

SOUTHWINDS NEWSLETTER

November-December 2023

Prayer, Praise & Pie

It is almost time for our annual Prayer, Praise and Pie night!! **Nov. 19th at 5PM we will meet in the chapel** to share the amazing desserts you bring. More importantly this will be a time of sharing praises for the things we have watched God do this year as well as prayers for each other and our church. This is such a special time of fellowship for our church so make sure to mark it on your calendar! *Contact the church office with any questions.*

Operation Christmas Child

Nov. 5th is the deadline for personal OCC boxes. Don't forget that you can pay the shipping of \$10 by check or cash in an offering envelope OR online through the website southwindschurch.com. On **Nov. 12th @5PM** we will have our church wide packing party, so plan to come out and pack some boxes! Volunteers needed for packing party set up. *Contact Katrina or Susan with any questions.*

Church Officer Proving

We are now into a time of Proving the Deacon Nominees for 2024. **Bro. Randall Besecker & Bro. Kevin Coleman** have been put forward by the church for consideration as Deacons. **Oct. 29 – Nov. 12** is the time set aside for the Church to have opportunity to talk to these men regarding serving Southwinds as a Deacon. These men are ready and willing to talk with you. *If you have any questions or thoughts, feel free to reach out to Pastor Andy!*



Holidays are here!

It is that time of year again! A time of celebrating, reflecting and sometimes overdoing. Holidays can be a difficult season for some and a truly joyous one for others. We pray the latter for you and want you to know that you are loved and we are here. Thanksgiving will be an American feast, so let us feast for him in celebration of all that he has blessed us with. Christmas season is our opportunity to reflect on how miraculous the story of our Savior is, and how eternally grateful we are for the most precious gift we have ever been given! We have added just a few dates below for upcoming holiday events, so make sure to mark them on your calendar in order to plan on having time of celebration together!

Special Dates

Here are just a few of the special dates to mark on your calendars:

11/19 - Thanksgiving Lord's Supper

11/19 - Prayer, Praise & Pie

12/17 - Choir Presentation

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Annual Business Meeting & New Member Fellowship

Our Annual business meeting will be on **Dec. 3rd at 5PM in the Chapel.** We will vote on our annual budget as well as our church officers for 2024. **A sample ballot will be given at Prayer, Praise & Pie on Nov. 19th.**

After all of the business is conducted we will have a great fellowship celebrating and welcoming our 2023 New Members :) The church will provide everything so feel free to come and get to know some of our new members, if you haven't had the chance to do so yet. *Contact the church office with any questions.*

Small Groups

We have wrapped up another year of Small Groups! Personally, Small Groups have become one of my favorite times of being together!

Along with Sunday School & Corporate Worship, Small Groups form the strategic pieces that help build our spiritual lives. They help tie together many of the questions that each of us have regarding Bible knowledge. Good Bible study through conversation and discussion allow each of us the opportunity to strengthen one another!

Small Groups will begin again in January 2024 and I hope you make plans now to join us for this important time of fellowship and growth! *Contact the Church office with any questions.*

Elevate Events

11/4- Elevate Bonfire

11/15- Elevate Camo Night

12/2 - Elevate Ice Skating

12/13- Elevate Christmas Party

November	Time/Location
4th Mary Mapes Bday Party	11:30AM/Chapel
5th High Gear/Nursery Meeting Mens Leadership Forum	After AM/Kid's Auditorium 5PM/Chapel
7th Ladies Meeting	6PM/Chapel
8th MOMs Meeting	9-11AM/Elevate
12th OCC Packing Party	5PM/Elevate
19th Lord's Supper Prayer, Praise & Pie	AM service 5PM/Chapel
22nd & 26th No PM Service	Thanksgiving week
29th AWANA Store T&T	6:30PM/Kids Bldg
December	Time/Location
3rd Business Meeting/New Member Fellowship	5PM/Chapel
5th Ladies Meeting	6PM/Chapel
6th AWANA Store Sparks&Cubbies	6:30PM/Kids Bldg
13th Moms Meeting Last night of AWANA	9-11AM/Elevate 6:30PM/Kids Bldg
17th Choir Christmas Performance	AM service/FLC
20th No PM Service	
24th Christmas Eve Candlelight	5PM
27th & 31st No PM Service	