

From Pastor Carl's Desk

By Pastor Carl Billings

A GIDEON MOMENT

The following is a transcript from Pastor Carl's sermon on September 24, 2017

Last week, the Lord laid on my heart to prepare a special devotion and report for Council based on the vision and mission of Discover Church. After I was finished, the council urged me to share some version of that devotion and report with the congregation--not in an announcement but from the pulpit. Both Pastor La and I take our responsibility of bring the Word of God to you very seriously. The council's request required thought and prayer. After much thought and prayer, I agreed with the council that I needed to share what is on my heart as your senior leader. This week we are going to step out of the series on the 139th Psalm. Instead, we will talk about Gideon moments. Let's start by reading Scripture, Judges chapter seven, starting at verse two.

Judges 7:2 *The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.'* **3** *Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'* **4** *So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.* **4** *But the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."* **5** *So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink."* **6** *Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.*

Let me tell you the rest of the story in my own words. After God had pared Gideon's army down to 300 men, He then tells Gideon to attack the Midianite camp. Gideon hesitates and God says, "if you are afraid to attack right away, go down to the Midianite camp with your servant and listen." Gideon gets within earshot of that camp and he hears two soldiers talking. One shares that he has had a strange dream that a barley cake has rolled into camp and upset the tent of the Midianite King. The other soldier interprets the dream and says that dream is about Gideon. He is going to defeat the Midianites. The conversation gives Gideon the courage to go back and summon his 300 men to take on the thousands upon thousands of the Midianites and Amalekites camped in the valley. Before Gideon summoned his 300, however, he worshiped. That is a Gideon moment.

What are the specifics of a Gideon moment? There are two criteria for a Gideon moment: first, you know that the Lord has given you a purpose, a mission. The second criteria is that there is no way you can accomplish that purpose/mission without the Lord. God had given Gideon a mission to defeat the Midianite army. At the same time, He wanted Gideon to understand that it was not Israel's strength nor strategy, but rather the Lord that was going to accomplish His will through Gideon and his three hundred warriors. **The Lord said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'** Those moments are Gideon moments.

We have all had Gideon moments--times when God intervenes in our life in such a way that it is clear it is completely God, times that we realize God's grace and

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Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

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Bulletin Deadline:

Noon on Wednesdays

Newsletter Deadline:

Noon on the 3rd Friday



Discover Church Vision Statement:

Believe, Belong, Bless

Discover Church Mission Statement:

*Inviting all people to discover
their full life in Christ*

Discover Church Values

Discipleship is a Priority

Inspired by the Living Word

Spirit Charged

Culture of Forgiveness

Ordinary People Serving an

Extraordinary God

Vision for World Mission

Ethnically Diverse

Rooted in Our Communities - Reaching Out

A GIDEON MOMENT

Continued from Pastor Carl's article on page 1

power in our life. God has given us something that we are called to accomplish but it is God who provides the resources. We can't boast in our abilities; we can't brag about this or that strategy; we can't take credit in any way. All we can do, like Gideon, is worship and praise God. This is not new for many of you. You know about Gideon moments. You have experienced them time and again, even if that is not what you called them. In fact, I believe we could spend the next several hours having you come up and share Gideon moments in your life.

So why did we step out of our sermon series to talk about Gideon moments? Discover Church is at a Gideon moment. I truly believe that God has given us a clear vision, mission, and values. God has given us a clear vision--His vision that all people become believing, belonging and blessing followers of Jesus. Discover's Mission that we are called to ***invite all people to discover their full life in Christ*** is directly from the Lord God. It is **NOT** some clever thing thought up by Pastor La or myself, but a mission from God. I believe the same about our values-- that they are principles that form and define our culture. Finally, I believe that through our vision, mission and values God is doing something unique at Discover Church. Discover Church is becoming a church that reflects the vision of Revelation 7:9 *"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and the Lamb."*

This was confirmed to me just a couple Sundays ago. An acquaintance from the community visited our church. When the two of us were initially introduced last spring, I was introduced as one of the pastors of Discover Church. He responded, "I've heard good things about your church." As I said, that initial conversation was several months ago. He showed up this Sunday and said "God brought me to Discover Church instead of my own church." He went on to say that he wanted to experience Discover Church for himself. He made it very clear that he hadn't come looking for a new church home (he was very active in his home church) but rather simply to see what we were doing. After the service, he sought me out and waited patiently as I talked with several other individuals ahead of him. When he got his turn, he had two observations: First, that it was exciting to see the multi-ethnic makeup of our congregation. Secondly, that it was obvious that we invite people into the whole Gospel and not just a Gospel for when we die (those were his words, not mine). He concluded by saying, "God is doing something special at Discover Church." This conversation confirmed to me that God has given us our vision, mission and values. We have met criteria one for a Gideon moment: a mission and purpose given by God.

