

Praises: Trey Bernardini and Taylor Pence welcomed a brand new healthy baby boy, Richard Lee Bernardini IV! Baby Richard weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to the whole family!

New Members:

Surgery & Recovering: Sam Davis (hip replacement); Mary Ridgeway (shoulder replacement); Tom Knight (having serious eye surgery 8/5/26); Faith Zirkelbach (torn ACL-surgery July 28th); Andrea Elledge (double mastectomy); Tim Davis (former ECC minister-triple bypass surgery and awaiting a kidney transplant); Melissa Micheals (health issues-surgery); David Havens (surgery to repair collapsed lung); Paxton Dixon (3 year old-hip surgery on 4/15)

Others in Need: Conner Rheichert (Friend of Karsen Holder-long recovery after serious accident); Sue Valerius (liver issues); Debbie Collins (vision problems); Stephanie Cralley (new diagnosis of MS); Larry Thompson (health issues); Cheryl Cobin (blood clot in lung); Danny Dunlap (heart issues); John Pruitt (friend of the Dunbar’s-serious heart issues); James Taylor (stroke); Melissa Knight (health issues-having several tests); Ashley Jones; Mick Perryman (severe lung problems); Alan Gossett (complications from stroke); Sharon Jordan (Virginia Pabst’s sister-in-law-heart issues); Mary Lydia Jenkins (heart trouble); Scott Chapman (heart issues); Rita Richardson (health issues); John Proz (requiring 24 hour care) Shawun & Brenda Hamley (providing John Proz with 24 hour care-pray for strength and stamina as they provide a caring home for John); Larry White; Blake & Cori Moon (lost young son in house fire); Ashlee Murry; Clifford Whittington (Serious health issues from a recent fall); Kayla Wilson (Liver issues will need a transplant in the future); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health)

Those With Cancer: Sandy Bullock (beginning chemo); Kenny Porter (lymphoma); Julie Miller (thyroid cancer); Casey Tiomgsom (Rachel Collins’ boyfriend-lymphoma); Beth Bowen (new diagnosis of breast cancer-awaiting more test results); Brad Kirk (pancreatic cancer); Sierra Buckles (20 year old with lung cancer); Maven Cole (12 year old with bone cancer); Carlie Lane (breast cancer); Nikki Geraldts (Breast Cancer); Heather Bookstaver (teacher at Du Quoin); Paula Ellis; Sara Hinde (Lung Cancer); Mehgan Russell (39 years old with cervical cancer); Lori Kelly (Carla Bigham’s– stepdaughter-Kidney cancer-surgery 10/27); Rachel Rider (pancreatic cancer); Robin Frailey (diagnosed with ovarian cancer); Donny Turner (also pray for wife, Donna); Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson’s son-in-law’s brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin(thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer); Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo) ;Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O’dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming);Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizaillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning: Family of Missy Maye

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Services and Times

Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

(September through May)

Meal 5:45 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

October Wednesday Night Menu

Meal Starts at 5:45 p.m.

Cost is \$8/plate or \$20/family

10/7 Crack Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, and
Rolls

10/14 Italian Beef, Green Beans, Potato
Casserole

10/21 Chili and Hot Dogs

10/28 Baked Potato Bar and Salad

The ECC Monthly Minute God's Pumpkins by Cayla Reiman

Fallelujah we've made it! It's finally fall! After blistering heat that seemed to never end, cooler temps have FINALLY graced us and have brought some relief. Harvest is underway. More and more leaves are changing. Green is giving way to more yellow, red, orange, and brown. And we're starting to see that beloved, iconic symbol of harvest and Halloween, the pumpkin.

Not only does the pumpkin provide visual appeal this time of year, it's commonly used as a teaching tool to describe how being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. Many of us have heard about the Parable of the Pumpkin. If not, here's an abridged version: We are like a pumpkin that God starts from a seed, picks from the patch, washes off, cleans out, and illuminates with His light. 5 key points...one versatile squash!

