

# WELCOME

November 13, 2022

*We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us today! Our hope and prayer is that you feel seen, known and loved as we worship our great God together.*

## FOR CHILDREN

We have pre-school ministry in both services and elementary programming during our contemporary service. If you prefer, children are welcome in our services and sermon activity bags are available to help keep your child engaged. Feel free to request one from an usher.

## FOR STUDENTS

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to Student Equip held at 10am. This teaching time prepares students to go out and multiply disciples.

## MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Gary Hylander  
Senior Pastor

Jon MacDonald  
Pastor of Family Life/Discipleship

Aaron Brown  
Pastor of Worship/Technology

Robert Lee  
Pastor of Student Ministries

Cora Mason  
Coordinator of Children's Ministries

## NEXT WEEK IS JOY WEEK!

Next Sunday, November 20, launches "Joy Week." An opportunity to give above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings to help pay for Phase 2 expenses and push off the need for financing. Let's give toward a kingdom project together as a church family knowing that the goal is to multiply disciples for the glory of God. Will you seek the Lord and see what he would have you do in giving generously next week?

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## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

9:20am Prayer Gathering  
10:00am Equip  
10:00am Membership Class  
4:15pm Christmas Choir  
Concert Rehearsal  
6:00pm Body Life Update

### MONDAY

6:00pm Elder Board  
6:30pm Women's Ministries Team

### TUESDAY

9:30am GriefShare  
9:30am MOPS  
6:00pm Prayer Gathering  
6:30pm Young Adults  
6:30pm Women's Precept

### WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Prayer-Zoom  
9:30am Men's Study  
9:30am Women's Study  
9:30am Women's Precept  
10:30am Faith Community Nursing Office Hrs  
5:00pm Bible Quizzing  
6:30pm Awana  
6:30pm Risen (6-12 grade)  
6:30pm Men's Study at Lakeshore Health  
8:00pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY

6:30pm GriefShare

### SATURDAY

3:00pm Worship Team

## NEWS & EVENTS

### PRAYER GATHERING

Unite with us in prayer today, 9:20-9:50am, Room 109. Next week the gathering will take place in Café 19.

### EQUIP, 10AM

Join us as Dr. Walter Kaiser begins a new 6-week study titled, The Jesus I Know, Yeshua the Messiah. Equip is held at the Lakeshore Community Health Center, 1721 Saemann Ave.

### BODY LIFE UPDATE, TONIGHT, 6PM

Join us in the MPR for the Fall Body Life Update. We will hear ministry updates and have a celebration in honor of Pastor Jon's 25th pastoral anniversary at eFree. The evening will be recorded, but not livestreamed.

### DEMOLITION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Phase 2 demolition continues this week from 8am -8pm each day but Wednesday which concludes at 4pm. Bring hand tools, gloves, masks and ear-plugs and come when you're available. Contact Larry Brahan (920-980-9844) with questions.

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, NOV 23, 6:30PM

This service is an annual favorite filled with worship, prayer and testimonies of God's faithfulness.

### FALL BLOOD DRIVE, NOV 30, 8AM-12PM

The Mobile Blood Center will be parked in the East Lot for the event. Register on the church website.

### PAUSE & PONDER-EMMANUEL, DEC 2, 6:30PM

Women's Ministries hosts this cozy, quiet, joy-filled evening in celebration of Jesus, our Emmanuel. Women are invited to join us as we step away from holiday to-do lists and prepare our hearts for the Advent season.

### FAMILY ADVENT GUIDES

Devotions and discussion questions help connect Scripture to daily life as you read through the Christmas story together. Copies are available on the Welcome Counters.

### 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you received offering envelopes in 2022, you will automatically receive them for next year. Any changes for 2023, please call the office.

**THANK YOU!** We extend our heartfelt love and gratitude for each act of love and kindness extended to us throughout Pastor Appreciation Month. Your encouragement and generosity ministered to us, church family, and we thank God for the joy and privilege of serving Him with you.

Gary and Pam  
Aaron and Kirsten

Jon and Nikki  
Robert and Tiffany

Get connected.

Ask for prayer.



To give, please visit:  
[e-free-family.com](http://e-free-family.com)

**BEYOND EAST AND WEST**  
*Psalm 103*

As we explore Psalm 103 together, notice how this psalm begins and ends with the words *Bless the LORD, O my soul*. David is not so much talking to God, but rather, he is talking to his soul with full awareness of the LORD. He is counseling his soul, presenting the challenge to *bless the LORD*. The word *bless* (*bāarak*) is a reference to offer praise and thanksgiving to the LORD for who he is, and for all that he has done.

Clearly, David does not want to take God for granted. He would remind us to catalog both hidden and visible blessings, both blessings from past days and recent experiences. God's people need to develop and strengthen our memories pertaining to God's words and works. The mature Christian will *bless* the LORD, even when we are not feeling *blessed* in our current circumstances. Together, let's *bless his holy name*, and not forget all his benefits (103:2).