Let's move to criteria two: without the Lord's intervention, we will not be able to accomplish our mission. Again, that is very true. Our lack of resources have hindered us from completely fulfilling the mission God has given us. I am not going to go through all of the numbers. You can look on the back of the bulletin to get an idea. It's serious. Clever programs and ideas are not going to solve our lack of resources. Nor will drastic cuts or other drastic decisions solve the problem because anything of that nature will start a vicious circle that will prove difficult to stop and it will lead us in exactly the opposite direction. The leadership of this congregation and I agree we meet both criteria. We have a mission from God. There is no way we can accomplish that mission without God's intervention.

We are at a Gideon moment--a moment where we must depend on God. If God has provided the vision, then God will provide the resources. If God has given us this mission, then God will provide the resources. If our values that form who we are, are from God, then God will provide the resources.

I also believe that God wants to make it clear that when He provides those resources we will not be able to say, "It was our strategic planning, or our extra effort, or a great program." The only thing that we will be able to do is worship and praise. We are at a Gideon moment.

With that understanding, this is what I ask you to do. The council and leadership is designating the week of October 8th - 15th, a week of prayer and fasting for the mission of Discover Church. The specific prayer is that God will provide the resources for us to fulfill our mission. I want to ask each of you to join me in one of three ways: First to pray 3 times daily: when you get up in morning, at noon and at night. We will give you a devotional to help direct your prayer. Second, I want to ask you to fast in some way. It can be a full fast, for a day or the whole week. It can be a partial fast, skipping meals to pray for our mission. It can also be a Lenten type fast where we give up some special treat for the week. It doesn't even have to be food. It can be TV, social media or some other experience that you enjoy. The important thing is that you acknowledge the Lord God as your most important relationship, and that you value that relationship more than anything else.

Finally, on Wednesday Oct 11th we will have 24 hours of prayer, starting at 7am Wednesday and ending at 7am Thursday in the sanctuary. I encourage you sign up for at least one of those half hour time slots. Will you join me, the staff and the council in entreating the Lord to provide the resources so that we might fulfill our mission ***inviting all people to discover their full life in Christ?***



Children and Family Ministries

Christy Grigor, Director



Children's Ministry Thank You Banquet October 20

If you have been involved in Children's Ministry at all at Discover Church in the last 4 years you are invited to this banquet! Thanking the people of our church that take on the charge of Jesus to "go and make disciples" is LONG overdue! Please contact Christy Grigor if you would like to attend and have not received an email invitation!



HAY RIDE & CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 21 5:00-7:30pm at Bunker Park Stable in Andover. Cost is \$5 per person. Enjoy hot-dogs and s'mores over the fire and a group hay ride. Flyers and waivers available on the Children's Ministry Table in the Ed Wing. Contact John Teske at 763-561-9608 or Christy Grigor for more information.

JOIN US FOR A
HAYRIDE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THANK YOU BANQUET

Calling for creative decorators! If you love being creative and would like to sponsor a table for the Children's Ministry Thank You banquet, please sign up at the Ministry Desk! We want to make this banquet special by decorating each table differently. Bring your best dishes, decorations, table cloths, flowers and candles! We will be purchasing clear plastic plates to put on top of your dishes so they will be SEEN but not USED!

Help with the meal! If you would like to help prepare or serve food at this meal, help set up or clean up please contact Christy Grigor!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING THE 10:30AM FAMILY SERVICE

Childcare for children up to age 5:

During this service childcare is offered for babies 3 months old to children age 5. This is located in the last classroom on the right of the Education wing. You can check your child in at the beginning of the service, or after the Children's Ministry Sermon!