Not only can a pumpkin serve as an object lesson with a cute illustration, but there are also many ways to decorate with one. It can be painted or carved. It can be made to be silly or scary, and even a few varieties can be tasty.

Every year we decorate with pumpkins in some way. They're scattered around outside and inside my house. My kids always enjoy either carving or painting them. I usually let them have free rein over their designs, although I'm typically 1st round draft pick for scooping out the ick from the insides! One thing that is always true, my children are always so proud of their pumpkins. They put so much thought into the whole process. They choose the "very best" one and then think a long time about what they're going to do, and finally bring their designs to life. They are careful, calculated, and confident THEY have the best pumpkin. We then put a light in it to illuminate their masterpieces on even the darkest of nights. We really are like pumpkins. We are God's pumpkins. We are chosen. I love that. He picks us. He's proud of us. He cherishes us. There's nothing about us He would change. We are His creation. We are made to be a vessel for His light, to illuminate His glory even in the darkest of situations.

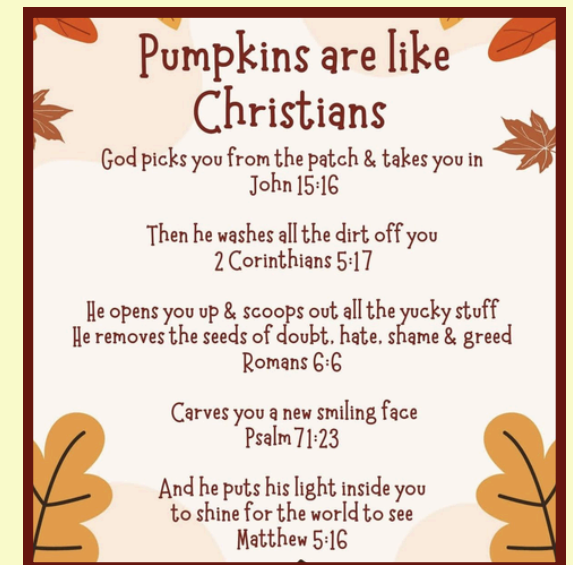
One of my favorite contemporary Christian Songs is "The Truth" by Megan Woods. The words of the chorus below ring so sweet and true to this Christian Pumpkin!

*The truth is I am my Father's child, I make Him proud and I make Him smile, I was made in the image of a perfect King
He looks at me and wouldn't change a thing. The truth is I am truly loved, By a God who's good when I'm not good enough
I don't belong to the lies, I belong to You, And that's the truth*

Happy Fall Y'all!!!

For More Information

- Men's Breakfast- Ben Houpt will be leading the devotion.
- Women's Breakfast is starting back up and Lisa Pruitt will be leading the devotion.
- Book Club Monday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. The Book of the Month is *Seance Garden* by Juliet Blackwell.
- Reminder! Please be sure to sign up if you plan on eating at our Wednesday Night Fellowship meal! This helps Donna on knowing how many to prepare for. Thank you!
- Children's Christmas Program Practice will begin on Wednesdays in October! If you'd be interested helping out, please see Cayla. Also, we are in need of a volunteer to teach/lead a children's lesson on Wednesdays for the children who aren't participating in the program.
- If you'd like to help out or donate treats or drinks for the Elverado Kids4Christ after-school program, please see Cayla
- Fall Fest Trunk or Treat is October 25th from 5-7 p.m.! This is a fun community event that really brings in a big crowd. If you'd like to decorate a trunk or supervise a game/activity, please sign up or talk to Cayla. You can also make monetary or candy or food donations.



Calendar + List of Events

- 10/3 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 10/4 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 10/5 Kids4Christ 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 10/7 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.
- 10/10 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 10/11 Guest Services Meeting
- 10/11 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 10/12 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- 10/14 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.
- 10/15-10/17 Forever Young Grafton Trip
- 10/17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 10/18 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 10/19 Area Men's Meeting at Pinckneyville
- 10/20 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 10/21 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.
- 10/22 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 10/25 Fall Fest Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10/28 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.



