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3rd Grade Bible Presentation

October 10 in the 10am service

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. We will present personal Bibles to each third grade student as a gift from the congregation and the church on Sunday, October 10th, during worship at 10am. It is our prayer that this gift will be a beginning for a deeper relationship with God, as you learn together and grow in your love for God's Word. May the Word of God guide you, comfort you and encourage you on your lifelong faith journey.

Bibles will be presented to:

Wyatt Bourcy
Logan Bruister
Daniel Stark



A Day at the Arboretum

Wednesday, October 13

**Meet at 8:15 at The Magnuson Hotel
in Commerce**

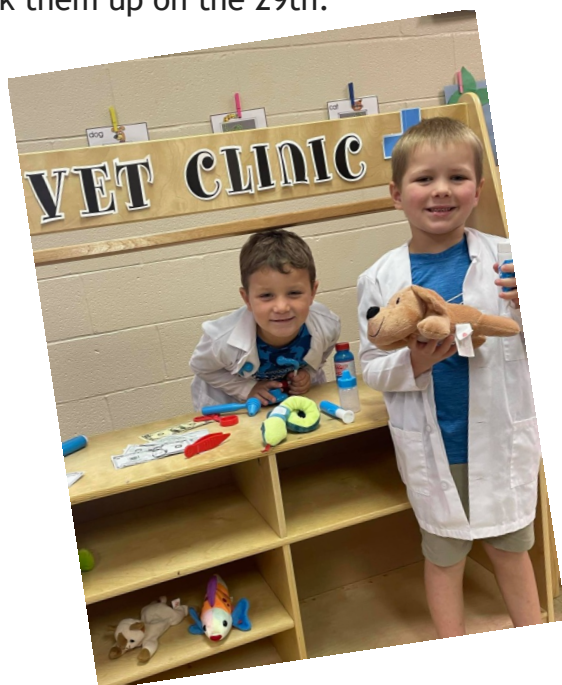
Our senior citizens from Commerce are invited to go to the Dallas Arboretum Wednesday, October 13 orchestrated by Dr. Bob Johnson with CCAP (Commerce Community Action Program).

The trip will be October 13th, meeting at 8:15am to leave from The Magnuson Hotel, and returning to Commerce around 3:30pm. The cost of the trip is covered by a grant and includes \$10 per person limit for lunch at Rosa's Cafe in Rockwall on the trip back home. Bring more money if you expect to spend more or for tips. On the luxurious Motor Coach bus, information about Superior Health Plan and CCAP will given and a drawing for prizes will be held. It is open to all the seniors of our church and community.

Contact Dr. Bob Johnson at 903-468-2659 for more information and to sign up. Seats are limited, so sign up today!

Little Ark Happenings

Little Ark will have their annual pumpkin auction fundraiser again this year. It will begin October 22nd, bidding through the 28th, and winners pick them up on the 29th.



First Thursday Is Back!

Our First Thursday Potluck Luncheon is starting back for the first time since 2020! Join us Thursday, October 7th at 12 noon and bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share.



Save the Date:

**MERRY MARKET ONLINE
AUCTION FOR MISSIONS**

DECEMBER 2, 3, & 4

Mark your calendar!



October Mission of the Month: Clothe-a-Child



Clothe-a-Child, a mission long- supported by the church, is October's Mission of the Month. Imagine how a nice, new jacket or new shoes without holes in the soles or warm, snuggly pjs would feel. This program allows a qualified child enrolled in CISD-- and all their school-aged siblings-- to obtain new clothes at Walmart tax free.

Typically early in December families, school personnel and a host of volunteers converge very early in the morning at Walmart to shop for needed clothes items. The past two years the pandemic has forced modifications to protect everyone's health and safety.

In 2020, student clothing needs were handled on a one-on-one basis throughout the year. This year the event will be held in early December; however, families and volunteers will not gather all ot once. Area counselors have devised a plan where eligible families will receive a Walmart gift card to use throughout the day.

Approved families will receive a letter notifying them of their inclusion in the program and detailing how the program will work including what the card can and cannot be used for. In some cases, it may enable a teenage mother enrolled at CHS to buy clothes for her baby, thus supporting her continuing her education. A 20-year-old special needs sibling will be able to buy a new shirt.

You can support this mission when you drop a dollar or a check with Clothe-a-Child on the memo line in the collection plate in October. If you contribute [online](#), just click the Mission of the Month button.

