

# The Messenger

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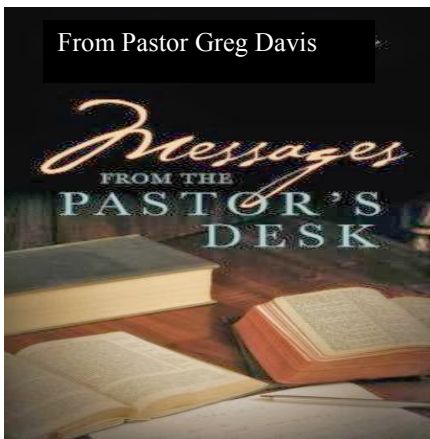
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## *Mission Statement*

*McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with God's power and hope through the love of Christ.*



From Pastor Greg Davis

Friends, things are changing. This election has left many in bewilderment about our nation's future. Our economy is not as strong as many want to make us think, which affects so many lives. What has been known for years as faith and family values (examples: inerrancy of Scripture, sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, right to life, and endless greed and corruption in the political and corporate world) are being completely ignored. And all these things occur in the life of one who professes faith as well as one who does not. Are we not to "stand firm" as Paul calls out the Church of Philippi to do in Philippians 4:1? And Jesus, Himself, spoke these words found in Mark 13:13: "*He who stands firm to the end will be saved.*"

Life can become an endurance contest, a time for perseverance. Paul even tells us to finish strong, and we must stand firm to the very end. Have you ever heard a football or basketball team called a strong finisher? This team that has the endurance to go the distance when their opponents are fading; and you can count on that team dominating the final minutes of the game.

We are called to be strong finishers - in sports, and in life. I am talking about responsibilities and challenges that require perseverance - where victory requires giving more, when you feel like giving up. Just maybe you are in one of those tough "game" situations right now, and God is calling you to finish strong, to keep the faith.

The Apostle Paul warns us in 2 Timothy 4, about a time *coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.* Paul has had every reason to quit, while having endured such hardships as persecution, imprisonment, beatings, exhaustion, and abandonment. And now he is writing what will be his final words before his execution. He is calling Timothy to a strong finish.

Paul says - to Timothy and to us - "*But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*" A statement like that makes me ask: Am I a finisher - or am I just a starter? Have I left behind things I started but didn't finish? Working toward a goal or a task, do I always "stand firm" in God's ways and not my own?

Paul then looks ahead to what is at the finish line for all who complete the course that God has given them and says, "*In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord ... will award to me on that day.*" Sadly, those who quit before the game is over will never know the rewards that only those who stand firm in the faith can enjoy (Remember Mark 13:13, quoted earlier?).

So now may be a time when you think you have every reason to back away or to quit. Listen to God saying, "*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*" (Galatians 6:9) Be a strong husband or wife ... strong mom or dad ... a strong friend or worker or leader, a vital member of the church ... Be a follower of Jesus who refuses to slack off, to slow down, to take the back seat, to head for the showers, to give up.

The game can be long, and the journey can be difficult. Possibly you are growing physically tired, but God's strength comes to the weak and the weary - and His strength can carry you all the way to the finish line.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg



## November Birthdays

Kenneth Burress	7
Jim Smith	14
Norman Kohler	16
Julie Burris	25
Frank Gentry	25
Heath Kline	28



## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

Kurt & Kristy Georgesen	4
Victor & Barbara Doty	22



**Mountain Mission Pick-up:**  
November 14th. As you are completing your fall cleaning, remember to bring your items for collection.

## Hanging of the Greens

The **hanging of the greens** is a Western Christian ceremony in which many congregations and people adorn their churches, as well as other buildings, with Advent and Christmas decorations. This is done on or directly before the start of the Advent season, in preparation for Christmastide.



November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent. A carry-in soup/sandwich/dessert lunch is being planned for immediately following the Worship Service. Before and after lunch we will decorate the Christmas Tree and the Sanctuary. A short Hanging of the Greens service will be at 3:00 pm.

### Prayer requests:

Cory and Annelle Mills' granddaughter Eleanor, Nancy Glackman, Curtis Kinney, Mary Lou Ellis, Don Skelton, Joy Roettger, Ruth Postal, Amy Higgins, Judy Wynn, Kevin Barnett, Cheyrl Roethemeier, David and Sarah Dixon, Peggy Davidson, Marie Pickett, Amy Dubber, The homeless population

*Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the bulletin? Please contact*

Be sure to pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoe box and fill it full of new items for your child. Bring the filled box to church on or before November 13th to have it blessed before it is delivered to the pick-up spot!



Vera is taking Rada cutlery orders again. The items make nice Christmas or Wedding gifts. You may take a book home but bring it back soon as possible. Order will be placed around November 21.

The mailboxes have been put up in the elevator room. The Connection Church also has a mailbox. Please check the mailboxes for club and organization's mail.



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November is the Food Pantry's "Canned Soup" month. Please bring soup (or any food items) to fill the basket.



We are joining with The Connection Church to take lunch to the McCutchanville Fire Dept. More details about this event and how you can help will be announced soon.

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# DID YOU KNOW???



To God's Kids Parents and Friends,

We are offering you something NEW this month. The we in this case is McCutchanville Community Church. With prayerful planning and faithfulness your children are being offered a new children's program on Tuesday nights beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> called Pioneer Club.

This is a "dream" program for this pastor because I believe your children matter to God. If you don't get what I am saying, I ask that you investigate a passage found in Mark 10:13-16. My picture is Jesus smiling and laughing and playing unlike anytime with his 12 disciples...