October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00-900 a.m.
4 Youth Group	5 Kids4Christ	6	7 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
11 *Guest Service's Meeting Youth Group	12 Book Club 6 p.m.	13	14 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	15 Forever Young Grafton Trip	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
18 Youth Group	19 Area Men's Meeting at Pinckneyville	20 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon	21 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	22 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	23	24
25 Fall Fest Trunk or Treat 5-7	26	27	28 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	29	30	31

Birthdays

1st Christy Stewart
3rd Karen Giamalva
3rd Jarrod Kreid
4th Liz Snyder
5th Marilyn Piper
6th Tom Scott
6th Harper Martin
6th Drayke Cralley
6th Bill Swanson
8th Kinsley Aldridge
8th Kolton Aldridge
8th Kevin Piper
8th Gary Jones
11th Gordon Burroughs
11th Lauren Kirk
13th Savannah Valerius
15th Alan Evans
15th Lisa Pruitt
16th Jesse Brooks
16th Chris Ehlers
16th Chase Dinga
16th Cameron Dinga
16th Kynleigh Manis
17th Donna Piper
19th Clarissa Hill
19th Lance Weil
21st Annie Claire Wesselman
22nd Steve Keller
22nd Jason Aken

Anniversaries

2nd Eric & Stephanie Cralley
18th Bryce & Mandy Pitlick
19th Marshall & Clarissa Hill
20th Kenny & Shawnie Porter
24th Joe & Cayla Reiman
28th Tom & Joyce Bailey
28th Kevin & Julie Hicks



23rd Karen Odom
25th Jane Cobin
25th Dalton Swayne
27th Brittany Dobill
29th Hannah Harsy
29th Wyatt Bastien
29th Faith Godoyo
30th Amani Miller
31st Nancy Kreid
31st Charlie Harsy

Communion Purchase

Nancy Kreid

Communion Prep

Nancy Kreid

10/4/2026

Tom Scott
Kathy Elson
Bruce Ridgeway
Andy Burroughs
Tyler Burroughs
Brandon Buser
Luke Buser
Rich Bernardini

Inside Greeters

10/4 Becky Burroughs & Marilyn Piper
10/11 Jeannette Thompson & Bobbie Starr
10/18 Jason & Heather Will
10/25 Tim & Myra Gossett

Nursery

10/4 Jenni Porter with Paislee Porter
10/11 Melissa Henke with Ginny Reiman
10/18 Gail Ridgeway with Joe Reiman
10/25 Alison Keith with Laney Keith

Serving Schedule

Sunday School Milk & Juice

10/4 & 10/11 Jeannette Thompson
10/18 & 10/25 Nancy Kreid

Communion Servers

10/11/2026
Gordon Burroughs
Jake Gibbs
Gary Monroe
Ron Ritter
Jim Williamson
Craig Briley
Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith

10/18/2026
Steve Parry
AJ Keith
Dirk Valerius
Tim Gossett
Dale Odom
Gary Jones
Jason Will
Heather Will

Hall Greeter

10/4 Gary Jones & Gordon Burroughs
10/11 Jordan Evans & Steve Parry
10/18 Mark Wilson & Doug Gibbs
10/25 Aaron Thompson & Dale Odom

Communion Meditation

10/4 Lyle Thompson
10/11 Ben Houpt
10/18 Jake Gibbs
10/25 Joyce Hickman

10/25/2026

Doug Gibbs
Mike Stewart
Erin Carter
Grace Godoyo
Lyle Thompson
Maddax Thompson
Mark Wilson
Jordan Evans

Exit Greeter

10/4 Paula Dunlap
10/11 Dale Odom
10/18 Vickie Carter
10/25 Paula Dunlap

Opening Prayer

10/4 Tom Bailey
10/11 Gordon Burroughs
10/18 Brandon Buser
10/25 Alan Evans