spreading the Gospel throughout the known world. It follows Peter, John, and Paul for a majority of the book. In chapter 19 the Holy Spirit shows up and moves in power. The power of God was so mighty that even the Apostle Paul's articles of clothing (hankerchiefs, aprons) were taken to the sick and they healed and even demons were cast out because of those articles. (vs 11) This is some crazy stuff, but things just get crazier as move to the next set of verses. In Acts 19:13-16 we see a story featuring seven sons of Jewish chief priest names Sceva. They were trying to be like the apostles and Paul and cast out evil spirits. One time they did this and, In my mind this is the scariest chain of events, the evil spirit spoke back to those guys. "The evil spirit answered them, 'Jesus I know and Paul I know about, but who are you?" The story contiunues "Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding." Wow, what a story. Why do I share this? Because often we give unholy things more power than we should. We must always remember, the Power of God cannot be stopped or weakened. If you are a follower of Christ this power lives in you and maybe its time we let this power lead us, rather than suppressing it.

Spirit Filled, David



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trust in you. Psalm 56:3

When I am afraid, I put my

We need LOTS of donations for individual wrapped candy & snacks!! Donation box is in the foyer! Thank you!

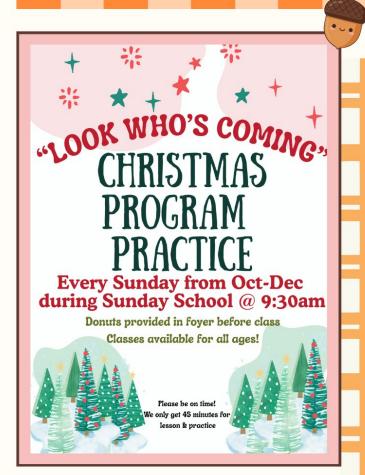
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Join us at 10 for the Praying Sisterhood Club Find creative ways to pray for the ones you love most

I don't know about you, but I am really enjoying the whole church study on Christianity 201. Our Castle Kids have responded so well to every thought, question and prompting from Spirit during our time together. It's been such a blessing to watch them connect the dots of so many foundational truths.

I just love watching their eyes light up when they realize how big, amazing and loving God really is. You may not know, but on Wednesdays we take our Sunday lesson and go even deeper! This allows the children a chance to really process what they have learned while gaining more knowledge!

We would love to have your family join us! 6:15-7:30 We even provide the meal for a donation!

Classes available for all ages!







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### **SERVICE TIMES**

Sunday School 9:30-10:15am **Worship Service** 

10:30 am

Wednesday Dinner @ 5:30 Bible Studies 6:30 pm

### 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 out each week, or emailed immediately if its urgent.

#### Important Dates in OCT

- 1— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 2— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 3—After the Lights youth gathering
- 5—Ladies Shopping trip after church
- 7— Ladies Bible Study 10am
- 8—Garden Club—noon
- 8— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 9—Praying Sisterhood—10 am
- 9— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 10—Food Pantry 9-10:30 am
- 14— Ladies Bible Study 10am
- 14—All church dinner out-Bill's Steaks
- 15— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 16— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 18—Ladies Craft Day 10 am
- 19—Cookson Christmas Kickoff
- 21— Ladies Bible Study 10am
- 21—Chamber Luncheon—noon
- 22— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 23— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 25—All Church worship by the fire 7pm
- 26—Family Sunday
- 28\_\_ Ladies Bible Study 10am
- 29—FALL FEST



10/5—Billy & Michelle 10/12—Ellen S 10/19—Cody Lee 10/26-Ron & Jan Y

### **FAMILY SUNDAY**



### OCT 2025 - Communion Thought

10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26	N/A
Ed Harris	Garland Hawkins	Mike Aston	David Martinez	

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plates are passed each Sunday, or you may use the giving box in the fover for your checks or cash (in an envelope please). Giving is also available through the church website at www.nccok.com on any of your devices. If you need help, just call the church office.

### **DECEMBER EXCURSION TO JOPLIN**



Friday & Saturday, December 5 & 6

Travel with some of your church family to Joplin, MO for a fun-filled, two-

day holiday. On Friday, see the Charles Dickens' classic play, "A Christmas Carol" at 7pm on Friday at Ozark Christian College. Stay overnight at a local AirBnB. On Saturday, see the Precious Moments Chapel and Gardens, and then Lunch with Linda & Travis Cotten. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS OCTOBER 15TH. COST IS \$120 PER PERSON. (Tickets will be purchased based on sign-up. The cost covers show ticket & AirBnB. Meals & incidentals are not included. Talk with Billy or Michelle for more info.)



Last Sunday of the month—watch for info