New "On The Way" Class for grade K-2:

We now offer a new K-2nd grade class during the sermon time of the 10:30am family service. These younger elementary kids will still worship with their families at the beginning of service, come up for the children's sermon, and then be escorted out to the new "On The Way" class. Parents can come pick up their kids in the 4yr-K classroom after service. We will continue to offer nursery care for age 5 and under during the entire service.

Great Salvation Institute for grades 1-6:

During the service children can fill out worksheets based on the sermon to earn points to get prizes from the prize cart! There are also color sheets, clip boards and twistable crayons for younger ones to stay busy!



Fall Family Hayride:

Saturday, October 21

Children's Ministry Thank You Banquet:

Friday, October 20th from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Roller Garden's Family Nights:

Saturday, November 18th and Saturday, March 3rd.

Snow Tubing at Elm Creek:

Saturday, January 27th

Wild Mountain 2018:

Friday, July 20

For more information about Children's Ministry contact Christy Grigor in the church office at 763-561-5877 or by email at Christy.Grigor@discoverchurchnetwork.org

Youth Ministries

Pastor Jonathan Brandon, Director



Wednesday Night Small Groups

Small groups are for 7-12 grade youth on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm. We have a time for fun and fellowship and then break into groups and focus on sharing life experiences, diving deeper into God's Word and a time of prayer. Come check it out next Wednesday!

Milwaukee Youth Mission Trip

June 17th – June 22nd
7th – 12th grade

While in Milwaukee, our team will have the opportunity to serve with **Youthworks** as they come alongside organizations that are working to support local communities. One of these is Scott Christian Community Center, which houses a food pantry and clothing give away service. Another organization we could serve alongside is Gingerbread Land, a neighborhood beautification organization. We may also serve at elder care centers or a soup kitchen. In the evenings, we'll have the opportunity to participate in a church service, go to the beach of Lake Michigan and hear from a community friend who works with teenagers and adults growing up in the inner city.

Chaperones:

- The trip will be led by Pastor Jonathan Brandon and chaperoned by adults from Discover Church.

Travel & Lodging:

- We will be driving to Milwaukee as a mission team.
- While there, we will be housed in a local church during the week.
- All meals are provided during the stay.

Trip Cost:

- \$460.00
- \$100.00 deposit due by Sunday, December 10
- Fundraisers will be available



Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live is a monthly fun and fellowship event for 7-12th graders. FNL will be kicked off on October 6. Bring your friends! It's free!



Journey Confirmation

The Journey Confirmation program will be returning on October 8th from 6:30-8:00pm in the youth room. All 7-9 graders are invited.



Friday, October 6:
 Sunday, October 8:
 Sunday, November 5:
 Friday, November 10:
 January 16-18, 2018:

Friday Night Live Returns
 Journey Confirmation Begins
 Journey
 Friday Night Live
 Winter Retreat

For more information about the Youth Ministry at Discover Church, contact Pastor Jonathan at jon.brandon@discoverchurchnetwork.org or (763) 561-5877.

Opportunities to Serve

DISCOVER CHURCH SERVES



Introducing "Discover Church Serves." This new program will provide quarterly service projects to go out and serve our community as the hands and feet of Jesus. We hope these events will not only give you an opportunity to share Christ's love with our neighbors, but help build relationships with your Discover Church family as well! Our first event will be a meal packing session with Feed My Starving Children. Check out the details below. Contact Pastor Jon Brandon for more information or if you have a suggestion for a service project.



FEED MY STARVING

Saturday, October 28: 9-11am
Please arrive by 8:45am
FMSC Packing Facility in Coon Rapids
401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids
Sign up at the Ministry Desk
Children age 5 and up are welcome!

We need your help with some cleaning & maintenance projects around the building. Many hands make light work so please consider giving a few hours of your morning Sat, October 7 to help keep the church looking great! Contact Pastor La for more info.



Church Work Day
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7
9:00am - NOON



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

You can help bring the love of Jesus to children all over the world through Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! All boxes and donations need to be returned Oct 22 - Nov 5th.

There are three ways to participate:

- Simply fill a shoebox or standard shoebox sized plastic container with small toys and personal items
- Bring items and we will pack shoe boxes for you
- Make a donation to cover the cost of shipping boxes over seas—\$9 a box. Checks should be made to Samaritan's Purse.

