SHELTON MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**November 2024 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**OUR PURPOSE:**

***“Embracing the love of Jesus through ministry, mission & witness”***

“Your Brothers and Sisters”

by: Pastor Casey Chapman

 I do not know what it is like to have a brother or a sister. As an only child I have not had the unique experiences that a sibling relationship brings. Just like in any situation, there are those who do not have a good relationship with their sibling, and, likewise, there are those who have a wonderful and close relationship with their brothers or sisters. Repeatedly the Bible talks about our relationship with fellow believers. They are our brothers or sisters, and yes, they are our siblings by blood. By the blood covenant of Jesus Christ, we are adopted into God’s family. This gives us insight into the church and how we are to treat fellow believers.

We know that God is perfect, thus our relationship with other believers ought to model what a perfect brotherly or sisterly relationship is. We will never be perfect in this lifetime, but we ought to strive in our relationships to be the best brother or sister that we can. How greatly do you think this pleases our Heavenly Father that His child, you, are developing healthy relationships with His other children?

I have seen over this past year, as the pastor, the love and generosity among my brothers and sisters in this congregation, and I am proud of it. Are there things that we need to work more on? Yes, but the love of God’s family is here. I have seen how some of my brothers or sisters had struggles this past year and the church helped in prayer, in elbow grease, and in finances. Even in my own life, when I have had a need, people have stepped up to lend me a vehicle, a trailer, or helped me fix plumbing issues.

We are approaching Thanksgiving. A time of thankfulness and gathering as the family of God. Also, in our congregation, we make our financial pledges for next year. This helps us as a family prepare for our future so that we do not over-stretch ourselves, and so that we can focus and fine-tune our ministry.

Our congregation was founded in the Stone-Campbell Movement which seeks to resemble a New Testament church. As the church began large groups would sell their possessions and held everything in common. There was not a needy person among them as all of their possessions were laid at the apostle’s feet and distributed for each person’s needs, (Acts 4:32-35). This was not a command. No one was forced to do this, but the brotherly love was so strong among them that they held all things in common.

One day, a man and his wife sold a piece of property. They kept back part of the proceeds and donated the rest. This was fine, but they lied to the church and to the Holy Spirit by claiming that they had given the whole proceed. They did this so that others would look highly on them. Because they chose to deceive the Holy Spirit they dropped dead in front of the Apostle Peter (Acts 5:1-11). As you prepare to make your pledge this month, do so from your heart. From a heart to see the Gospel preached well, disciples being made, and brothers and sisters being cared for. Give what God leads you to give. Do not worry about how much. There are also other ways to give and help each other. Perhaps your gift is in sending cards of encouragement. Helping in the kitchen. Leading a small group. In whatever the Lord puts upon your heart, do so with cheer and gladness.

Happy Thanksgiving!

 Blessed Bounty Bazaar

Shelton Memorial Christian Church

 316 N. Main Street - Ulysses, KS

Saturday, November 23rd, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

 Baked Goods, Nuts, Homemade Noodles, Craft Items, Cutlery, Homemade Meals and More

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**/\*ANNIVERSARIES**

01 – Robin Collum

06 – Lea Daniels

07 – Julie Hickman

12 – Olivia Hill

13 – Crystal Klein

14 – Abbey Ater

16 – Heidi Tarbet

18 – \***Justin & Brenda Ford**

19 – Sherie Riley

20 – **\*Bruce & Kelly Rae Howard**

20 – **\*Jason & Shelley Phelps**

26 – Beth Ashby

26 – Marcia Gustin

29 – Steve Johnson

If your special day has been missed, please contact the church office. 620-356-2305

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***Scheduled to Serve in November*:**

**Elders:** Monty Teeter, Justin Anderson

**Deacons:** Jean Teeter, Brett Lysinger

 Justin Howard, ????????????