Through Pioneer Club we want to be involved and change children's lives by doing the following:

- Christ-centered and Bible-based
- Meaningful Bible exploration every week
- Application-focused Scripture memory
- Educationally sound & age-appropriate curriculum
- Participative learning
- Emphasis on collaboration and cooperation
- Relationship-oriented
- Taught by loving adults (yes they have been background checked)
- Involves music, lessons, snacks and fun

We ask that you register your children (can be done in God's Kids offices) and give us a try. The program runs each Tuesday and will only meet on the Tuesday nights that school is in session from 6:30 PM – 8 PM. We offer this program for age 2 through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Blessings to you and your children,  
Pastor Greg

## Previous Month Attendance and Giving

	Attendance	Building Fund	General Fund	Mission	Total Giving
October 2	67	\$475.00	\$2258.00	\$67.00	\$2800.00
October 9	62	\$690.00	\$2027.00	UMCOR \$25.00	\$2742.00
October 16	60	\$200.00	\$2139.24		\$2339.24
October 23	66	\$90.00	\$1142.00		\$1232.00
October 30	80	\$335.00	\$1569.00	\$95.00	\$1999.00
Internet Giving			\$2,010.00	\$270.00	\$2280.00

Give thanks  
in

Everything

1 Thessalonian 5:18



# GOD'S KIDS reporting.....

**Welcome to fall...** the leaves are falling, there's a nip in the air and our God's Kids are learning all kinds of things and growing in God's love.

**Party Time!** On Oct. 27 in the Gym will be princesses, cowboys, heroes, monsters, ghosts, and many other costumed characters. Let's hope Mom and Dad will find their special gal and guy. The Children will celebrate Halloween with a parade at 12:30.

**Events:** On October 17 was a trip to Goebel's farm where God's Kids went on a hayride, went down a slide in the barn and landed in the straw and picked out a pumpkin to bring home. What Fun!

On November 8, the "Fire Up" Ceramic Studio will come to McCutchanville with supplies to teach the children to make Christmas Ornaments and Foot Prints. Creativity at its best.

Christmas is just around the corner and the children are learning songs for their Christmas program which will be December 2 for the 2year olds at 1:00, December 9 and 16 for the other classes at 6:30 p.m. All Programs will be in the Sanctuary. All are welcomed.

**A BIG Thank you.** If you came to the Jonah Fish Fry on October 22, you had the opportunity to see some beautiful, cleaver artwork created by the children. We had fishes, star shells, crabs, in all colors. Thank you for making the hall so inviting.

All classes are continuing to learn their colors, shapes, and the alphabet. This time of the year the subjects are: We Learn, My Family, Enjoying Fall and Church Family. This week they are learning all about Fire Safety.

## Happy Birthday to.....

The boys and girls who had birthdays in October and those who will celebrate birthdays in November:

Jacob, Oct. 4 and Emmalynn, Oct. 8 of the Starfish class  
Harper of the Clownfish class, Oct. 15  
Davaughn, Oct. 21 of the Rainbowfish class  
Brayden, Oct. 18 of the Whales and Brayden, Oct. 25 of the Dolphins  
Brielle, Oct. 26 and Dylan, Oct. 29 of the Starfish class  
Hadley, Nov. 1 and Paxton, Nov. 10 of the Rainbowfish  
Rebecca, Nov. 3 of the Seahorse class  
Kennedy, Nov. 15 of the Angelfish class  
Easton, Nov. 18 and Grant, Nov. 18 of the Starfish class  
Carter, Nov. 22 of the Clownfish class

## Profile of the Month




Hello, my name is Mrs. Logan Bruns. I would like to take a minute to introduce myself.

My husband, Robbie and I have been married for four years. We have 3 wonderful children together. Paxton is 3 and will be starting Pioneer Club on November 1. Leighton is 2 and is in Ms. Ashley's Clownfish class. Keaton is 6 months and it truly is a blessing to have a place such as God's Kids where I am able to bring all of my children with me each day.

I began teaching the three year old class at God's Kids in 2010. I worked on my degree in Early Childhood Education at both Ivy Tech and the University of Southern Indiana. I have been working in the field of Early Childhood Education for the past ten years.

I look forward to all that this school year has to offer for all of our great children and hope to meet many new faces. If you are in the building, please stop by and say "Hello" and introduce yourself!

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		8 10:30Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	29:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	3 6:00-7:30 Gym Reserved	4	5 Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00
6 Communion Sunday	7 10:00am-3:00pm PEO— Fellowship Hall reserved  6:30 Staff Parish 6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	8 10:30Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	9 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	10 4:00-8:00 Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-7:00pm Trustee Meeting 6:00-7:30 gym reserved	11	12 Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00
 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE Bring your filled boxes for Blessing	14 <b>Mountain Mission Pick-up</b>  6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	15 10:30Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	16 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	17 6:00-7:30pm-Gym Reserved 6:00-7:00 pm Finance 7:00-8:00 pm Ad Council	18	19  Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00
20	21 6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	22 10:30Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	23 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>  Fellowship hall & gym reserved	25	26  Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00
27Frist Sunday of Advent Soup Carry-In Lunch Decorate in afternoon Hanging of the Greens- 3:00 pm	25 6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	29 10:30Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	30 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	DECEMBER 1  	2	3 Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00
4 Second Sunday of Advent	5 6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:30 Staff Parish 6:00 Gym Reserved	6 10:30Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	7 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	8	9	10 Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00