PINNACLE INFORMATION

Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Class	9:00 AM
Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday EveningDate to be	Announced
Wednesday Evening	6:30 PM
Thursday Morning ClassWill not meet again until after the 1st	10:30 AM of the year

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November 28, 2021

Welcome/Announcements

Song Leader — Randy Allison

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" — 3

"I Come to the Garden Alone" -595

Communion & Offering

Caleb Kingsley

"Heavenly Sunlight" — 611

Lesson

Understanding the Times

Chuck Monan

"Freely, Freely" — 635

Closing Prayer

Gary Smith

"The Glory-Land Way" -535

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

**Thank you for joining us today!** Your attendance at our worship service is important to us. Please text your info to 501-367-7188 or fill out a visitor's card located in the seatback pocket of a chair in front of you. You can leave it in your chair for pick up or drop it in the contribution basket as you leave.

#### There is an attended toddler/nursey area during morning Worship.

#### **EVENTS**

#### Ladies' Holiday Tea

Join us for a Ladies' Tea on Sunday, December 12th at 3 PM at the building. We are getting together for tea and cookies! This will also be a time to count our "Blessings" and a time to "Bless others." There will be great fellowship and a "Blessing Project" to do together. Can't wait to see everyone.

#### **Men's Fellowship Opportunities**

The men's weekly Friday Coffee will be at **Guillermo's Gourmet Coffee** at 10700 N Rodney Parham Road, A2 from 7:00 AM—9:00 AM. Also on the third Tuesday each month from 7:00 AM-8:30 AM there will be a Men's Breakfast at **Homer's West** (9700 N Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72227). Come get to know your brothers and enjoy good Christian fellowship.

#### **Second Sunday Lunch Bunch**

We gather following worship to enjoy lunch together on the second Sunday each month.

#### **CLASSES**

#### Classes for all ages are available

Children's Classes ages 2—4, K—3rd grade and 4th—6th grade Teens class (7th–12th grade) 20s and 30s

#### **Thursday Morning Bible Class**

Thursday morning Bible class will take a break during the holidays and will resume after the first of the year.

#### **BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN**

God has blessed our congregation so much and we are grateful! It is so exciting to begin raising funds for a permanent building for our Pinnacle Church! We are currently looking at options for existing structures or land for building a new structure. We are asking now for pledges toward this campaign to be sent in by December 15th. Pledge cards are available on the sign-up table.

Pray for God to guide our steps.

#### **SERVING AND GIVING**

#### **Arkansas Food Bank Holiday Meals**

Your contribution should consist of traditional items that you would normally see on your Christmas table. A specific list can be found clipped to the Food Bank barrel.

#### Online Giving

Online giving is easy! Simply scan this QR code:



## FROM OUR MINISTERS

#### **FAITH OF OUR FATHERS?**

Come mothers and fathers,
Throughout the land
And don't criticize
What you can't understand.
Your sons and your daughters
Are beyond your command
Your old road is
Rapidly agin'
Please get out of the new one
If you can't lend your hand
For the times they are a-changing'

~ Bob Dylan

One way the times are changing is the trend of young people who are walking away from church. The board of the National Association of Evangelicals, an umbrella group representing 60 denominations and dozens of ministries, passed a resolution in 2006 deploring "the epidemic of young people leaving the evangelical church." In 2021 this remains a concern.

Laurie Goodstern of *The New York Times* writes, "Their alarm has been stoked by a highly suspect claim that if current trends continue, only 4 percent of teenagers will be 'Bible-believing Christians' as adults. That would be a sharp decline compared with 35 percent of the current generation of Baby Boomers, and before that, 65 percent of the World War II generation."

The 4 percent figure is cited in the book *The Bridger Generation* by Thom S. Rainer, a Southern Baptist and religious studies scholar. Others doubt the accuracy of this percentage, claiming the number of teenagers abandoning the faith is fewer than this often-cited figure.

Regardless, we should be concerned with this trend. All of us can bring to mind far too many examples of young Christians who have walked away from the church.

At least one author claims that young people are not abandoning their faith but that they are abandoning the institutional church; Lauren Sandler, author of *Righteous: Dispatches from the Evangelical Youth Movement,* posits:

This generation is not about church. They always say, "We take our faith outside the four walls." For a lot of young evangelicals, church is a rock festival, or a skate park or hanging out in someone's basement.

So, what can we do to help the next generation develop a deep, abiding faith in the Lord and a commitment to his church? Several things, actually:

- Walk the walk We need to set an example for them by living out an authentic faith, not a tired, hypocritical partial commitment that characterizes too many Christians.
- Show concern for others Is the church reaching out to the poor, the disenfranchised, the dispossessed, the forgotten and the lost? Or do we spend all of our time huddled together with a small number of people who are just like us?
- Worship with feeling Our assemblies need to be filled with genuine emotions like praise, gratitude, celebration, penitence and brotherly love. They do not need to be filled with people mindlessly going through the motions, wishing they were somewhere else.
- Teach them God's Word When entertainment has replaced solid, systematic instruction in the Bible, we shouldn't be surprised that those without a solid foundation wander away. All of us must be able to give a reason for the hope we have within us.

Our young people are not just the church of tomorrow... they are an important part of today's church as well. May we dedicate ourselves to encouraging and empowering them to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

- - - Chuck Monan