The number of families served and the amount they can spend is dependent on the funds available. There is NO deficit spending. Let's dig deep into our pockets to uplift Commerce families facing clothing needs. As Jesus put it in Matthew 25, "I was naked and you clothed me."





Hunt County Gives Holiday Food Baskets

Commerce will be one of the three distribution sites along with Greenville and Wolfe City for the “Hunt County Gives” holiday food baskets. This annual assistance is in its 11th year and made possible through Hunt County Shared Ministries - FISH and its partnerships with local pantries, organizations, and businesses.

Katy Williams with the Office of Intercultural Engagement & Leadership at Texas A&M University - Commerce is coordinating the logistics for the Thanksgiving basket packing and the distribution in Commerce on Saturday, November 20. The distribution will be a drive-through and the location on campus is to be confirmed.

Look for volunteer information in the November newsletter or contact Angela Roberts at 972.765.6547. There will be opportunities to serve alongside TAMU-C students.

Registration for the holiday food baskets is ongoing at FISH and local food pantries during regular business hours through October 29.

Bob Mills HVAC Fund

One of our HVAC systems recently had to be replaced at a cost of nearly \$14,000. Fortunately, the Bob Mills HVAC Fund was there! Thank you to all the donors to the Fund, which was established in 2014 to honor the memory of Bob Mills. Bob was a member of this congregation who, using his talent and cleverness, worked tirelessly to keep our many HVAC systems running.

Our church has a dozen large HVAC systems, so the need for continuing major resources is a given. Please consider donating to the Bob Mills HVAC Fund for our future needs.! The Foundation will match donations up to \$40,000 in total Fund contributions. This literally *DOUBLES* the impact of your gift, no matter the size.

The Angels Are Coming

Believe it or not, soon a group of angels sent by the Prison Ministries Fellowship will arrive at our church with the names of boys and girls that an incarcerated parent wants to gift at Christmas. It's time to get organized!

For 21 years FUMC- Commerce has lovingly embraced this mission to provide a merrier Christmas and to relate the story of the greatest gift. It also strives to help prisoners feel God's love and acceptance. Once again members can purchase gifts suggested by a parent in jail and delivered to the youngsters in his or her name.

For the last several years, we have held parties at the church, replete with games, snacks and Santa Claus, to tell the Christmas story and pass out gifts. Like last year, the party is cancelled and we will ask that caregivers pick up the presents.

If this mission is one of your favorites, there are several ways you can support it.

1. You can pray for the children, their caregivers and incarcerated parents.
2. You can adopt an angel--or two. If you want to adopt an angel, please let me know as soon as possible by calling or texting 903 366 2634.
3. Bake cookies to give each family as a gift of love and support from our congregation.
4. Make a donation that will help defray expenses for such things as the giant gift bags we put the families' gifts in.
5. Volunteer to help organize this year's event. Just call Judy at 903-366-2634.