Suggested items include deflated soccer balls, flashlights with batteries, small toys, dolls with light brown skin, jump ropes, new t-shirts with no writing on them, socks, comb, bars of soap in a plastic soap case, toothbrushes, pens, pencils & pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, sunglasses, No toy guns, liquids, food or candy.



UNION GOSPEL MISSION THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need through Union Gospel Mission's annual food drive
October 1-November 5

- Pick up a shopping list on the Ministry Desk. Please only donate items that are on the list.
- Bring food to church by Sunday, November 5.
- If you don't want to shop, you can give money and we will shop for you! \$9 buys all the dry goods and \$10 buys a turkey. Place cash or check in the collection box on the ministry desk.
- Watch the tally on the display in the foyer go up as we work toward our goal of 300 meals!

HOUSTON MISSION TRIP JULY 15-20, 2017

The impact of Hurricane Harvey is extensive. Thousands of homes have water damage, over 30,000 people have been displaced, businesses and schools have been effected as well. Praying Pelican Missions is working with church partners within the Houston area to support them in long-term relief efforts. We will come alongside these churches as they serve their communities. Our team will be assisting with cleanup, clear out, and/or repair of water damaged homes, as well as other projects identified by our partner churches. The trip will be led by Pastor Jonathan Brandon & additional adults from Discover Church.

Who Can Go:

- The trip is open to anyone age 12 and up. Youth age 12 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Estimated Trip Cost: \$1,100.00

- Final cost determined by travel expenses as we get closer to the date.
- \$200.00 deposit due by Sunday, December 10th

Travel, Lodging & Meals:

- We will be flying to Houston.
- We will then rent vans for transportation around the city.
- We will still stay in a local church during the week.
- All meals are provided during the stay.



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:30am-11:30am
PLEASE SIGN UP ON
OCTOBER 8

LEARN AND GROW

DiscoverChurch LIFEGROUPS

BELIEVE BELONG BLESS

Neighborhood Small Groups are now called Life Groups! We are excited to re-launch this ministry this fall. We are celebrating our existing groups, inviting new people to join them and starting brand new groups too. What exactly is a Life Group? It's simply a group of people who want to gather monthly (or more) to fellowship, eat, do a Bible study, pray, serve and build connections with other members of the group. Some groups are formed based on geography and others on common interests or stages of life. All our Life Groups are centered around the Discover Church Vision Statement of Believe, Belong and Bless. Check out our brand new Life Group display on the wall in the foyer at church. Group contact information is available there so that you can find a group that fits your life. For more info about Life Groups, see Pastor Carl.



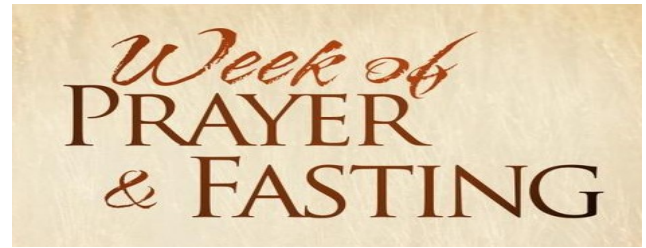
**Adult Education
Opportunities
Sunday's at 9:15am**

Kingdom Connections: October 8—29:

In October we will be doing something a little different. Our education hour will be a small group format. There will be a few comments made from up front but most of the time will be spent in discussion groups and prayer. We will be studying the Scripture text for that weekend. If you are not in a Life Group, it will be a good time to get a taste of what they are like. It will also be a great time to get to know a little better your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ here at Discover Church. The theme is "Kingdom Connections: God, each other, and the community and will coordinate with our sermon series for the month as well.

Coming in November:

We will have a mission focus in November, possibly with some service project opportunities. Watch for more details to come.



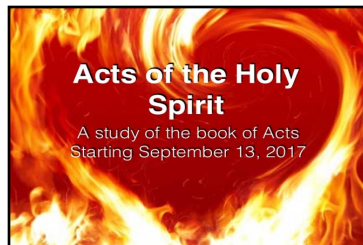
OCTOBER 8-15

WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING
FOR THE VISION, MISSION & VALUES
OF DISCOVER CHURCH

OCTOBER 11

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

October 8-15 we will have a week of prayer and fasting for the vision, mission and values of Discover Church. A devotional guide will be provided for the week. On Wednesday, October 11 we will have 24 hours of continuous prayer at the church. We are asking people to commit to come to the church and pray for 30 minute time slots. Sign up at the Ministry Desk for your slot. See Pastor Carl for more info.



