



January 2022

Happy New Year!!!

What's with this weather?!?!? One day it's in the 70's. The next day it's down to the 30's. We must be in Texas. And it must be January in Texas. Yep.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. The weather and the rise in Covid cases has certainly stopped or slowed a lot of our normal activities. Please stay safe.



New Year's is a time of renewal and looking ahead. Winter is just starting, but we already look ahead beyond the coming months of cold and short dreary days. The days may look dark ahead, but we know Spring is coming. We look at all the troubles around us, but we remember, God is still in control and He is coming again to take us to be with Him.

In John 14, Jesus told His disciples He was going away and they couldn't come with Him....now. They were sad and troubled. So Jesus tells them (14:1) "Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe also in me. (14:2) .."I'm preparing a place for you..." (14:13) "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it." (14:16 -17) "I will give you another helper...He will live in you." AND THE LIST GOES ON.

So yes, its cold. Yes, Covid has been on the rise. Yes, it gets dark early. But - **God is with us!** He loves and cares for us. He wants us to love and care for each other as members of His body. "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." 1 Cor. 12:27

And we have many opportunities to serve. Widow's Might meets usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We Care helps minister to our shut-ins with gifts and meals and such. Volunteers serve as Greeters at the church entrances and the welcome desk to greet members and especially visitors as they come in. Other volunteers serve a half day during the week at the Front Desk of the church office, answering the phone and opening the door for deliveries to the church. Corners of the Field uses volunteers on Thursdays to help in sorting and organizing the Food Pantry and sharing the Gospel with those who come for the food pantry. Other volunteers help as Drivers for those who are unable to drive themselves, usually to a doctor's appointment, sometimes to worship or Wednesday nights.

Looking Ahead

Sun. Jan 16

Life Groups Begin

Thurs. Jan 20 6PM

One Heart Winter Warm-Up

Cost \$10

Ricker Conf. Center

Fri. Jan 21 10AM

55Alive! Game Day

A-107

Cost: \$7

w/ Brunch

Sun. Jan. 23 5PM

Evening Worship and

Atrium Fellowship

Thur. Jan. 27 11AM

LiveWires

Ricker Center

Cost: \$10



Serve because you want to be useful to others, not because you want to be praised.

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How can YOU serve? What are YOUR gifts? What do YOU have that can be used? One of the cartoon movies a few years ago featured a "fix-it" handyman robot. He said, "See a need, fill a need." Do you see a need? Can you help to fill that need? Let's all serve the Body of Christ in any way we can. God bless.

Bro. Carl and Suzie

"For are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10