**Deacon Ass’t:** Trace Phelps

**Communion:** Kim Klein/Kelly Rae Howard

**Worship Leaders**:

03: Justin Howard 17: Jan Goehring

10: Monty Teeter 24: Tamra Rundell

**Greeters:** Deacons for the month

**Questions?? CALL or email:**

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SMCC cares about you! You are loved and prayed for when you’re here and when you’re NOT here. AND YOU ARE MISSED!!!!! Remember, this is your home away from home!

**General Offering to SMCC thru October**

**$ 170,274.06**

**Thank you, God, for the generosity of this**

**Community of Believers and may their love for you and each other be an inspiration to reach out to those who are in need of knowing You and believing in your love, peace and grace.**

*If there is someone who is not on the prayer list but needs to be, please let the office staff know. We do want to pray for those in immediate need!! So, keep us updated, PLEASE. Rhonda*

**REMINDER**

If you have a loved one in the hospital, please let the church office staff know (620-356-2305).

**Known Prayer Concerns & Joys:**

Janet Stewart (knee surgery), Norman Hensley, Sherie Riley, Carol Rider, Don Dennett, Janelle (friend of Rhonda Brady), Evelina Velasquez (cancer), Adam Heinrichs, Leona Smyth, Kim Klein, Greg McHenry, Meredith Drees (friend of Lana Anderson), Larry Daniels, Brad Bevan, Sharon Nagel, Nancy Grace (cancer), Gary Brady, Chris Banuelos, Rudy Perez, Ron Limper, Catherine Fowler, Bob & Lorine Myers, Dave Taylor (friend of Monty), Sharon Phelps, Linda Metcalf, Kim McGaughey, Norma McCauley, Bob Moore, Sara Watson, Kasich Smyth, June Mason, Titus Smith.

Prayers for those who have recently lost loved ones!

**Pray for our Armed Forces:** Maison Wiginton,Dylan Carroll,Canyon Collum (Poland),Adam Lambing, Corey Ungles, Lacy Rundell.

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**Regular Monthly Schedule**

**Sunday 9:30 A.M. –** Christian Ed Classes

 ***Odds & Ends* – “Angels”**

 **10:30 A.M. –** Worship Service

 ***1st Sunday* 9:00 A.M.** – Elder’s Meeting

**Monday 6:00 P.M. –** Bible Study

**Tuesday 6:30 P.M. –** Men’s Study Group

 **“Every Man a Warrior”**

**Wednesday 9:00 A.M.** **– Bazaar Work Day**

 **7:00 P.M. –** Choir Practice

 ***3rd Wed*.**  **6:15 P.M.** – Special Wednesday

 Prayer Meeting with Elders in the Sanctuary

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**Monthly Schedule for NOVEMBER 2024**

**Nov. 3rd – 9:00 A.M. Elder Meeting**

 **10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

Message by Pastor Casey Chapman

**LIVE on Facebook**

**Nov. 6th – 9:00 A.M. Bazaar Work Day**

**Nov. 7th** **– 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.** Sons of Thunder

 @ Bear Creek Coffee-Meal at 6:30

**Nov. 10th –10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

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**Nov. 11th** **– Veterans Day**

**Nov. 12th – 7:00 P.M.** Board Meeting

 **VOTING ON 2025 BUDGET**

**Nov. 13th – 9:00 A.M. CWF Meeting**

**Nov. 14th – 6:00 P.M.** Prayers & Thanks for rain-

 in Memorial Park across from the hospital

**Nov. 17th –10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

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**Nov. 18th – 4:00 P.M.** Worship Meeting

**Nov. 20th – 9:00 A.M. Bazaar Work Day**

 **6:15 P.M.** Prayer Mtg in Sanctuary

 led by the Elders

**Nov. 23rd – 9:00 A.M. BAZAAR**

**Nov. 24th** **– 10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

Message by Pastor Casey Chapman

 **CONSECRATION SUNDAY**

 **THANKSGIVING DINNER after Service**

**Nov. 28th – OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving**