

Scheduled to Serve: November 24, 2019

If unable to serve, call: Sawyer Deakins 321-6342

Please meet in the copy room 10 minutes before worship begins.

Lord's Table

Preside

Chuck Thomas

Serve

Josh Wilson

David Presley

Ron Lenderman

Eric Jones

Lynn Keener

Daniel Lance

Jim Johnson

Shannon Brownfield

Alternates

Dale Thorne

Lee Campbell

Usher

Clyde Johnson

David Kernodle

Bill Cole

David Glenn

Prayers

AM Open: Robin Haller

AM Close: Robert Holt

PM Close: Rick Quattlebaum

Wed Close: Scott Miller

Scripture Reading

Darrell Purdy

Song Leader

P.M./Wed: 11/27

Daniel Lance

Wed Announcements

11/27: Chris Saunders

Wed Devo

11/27: Cub Scott

Greeters

Roger & Charlene Cunningham

Bill Youngblood

Technology Booth

Audio Visual: Sawyer Deakins

Power Point: Adam Hulsey

PM Nursery Helpers

Vanessa Lance

Brittani Quattlebaum

Worship Attendance

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 288

6:00 p.m. – 143

Classes: 9:00 a.m. – 203

Wed.: 6:30 p.m. – 156

Contribution

11/17: \$ 8,411.87

Security

– 11/24 & 11/27

Maple Esplanade Communion

11/24 Luke & Nikki Collins

12/01 Travis & Staci Prewitt

Golden Years Class meets each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Building.

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Margarito Bautista

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Ken Collins

Harold Johnson

Larry Keener

Scott Miller

Richie Poe

Deacons:

David Bell

Shannon Brownfield

Brian Calvert

William Clark

Sawyer Deakins

Heath Gipson

Clint Howard

David Kernodle

Chris Middleton

David Presley

Travis Prewitt

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OREGON HUG

Recently I was taken aback by a video of a distraught high school student carrying a shotgun into his school building, intent on using the gun on others and then on himself. The 18-year-old was upset over a relationship breakup and, in his emotional turbulence, intended to take his sorrow out on others and then end his own life. The video shows the armed student walking down a school-campus hallway. Suddenly a door opens and a coach stands face-to-face with the student. What happens next is surprising.

The coach hugs the student. He hugged him and didn't let go. The video shows the coach speaking to the student and ... hugging him. After a brief moment, the student hugged back. Another teacher is shown taking away the gun.

Quite apart from any political debate, what I want to focus on here is the human angle. It cannot be disputed, I think, that anyone who goes to their school armed with a weapon and the intent to kill teachers and students is in a terrible mental state. Research has found that the motives behind school shootings include family dysfunction, lack of family authority and supervision, and mental illness – the latter probably developing slowly as the young person goes through school. A prime motive is a desperate attempt to salvage some form of dignity after repeated bullying and victimization; a second prime motive is revenge for wrongs either perceived or real, sometimes from teachers, but most often wrongs enacted by fellow students.

Most young people are resilient and do not react violently when driven into a corner, as this is seen as temporary; but the few

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FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

HOLIDAY CARD BOX:

Want to send holiday cards to other members at Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years and save the postage cost? A box has been placed in the copy room until the end of the year. Members may check the adjacent box file for any cards that have been sent to them. No money or gifts please. Contact Nathanael Smith for questions or to get names of members who might enjoy getting a card at this time.

LIFT BONFIRE:

The Ladies in Fellowship Together Bonfire (high school & up) will be this Saturday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. at the home of Rebekah Hearn.

GOLDEN YEARS:

There will be no Golden Years class on Nov. 26.

CHILDREN'S HOME GIFTS:

Please place your unwrapped gifts and the tag with your child's name in the copy room by next Wednesday, Nov. 27.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family:

Thank you for the food, calls, cards, texts and visits. Thank you for your prayers for a successful surgery and a complete recovery. We appreciate all you've done for us.

In Christian love, Billy and Michele Carroll

Dear Northside family,

Thank you so much for all the gifts, love and support shown for us for our wedding shower and the continued support throughout the years!

In Christian love, Will Sharp & April Ellis

Thank you all for your concern & prayers. Matthew Connolly's surgery went well. We are so fortunate to be in such a loving church family.

Kim Connolly

PRAYER LIST

CURRENT

- William Clark and Whitney Pulliam and their families – recovering from kidney transplant surgery
- Roger Cunningham – recovering from surgery

**RETIREMENT CENTER/
NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING**

Ella Dunlap
Charlotte Gregory
Shirley Jordan
Johnny LeMay
Faye McLaughlin
Phil Powers
Nelda Young Smith

AT HOME

Ann Cash
Faye Kisner
Zella Montgomery
Rochelle Powers

*Names on the prayer list will generally appear for a few weeks.
Please call the office if you would like for names to appear longer.*

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Our building will be open at our regular meeting times for those who wish to worship and study together regardless of the weather conditions. Bible classes for all age groups will be held if teachers are available. However, we encourage members to use their own best judgment as to whether the local roads, as well as our sidewalks and parking lot, will allow safe attendance.

The Elders

YOUTH NEWS

6th Grade & Under: Hat & glove collection for children through November. Please place in bin in foyer.

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who are not able to bounce back in the way most young people do, and who have easy access to a weapon, perhaps the quiet, well-behaved, quietly suffering student, can sometimes take an irreversible step, which in the Oregon case was wonderfully defused by the quick-thinking coach.

School shootings are unfortunately most common in the USA (41 since 1975), with Canada second (15 since 1975). But the phenomenon is observed on all continents (save Antarctica) and in all types of schools; even “peaceable” countries, such as Sweden (with 1) and Finland (with 3 shootings since 1975) have not been spared. School shootings are a part of modern life, and we desperately need to understand the people who may perpetrate them.

The happy ending to this story makes a few things abundantly clear:

1. The world needs unconditional love. Rather than storm into the hallway and shove the armed student to the ground, the coach instinctively found a better way. He loved the student.
2. Overcoming evil with good truly is God's way. “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21).
3. Attending to mental wellness is a must in our modern world. Our fast-paced, complex, internet-driven, social media world necessitates attention to good mental health.
4. Ultimately, the world needs Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the life.

Next time you see someone in crisis, try a hug. It might just save someone's life.

Stephen Powers