**WEDNESDAY
MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for a Bible Study series "Acts of the Holy Spirit" a study of the book of Acts lead by Pastor Carl on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the foyer. We will have a pot luck lunch together after the study at 11:00am on the first Wednesday of the month.



All Church Prayer

Saturday, October 7 at 9:00am
Every first Saturday of the month

SACRED STRETCHES EXERCISE CLASS

Pamela Billings is leading a Sacred Stretches exercise class on Thursday nights from 7-8pm. This class combines breathing techniques, Scripture meditation, stretches and postures. It is the intentional practice of connecting our entire being, body, mind and spirit with God. Bring an exercise mat if you have one. No experience needed. You need to sign a waiver to participate. A free will offering will be taken. For more information contact Pamela at 763-360-4792.

Men's Ministry

Thursday Night Bible Study: All men are invited to join us on Thursday nights at 7:00pm for a Bible study, prayer and fellowship. For more info contact Chad Murray at 763-242-3470 or chadderinmn@gmail.com.

Weekly Prayer Meeting: Every Saturday morning at 9:00am. All men are invited.

Women's Ministry

Holiday Tea: Join us for our holiday tea on Sunday, Nov 19 at 2:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker. Entertainment by the Cassidy Brothers. Tickets are \$16. Contact Tarri Nelson at 763-400-7205 and tell her you want to sit at the Discover Church table. Contact Barb Victorson for more info at barbvictorson@aol.com or 763-560-2420.

Amazing Grays

Brunch Bunch: Join us for brunch on Sunday, October 1st at 9:30am at Perkins in Osseo.

Feed My Starving Children: October 5th at 9:15am. Lunch to follow.

Como Park Fall Flower Show: Thursday, October 12th. Meet at church to carpool at 9:30am. Lunch after.

Harvest Pot Luck: Thurs, October 19th at 11:00am. Bring a dish to share and a prize for the games.

For more information contact Elaine Sorensen at 763-515-6178 or Carol Pahl at 763-323-8233.

Community Care Groups

Life After Loss: This grief group meets on the last Sunday of each month in the Conference Room at 10:30am and deals with all kinds of loss, including illness, divorce, and job loss to name a few. Call Nancy at 763-783-8367 or Bob at 612-804-7568 with questions. **Next Meeting: October 29**

Prayer Shawls: Know of someone who is having surgery or has other physical or spiritual needs and would appreciate a prayer shawl? These shawls are made with loving care and prayed over for the recipients. Contact Barbara Horn at 651-483-3063 or contact the church office for more information.

Reflections

Love's Mystery

By Jean Hansen

*He gave up His Life
What have I given up?*

*He paid the Ultimate Price
What have I paid?*

*He was the Perfect Sacrifice
What have I sacrificed?*

*What He did for me on that tree
Is beyond comprehension
Even with my full attention
It is still a mystery*

*Open my eyes, Lord
That I might see*

*What it is that you want me to be
How can I thank you and praise you enough
For all the freedom and victory
That you have bestowed on me
That you chose me—is still a mystery*

OCTOBER DEVOTIONAL



Listening Prayer

How often do we listen to God instead of telling Him what we need? Sometimes we don't pause enough to hear what he is trying to tell us. Someone called it our "shopping list" when we spend all our prayer time that way, and keep talking about our needs and wants.

Proverbs 8:34-35 says "Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doorway.--For whoever finds me finds life!"

Listening is important in all our relationships and God is our most important. Worship and praise Him. And sure, intercede for others and self, but don't forget to give Him time to share His heart. You'll be glad you did!

Holy hugs, Nancy Brown

Fellowship Activities



Vikings/Packers Game And Chili Cook-off Sunday, October 15 Noon-4:00pm



The competition heats up in three ways:

Showdown #1:

- Vikings/Packers game on the sanctuary big screen.

Showdown #2:

- Chili cook off lunch. Bring a pot of chili to share. Vote for your favorite. Winners announced at half time! Church will provide beverages and sides.

