



# The Lampstand



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 8 - Elders 5:00 pm & Board Mtg. 6:00 pm
- Dec. 15 - Congregational Meeting after church  
- Caroling 4:30pm—meet at church  
- Christmas Party 6:00pm
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm

## Thanksgiving Luncheon 2019



Once again we had a delicious Thanksgiving First Sunday Lunch. A big thank you for all the meat that was generously provided and cooked by Donna and Jim Hutcheson. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated by Cheryl Maxwell, Rose Ann Schultz, and Janet Patrick. Thank you ladies for setting such a festive mood!



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### COMING UP

CWF Meeting, Oct 2 @ 9:30 am
CMF Sat, Oct 5 @ 8:30 am
First Fruits Sunday, Oct 6
First Sunday Luncheon, Oct 6
Elders & Board Meeting, Oct 13

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Howdy Howdy y'all?

As we are heading to the end of year 2019, this is the right time to look back at 2019. At the same time, we look ahead to the year 2020. Do you still remember what it means a prophetic thanksgiving? A couple weeks ago, I invite you to give thanks to God, which is more future-oriented and a prophetic thanksgiving, rather than passive based on the sense of give-and-take. I believe a passive thanksgiving may make us see only the past and be blind somewhat to the current thanksgiving and the future thanksgiving. Here is a good example of active thanksgiving. Anne Sexton writes this poem.

*"There is joy in all:  
in the hair I brush each morning,  
in the Cannon towel, newly washed,  
that I rub my body with each morning,  
in the chapel of eggs I cook  
each morning, in the outcry from the kettle that heats my coffee  
each morning, in the spoon and the chair that cry "hello there, Anne"  
each morning, in the godhead of the table that I set my silver, plate, cup upon  
each morning,*

*All this is God,  
right here in my pea-green house  
each morning  
and I mean, though often forget, to give thanks,  
to faint down by the kitchen table in a prayer of rejoicing  
as the holy birds at the kitchen window  
peck into their marriage of seeds.*

*So while I think of it,  
let me paint a thank-you on my palm  
for this God, this laughter of the morning  
lest it go up-spoken."*

God, who has blessed you, who has loved you, who has led you, is the same God, who is still providing the blessings in many ways, who is leading your life in multiple ways, regardless of our situations circumstances.

What is more, this God will be the same God, who will keep blessing you, will love you, and will lead you. Let's give thanks to God not only for what God has done for this church in the past, but also, let's give thanks to God for what God is doing, how God is doing for us. In addition, let's give thanks to God for what God will do, how God will lead this church in the coming years. Thanks be to God.

— Pastor KJ



*Come feast upon God's Word*

## **WEDNESDAYS @ FCC**

Wednesday are a great opportunity for our church family to gather for physical and spiritual nourishment. We will offer a time of intercessory prayer, a meal, and a time to get into God's Word. Here is the schedule:

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| <b>5:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Intercessory Prayer</b> | <b>Ladies, Inc. Classroom</b> |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Dinner</b>              | <b>Fellowship Hall</b>        |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Women's Bible Study</b> | <b>Ladies, Inc. Classroom</b> |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Men's Bible Study</b>   | <b>Fellowship Hall</b>        |

**You are welcome at any or all Wednesday night activities.**



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## Church Party

The annual church Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 15. Those wishing to carol a few of our church members will meet at the church at 4:30 that day. The caroling group will return to the church for the party which will start at 6:00. Soup will be provided. Those who wish can bring party food to add to the table. There will be good food, fellowship, and a visit from Santa. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.



## Giving Tree



The Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall will again be a giving tree like last year. During the holidays you are invited to bring warm caps, gloves, and socks of all sizes to clothespin to the tree. Small fleece blankets are also suggested and can be placed under the tree.

The adult sizes will be given to the Stephenville Police Department to give to the homeless population of the city. The children's sizes will be donated to Child Protective services for the children who are in their care.

## Coffee With KJ

Pastor KJ invites church members to meet him for coffee and conversation. Please contact KJ to set a time to visit.



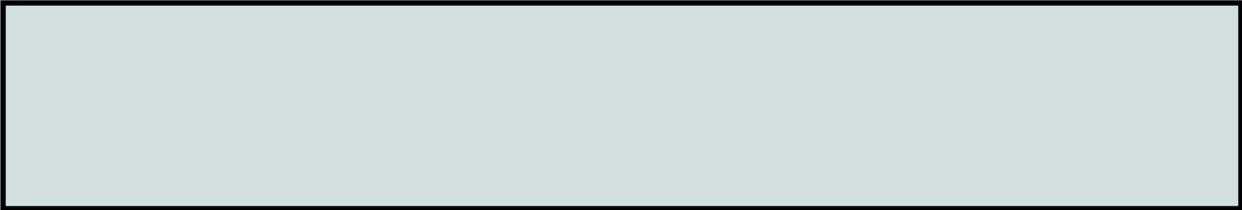
## Food Closet



We have had a lot of people coming in for food this last month, so we are short on everything!

- mac & cheese
- tuna
- canned chicken
- pinto beans
- pork & beans
- chili
- sausages

All other food items are also welcome! Thank you for your support!





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