



**Faith Christian  
Church**  
"The Church on  
the Hill"

**November, 2017**



## **PASTOR TERRI'S THOUGHT CORNER**

*As we get ready to honor and remember people for "All Saints Day"; I would like for you to read the following article written by Rev. Dr. Wayne Chasney.*

"Events like the tragedy in Las Vegas, where there is mass human suffering caused by fellow humans, often leave me pondering a scene from Elie Wiesel's book, "Night." The book is drawn from Wiesel's experiences in Nazi concentration camps and is a reflection on the suffering and evil he witnessed.

The scene that often haunts me happens during an execution in the camp. Three prisoners, two men and a young boy, are being hung in the gallows. The men die quickly, but the boy is slowly strangled, writhing in pain somewhere between life and death. As the other prisoners are forced to march by the gallows, single file, Wiesel writes:

Behind me, I heard the same man asking, "For God's sake, where is God."

And from within me, I heard a voice answer, "Where is he? This is where - hanging here from these gallows."

As the reader, Wiesel leaves us to ponder what this means. Is he saying that God is dead? Has the God Wiesel thought he knew been defeated? Has evil won?

Or, is God present with this child in their suffering? Is God present in all of our suffering?

Those who lived through the massacre in Las Vegas and the loved ones of those who died have every right, I believe, to ask, "Where is God?" We all do. And I will not fault those who come away with the answer, "God is dead."

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sat., Nov. 4** **TURN**

**BACK YOUR CLOCKS  
ONE HOUR TONIGHT**

**Sun. Nov. 5**

9:30 am. Christian Ed.

10:30 am. Worship

All Saints Sunday

**Mon. Nov. 6** - Basket  
Raffle/Bake Sale/Craft  
Sale begins

**Tues., Nov. 7**

Election Day

**Wed., Nov. 8**

6:30 pm. Craft Night at  
the church

**Fri., Nov. 19** - Pastor  
Terri will be in office  
from 10 - 5.

**Sat. Nov. 11**

9-3 Threadbare Ladies

7-9 pm. Game Night

Family Feud

VETERAN'S DAY

**Sun. Nov. 12**

9:30 am. Christian Ed.

10:30 am. Worship

**Monday, Nov. 13**

10 am. Monthly Bible  
Study

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**

5:30 pm. Council Mtg.

I, however, choose the other response. I choose to believe that God is with those who suffer, and with us when we suffer. I choose to believe that God is in the acts of courage that saw strangers helping one another escape; in the first responders and medical staff that worked through the night saving lives; in the people who stood in line for hours to give blood because that was what was needed, and it was all they could do. I choose to believe that God is very much alive as long as we are willing to stand up to evil and say, "You cannot, and you will not win." God is alive in and through us.

At the same time, if this tragedy simply fades into the background like every one that has come before - Orlando, Newtown, Columbine, and the countless ones between - and we once again do nothing to prevent the next one, and the one after that and the one after that, then MY question is not, "Where is God?" No, my question is, "Where is our common humanity?" I can't help but wonder if it, too, is hanging in the gallows."

*We have had numerous weather tragedies, senseless acts of violence and loved ones dying of natural causes due to age or health issues. As we remember these people may we be mindful of the blessings of life and the promise of seeing loved ones again in our "Father's House". In the meantime, while still in this earthly life, let's be intentional with our love for the sake of humanity and let's put it into action.*

Shalom  
Pastor Terri

*On Friday, November 10, Pastor Terri will be in the office from 10 am. - 5 pm. She would like to invite anyone to come in and chat, pray etc. bring a sack lunch with you if you'd like.*

**Sunday, Nov. 19**

9:30 am. Christian Ed.

10:30 am. Worship

**Thurs., Nov. 23**

Happy Thanksgiving

Office Closed

**Friday, Nov. 24**

Office Closed

**Sat., Nov. 25**

9-3 Threadbare Ladies

**Sun. Nov. 26**

9:30 am. Christian Ed.

10:30 am. Worship

**ALL SAINTS**

**SUNDAY**

**November 5, 2017**

All those who have passed to be with the Lord this year will be remembered.

**Secretary's Hours**

**Tuesdays**

8:30 am. - 1:30 pm.

**Wednesdays**

10 am. - 3 pm.

**Thursdays**

8:30 am. - 1:30 pm.

**Veterans Day in the United States**

**In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans Day in the USA is a holiday to honor all who have served in the United States Military Services.**



**Craft Night at the Church  
Wednesday, November 8  
6:30 pm.**

**This is our second meeting; we will be making a Christmas craft. Invite your friends and family. Let's make this as successful as the 1st one!!**

**FAMILY FEUD GAME NIGHT  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017  
7-9 PM. AT THE CHURCH**

**Come and bring a friend  
Bring snacks to share (drinks will be provided)**

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**BASKET RAFFLE  
BAKE/CRAFT SALE**

**On Monday, November 6th we will be kicking off our Basket raffle and having a Bake/Craft sale. The Basket Raffle drawing will take place on Friday, December 8. Bring baked goods or craft items by Sunday, Nov. 5. A list of all the baskets along with tickets to sell will be available Sunday, Nov. 12. If you have any questions, please see JoAnne Urish or June Cogan.**

***Let's all work together and make this fundraiser a great success!!***



## FOOD PANTRY LIST

Drinks , such as flavored water, sports drinks  
snack crackers, cookies, chips  
Soups (other than tomato, chicken noodle & vegetable)  
A variety of any other food items on sale

## Mark your calendars Upcoming Events



### **COOKIE EXCHANGE & ORNAMENT MAKING** Sat., December 9 1-3 pm.

Bring 2 dozen cookies to share  
(bring recipe & List of  
ingredients) AND Bring a  
container to use to collect  
your new cookies!!

**BRING FRIENDS/FAMILY**



### **NEW YEARS EVE PARTY** Dec. 31, 2017/Jan. 1, 2018 8:30 pm. - 12:05 am. At the Church

Bring a snack to share (drinks  
will be provided)

Bring a game/puzzle to share  
**INVITE FRIENDS/FAMILY**

### **Christmas Caroling to our "Friends at Home"** Sunday, December 10, 2017

*We will leave after Coffee Hour that Sunday; visit selected nursing  
homes and then return to the church for pizza.*

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