A Program of Prison Fellowship



In Memory of

Family of Dan Fauver

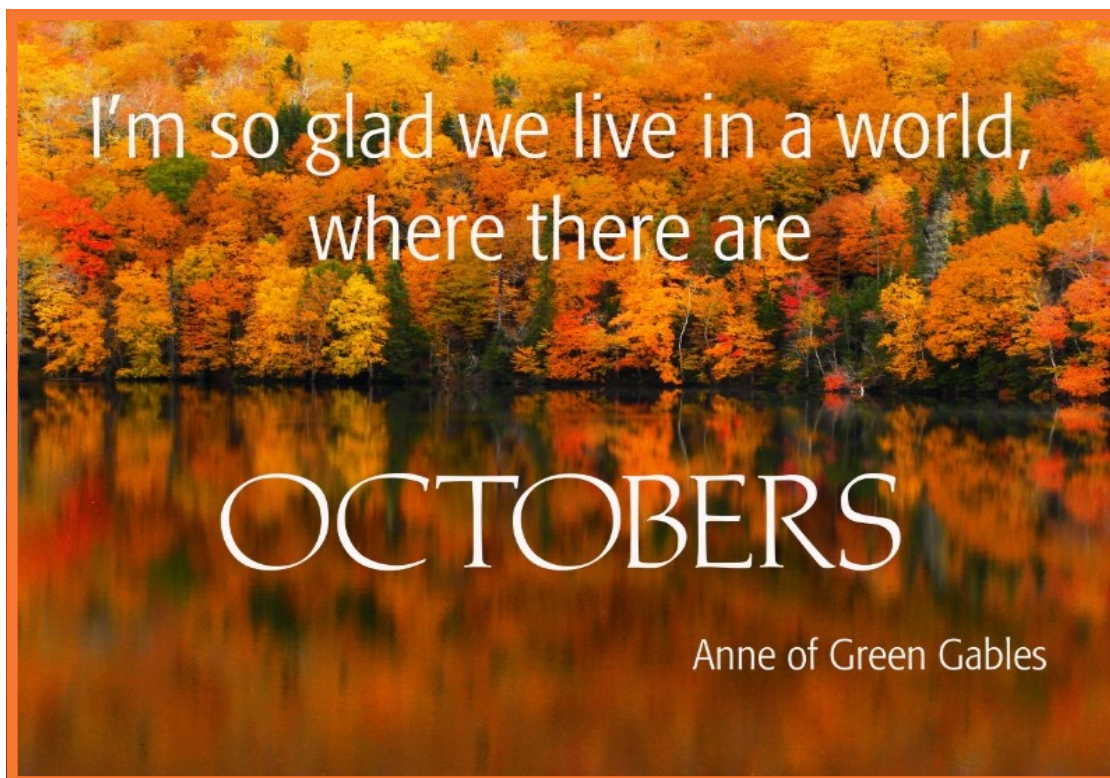
by: Carole Walker

Bob & Sally Grove

by: Fran Jacobs & Tim Hunt

All Who Died in 2020/2021

by: Jeff & Jan Helton



Committee Chairs

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By the Numbers

Financial Information General Operating Fund

	As of August 31, 2021	Year-to-Date
Operating Income:	\$ 21,749	\$199,421
SBA Income:	\$ 0	\$ 37,740
Expenses:	\$ 25,388	\$198,263
	-\$ 3,639	\$ 38,898

Worship Service

	Video	In-Person
9/5	12	41
9/12	5	46
9/19	12	52
9/26	14	50

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Prayer List

Recent Concerns:

- Family of Jim Bob Latham
- Donna Tavener
- Jaime & Brian Day
- Shelly Dean
- Rick Miller
- Judy Rudoff
- Durwood Smith (Jamie Bourcy's father)
- Rita Thompson
- Kenneth Williams
- For church leaders, growing our ministry and influence
- For teachers and students
- Teams that are traveling
- Conversations that are peaceful and productive
- For good stewardship of all of our resources

Continued Prayers (long term):

- Our world, country, & leaders
- Lavinia Atchley (Harriet Williams' aunt)
- Harold & Becky Coker
- Jack Gray
- Butch Greene
- Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother)
- Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson)
- Robert Jenkins (Tiffany Harrison's father)
- Mabel and Carl Little
- Brenda Mosley Longhoffer (Lisa McGuire's friend)
- Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents)
- Robert Seay
- Dudley Shaw (Robyn Elwell's brother-in-law)
- Christi Webster's friend with breast cancer
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Austin:

- Ruby Vander Velde

Christian Care Center (Mesquite):

- Jean Arnold

Discovery Senior Living:

- Virginia Collier

Draughn's/Country Home Estate:

- Mary Louise McMahan
- Jayne Williams

Oak Manor:

- Helen Cole

Those serving in our military:

- Lt. Dan Barton
- Daniel Chamberlain
- Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
- Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Stogner (Janelle Stogner's grandson)
- Col. Keith Williams
- Major Bob Farmer



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

October Birthdays

10/2 Diane Duffy
10/3 Bob Stachowiak
10/8 Joel Kvanli
10/11 Steven Ball
Cathy Caldwell
Robyn Elwell
10/15 Jan Helton
Monty McGuyer
10/20 Mandy Swinson
10/22 Jamie Bourcy
Janelle Stogner
10/23 Mimi Dobbs
10/24 Janeen Kvanli
Sam Walker
10/26 Makalynn Morgan
10/27 Geneva Teel



October Birthdays, continued

10/28 Mike Smith
Alison Walker
10/31 Nancy Doughty

October Anniversaries

10/10 Ron & Robyn Elwell
10/25 Al & Rose Stapleton



In case of emergency pastoral care need,
please call or text Pastor Sam at 214-842-9252.

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