Showdown #3:

- Bring food donations for Union Gospel Mission's Thanksgiving meal drive. Place your items on the Packer or the Vikings side and see which team can collect the most donations. UGM shopping lists will be available at the Ministry Desk starting October 1.

Business and Financials

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Financial Report through September 24, 2017

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| 2017 Annual Budget | 909,947 |
| Year-to-Date Offerings | 608,689 |
| Year-to-Date Actual Spending | 659,130 |
| Year-to-Date Variance | (50,441) |

Electronic Giving Program

The Simply Giving® Program is an auto-withdrawal program. You determine what amount and how often you want to give and your contribution will be automatically transferred from your account to Discover Church. Go to discoverchurchnetwork.org and click on "give" to set this up, or call the church office for help.



RAISE FUNDS FOR DISCOVER WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON

Discover Church is now a member of the Amazon Smile program, which earns us a small percentage on the purchases you already making with no additional cost to you. Go to ww.smile.amazon.com. Select Brooklyn Park Lutheran as your charity of choice. Then make your purchases as usual. Contact Jessica Kuhn for more information.



Discover Church gives 10% of our yearly income to support missions in our community and around the world. These are the missions and ministries we will support in 2017:

- *International Student Fellowship*
- *YWAM – Todd & Vickie Hedgepeth*
- *Wycliffe Associates - Chuck & Cheryl Liesch*
- *China Outreach – Tom & Kathy Lindstrom*
- *World Mission Prayer League – Jeff & Kathy Dahl*
- *Guyanese Outreach – Ruth Singh*
- *South American Missions – Greg Dahl*
- *NICO – Dinesh Chand*
- *Hope Lutheran, Madagascar*
- *TeamServe – Ethiopia*
- *Disaster Relief*
- *Madagascar Seminary*
- *Teen Homeless Shelter (Avenues)*
- *Hospitality House*
- *ReSolved Ministry—Vicki Epper*

October 2017

| October 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 8:00am Trad 9:15am Ed. Hour 9:15am New Member Class 9:30am Amazing Grays Brunch 10:30am Cont. | 2 9:00am Quilting | 3 7:00pm Women's Bible Study | 4 9:30am Bible Study 11:00 Bible Study Pot Luck 6:30pm Youth Small Groups | 5 9:15am FMSC Am Grays 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Sacred Stretches | 6 7:00pm Youth Fri Night Live | 7 9:00am All Church Prayer 9:00am Church Workday |
| 8 8:00am Trad 9:15am Ed. Hour 10:30am Cont. 6:30pm Youth Journey | 9 | 10 6:00pm Stewardship Committee 7:00pm Church Council 7:00pm Women's Bible Study | 11 24 hours of prayer 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Small Groups | 12 9:30 Am. Grays Flower Show 6:30pm Quilting 7:00pm Men Bible Study Women Bible Study Sacred Stretches | 13 | 14 9:00am Men's Prayer Mtg |
| Week of Prayer and Fasting | | | | | | |
| 15 7:00am-11:30am Blood Drive 8:00am Trad. 9:15am Ed. Hour 10:30am Cont. 12:00pm Chili Cook-off & Football game | 16 9:00am Quilting | 17 7:00pm Women's Bible Study | 18 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Small Groups | 19 11:00am AG Pot Luck 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Sacred Stretches | 20 6:30pm Children's Ministry Banquet | 21 9:00am Men's Prayer Mtg 5:00pm Hay Ride & Bonfire |
| 22 8:00am Trad. 9:15am Ed. Hour 10:30am Cont. | 23 | 24 7:00pm Women's Bible Study | 25 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Small Groups | 26 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Sacred Stretches | 27 | 28 9:00am Men's Prayer Mtg 9:00am Discover Church Serves FMSC |
| 29 8:00am Trad. 9:15am Ed. Hour 10:30am Cont. 10:30am Life After Loss | 30 | 31 | | | | |

LONG RANGE DATES:

- Nov 17: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- Nov 22: Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Dec 2: Christmas Decorating
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services at 10:00am, 4:30pm & 9:30pm
- Dec 25: Christmas Day Service at 10:00am
- Dec 31: New Years Eve Sunday Service at 10:00am—One service only
- Jan 28: Annual Meeting