## **Celebrating a Birthday**

November 8 November 9 November 11 November 11

Karen Walea Tyler Reagan Grady Ward Griffin Ward

## Serving Our Church on Sunday

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#### **Ushers**

(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service) Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge, Chris Long, Rob Mucha, Warren Oglesby, Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer, A. J. Tovar, Luis Tovar, Tommy Triplett

# Counters

Gerald Ethridge, Co-Chmn. Jason McCullough, Co-Chmn. **Robert Riley** Chuck Austin

# Nursery

MaryKay Schaffer Maggie Hayes

#### Preschool LaRona Cook



**Attention Church:** We are missing a couple of the cook pots and pans that are used in the fellowship hall kitchen. If you have borrowed them or know where they might be please return as soon as possible.

### **OPPORTUNITIES** You're Invited to Join Us! Sunday, November 7, 2021

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship

5:15pm – Packing Shoe Boxes

6:00pm - Chili Supper

6:30 – Deacons Meeting

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:00pm Conference Meeting 2022 Proposed Budget

Adult, Youth and Children Bible Studies

**VITAL SIGNS** Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$3,240.00 Budget Gifts to Date ......\$32,600.50





Daylight Savings Time takes place this weekend. So don't for get to change your clocks back 1 hour this weekend to be on time for church.

Office Hours: 10:00am to 2:00pm Monday - Thursday Closed on Fridays Vol. 61 No. Debbie Trayw Tommy Duke Randall Frantz 43 November 3, 2021 -Senior Pastor Associate Pastor Leader



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# THE POWER OF SERVICE

For the past couple of weeks, we have talked about the "5 Love Languages." Today I want to share some insights about the language of "Acts of Service." This concept is very easy to understand and yet can also be abused. There are things we do every day because that is just life. We pick up things off the floor, take the trash out, feed the dogs (or cats, horses, etc....), wash the dishes, mow the lawn and the list goes on. We do things every day and we also do some things to help others. We see something we can do and decide to be nice and help out. Some people are very receptive to this help, and it means a lot to them, that you cared enough to help out. One of the stories in our book talked about a man who couldn't wait to grow up and get married and not for the reason you might think. His chore growing up was vacuuming the house. He despised it. He couldn't wait till he could pass it off to his wife when he got married. You may have already guessed; he is the one who vacuums their house. He still can't stand to do it but he does it as an act of love for his wife. It has become more than a chore it is an expression of his love. That's what makes the difference.

Jesus gave us a great illustration about service when He washed the disciple's feet. It was definitely an act of love. Jesus also said from Mark 10:43-45, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be a servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus took an ordinary daily act to demonstrate His love. Nikes weren't that popular back then...lol, people wore sandals which meant their feet got very dirty. If they didn't clean their feet, it meant they were carrying extra dirt into the house as well as bringing a fragrant odor in the house which was not always welcome. Some today have come to over

spiritualize this act and make it a holy act rather than a humbling act of love. This was a menial daily act. If you had servants this became their job because it was a dirty smelly job, especially if you had a house full of guests. For the most important person to do this job showed the heart of that person. God himself was willing to humble himself to serve. This was not the only time He humbled himself for us. With the feet washing we tend to forget it was a daily task. He could have chosen several different tasks to demonstrate the concept of service.

For some of us "acts of service" come easy. There is a joke among youth ministers that if you can't stack chairs, you aren't called into the ministry. A servant's heart is a must for believers but like I said for some of us it comes easier and to others it means a whole lot. If serving someone else makes them feel special and loved, then of course we should serve. Every act doesn't have to be something big; it just shows we care, and we thought of them. We can go too far and do everything for someone else and make them dependent on us which is not the heart of the issue. Making them feel appreciated and loved is different than enabling them to not do things for themselves.

In a world that is very "me" oriented, when someone shows care for someone else by their actions it stands out and show Jesus in us.

Speaking of serving everyone did a great job Sunday night at Trunk or Treat. I believe that is the most people we have had come out and serve. A big thanks to everyone who gave money or candy, who helped whether it was in the kitchen, registration, opened their cars, helped in the parking lot, served hot dogs, keeping everyone supplied with candy, helped set up and take down. Everyone made it a great success.

Thank you. *Randall* 



Great Stories about... Nov 7 – Prayer Nov 14 – Money & Possessions Nov 21 – Eternal Living



# Packing Shoe Boxes & Chili Supper This Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>



Church wide opportunity to help with packing the shoe boxes with items our church has collected.

Chili Cook Off will follow the packing shoe boxes in our Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

All activities start with

packing at 5:15pm and

supper at 6:00pm.

CHILI COOK-OFF