

Small Groups

Not attending a small group? There are several opportunities for you to get plugged in!

- **Adult Sunday School Class:** meets the first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Journey Men:** men's group meets the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 7:30 am at the church.
- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** one group open to all at 9:30 am in the Crossroads classroom; women's study that meets at 10:00 am in SE Classroom. You are welcome at both!
- **Chick Chat:** a women's small group, meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 am in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Men's Group:** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 am at The Original Pancake House.

This week's calendar ...

Today, Nov 17	10:45 am	Adult Sunday School - Crossroads Room
Mon, Nov 18	10:00 am	Parkinson's Support Group
Tue, Nov 19	9:30 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:45 pm	Mission Team
Wed, Nov 20	7:00 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 am	Men's Group at OPH
	10:00 am	Prodigal God Bible Study
Thu, Nov 21	4:00 pm	Prayer Team
	6:00 pm	Praise Band
	9:00 am	Chick Chat
	6:00 pm	Ad Council
	7:00 pm	Scouts

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Ephesians 4:32



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Welcome to Worship!

November 17, 2024 9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Call to Worship

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Blessing for Shoeboxes

Offering

"Blessed Assurance"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Message

"The Prodigal God: Let Us Celebrate"

Rev Jungil Rhee

Hymn

"I'll Fly Away"

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements



Thanks to all of you for a successful Chicken Noodle Dinner! We served over 200 people. Profit was a little over \$2,800 which will be used toward Easter baskets next year.



We will be decorating our church for the Christmas season on Sunday, Nov 24 following Worship After the work is done chili will be served.



Each month this Fall we will be having two events per month: one Sunday night and one Sunday morning. Sunday, Nov 24 - 9:45 - 10:30am in the Youth Room Sunday, Dec 8 - 9:45 - 10:30am in the Youth Room Sunday, Dec 15 - 6-7:30pm at the Taylors' home Contact Andrea and Paul Taylor / 217-840-1342 for more info.



Cunningham Christmas Tree - If you wish to donate we ask you to take a tag from the tree, purchase the item and bring it back UNWRAPPED. The gifts will need to be brought to the church by Sunday, December 1. Most of the youth are between the ages of 11 and 17. Wrapping paper, Scotch tape and ribbon are appreciated too!



Coming to Savoy UMC Sunday, Dec 8 - Common Bond Quartet! Doors open at 5:30pm, concert begins at 6:00pm. Their songs will minister to your heart and speak truth to your soul. The ministry of Common Bond Quartet is sure to leave you tapping your toes and feeling blessed. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Please join us for a time of fellowship directly following the worship service today!

Sermon Notes

The Prodigal God: Let Us Celebrate

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¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

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