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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM A PASTOR
ADAM SMITH - PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



The call to come to Christ is the call to come and die. The American ethos wants little to do with speaking of death today. More and more people today have never been to a funeral. Youth is what is most desirable, and aging is to be delayed and avoided or denied with every cream, serum, or “as seen on TV” fad. Now, as I write, you understand the distinction that I am making. The latter portion concerns the physical reality that awaits us all, but the former concerns a spiritual grave. But the way Americans seek to avoid talking about physical death, too many professing Christians have the same aversion to speaking about our spiritual deaths as well. We may acknowledge a sense in which we had to die to ourselves when we received Christ in salvation, but there is little continuation in this battle. The Christian life is one of a call to come and die. We know that for us that our life is hidden with Christ, as we have been “crucified with Him” (Galatians 2:20). We no longer live to our own desires, wants, and wishes, but “Christ lives in us.” However, while that starts with our regeneration, it also becomes a continuous state of execution. Christ calls us to “take up our cross, daily and come after Him” (Luke 9:23) and Paul beckons us to “put to death what is earthly in us” (Colossians 3:5). The old self should constantly find itself lifeless within us as the Spirit empowers us and the word dwells in us richly. Let us see that life in Christ is found and known when we answer the call to come and die. May we not ever get over the dying to which we are called, so we may constantly know the living we were meant to enjoy in Jesus.



PAUSE WKND

Family Church Students, **sign-ups are now open** for Pause WKND! Join us **November 13–15** at **Woodlands Camp** for our annual fall retreat filled with worship, biblical teaching, small groups, recreation, and time together. **Registration is $200.** Don't miss out—sign up today!

CONNECT COURSE
NOV. 15 | 9:00 AM | ROOM 211

If you're interested in **becoming a member** of Family Church or want to learn more about who we are, join us for CONNECT. It is here that you will learn more about our vision and mission, how to get further connected, and how to be equipped for mission! **Scan the QR Code for more information!**



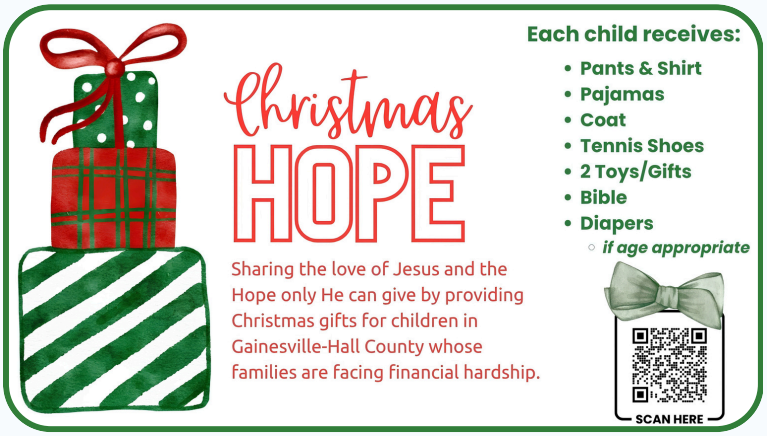


WOMEN'S GATHERING

Join us for our Women's Winter Gathering on **Saturday, November 21**! This will be a special time for women to fellowship, connect, and enjoy time together. Whether you're interested in being a hostess or attending, **sign up using the QR code. The cost is $10.**

MIDWEEK MEAL

November 4: Chicken Tacos
November 11: Pizza
November 18: Meatball subs
November 25: No Midweek



CHRISTMAS HOPE

Share the love of Jesus with children in our local Gainesville-Hall County community. You can participate by sponsoring a child, donating financially or in-kind, or volunteering with the Christmas Hope team. Find more information in the Lobby on Sunday mornings or **scan the QR code**. Sponsors can begin shopping in late October/early November, with **all gifts due** at Family Church by **November 29.** For more information, contact Laura Haynes or Kimberly Souther.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help share the joy of Christmas with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child! Pick up a shoebox in the lobby and fill it with gifts and necessities for a child in need. **Scan the QR code for gift ideas** and packing information, then return your completed shoebox to the church. The **Kids Ministry** will also be hosting a shoebox packing party on **Wednesday, November 4.** Every box is an opportunity to bless a child and share the love of Christ this Christmas.



DEACON'S SCHEDULE

November 1: Stephen Souther
November 8: Craig Wilson
November 15: Brad Nash
November 22: Shane Seymour
November 29: Stacy Davis

DEACONS

SECURITY TEAM

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November 1: TBD
November 8: Howie Barrett
November 15: Kris Martin
November 22: Bryan Valentine
November 29: Don Thompson

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Join us on Sunday, **December 20, at 6:30 PM** for our Christmas Night of Worship! This evening is our Worship Ministry's biggest event of the year, where our entire worship ministry, including our students and kids from our Kids Ministry, leads us in worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together!

Please Note!
Kids Ministry rehearsal will take place on **December 16 at 6:30 pm**. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this special night!





MEN'S & WOMEN'S LARGE GROUPS

November 8 | 9:30 AM | Men, Fellowship Hall | Women, Worship Center

This time will be a special, set-aside Sunday for men to gather with men and women to gather with women across ages and across our regular family groups to talk about matters unique to each and to foster further opportunities to get to know more people across ages and outside of your group within the Church family. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY GATHERING

Join us **Sunday, November 8, at 5:00 PM** at Family Church for our annual Family Gathering! This is our one business meeting of the year, where we will discuss the church budget and share updates from our various ministries. **BBQ will be provided**, so **bring a side dish or dessert to share**. We hope you'll join us for an evening of fellowship and a look at what's happening across Family Church!

