

CHURCH NEWS



2027 Guinea Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th
at 6:15PM

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's loved displayed; You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me – now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life.

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see –
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
Oh, Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose.
And let my song forever be, "My only boast is You!"

Hallelujah, All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life.*

Sometimes... sometimes someone else can say what you want to say, but much better. The lyrics of this song are just so true. A daily testimony we should be willing to declare. Hallelujah – all I have is Christ.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. – Colossians 3:1-4

In His name,
Rebekah

*Lyrics: All I Have is Christ, by Jordan Kaufflin

Church Luncheon

Church luncheon will
begin at 11:15AM and continue
after second service.

SEPTEMBER 6
(Women's Ministry)
Mexican Buffet

(Building and Grounds)
Hamburger Steak

Men's Breakfast



Saturday, September 5th
9:00AM
at Red Oak Manor

Save the Date!
ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
October 25th



COFFEE WITH CARSON



September 22nd | 8:30AM
at Red Oak Manor



Join us for MIDWEEK every Wednesday
at 6:30 PM! With something for every
age, it's a time to come together, grow
deeper in God's Word, and strengthen
our faith.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES:

-GENESIS
-PARENTING
-ESSENTIALS OF FAITH

Deacons Meeting
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
After 2nd service



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Church Family,

As I write this, I am only a few hours out from a very important court hearing... today is the day that we are supposed to be making Jade's adoption final before the judge. I say "supposed to" because along the road in our 3+ years of foster care experience, things rarely happen just as they are intended. Even now, after having been given several assurances by the case manager with DFCS and through our lawyer, there still seems some resistance within me to the idea that we really will draw this chapter to a close today... and Jade will officially be a Powell. There is a hesitation and an apprehension that has settled deep inside my soul. So while I write this, there is both excitement and anxiety within me, and – to be candid – that has been true for much of the last several years. But having shared that with you, I want to share a few other things that are on my mind today.

1. If Katie and I had given birth to a biological daughter, we never would have named her Jade. That's not really a name we prefer nor would it have made the "final cut" on a list of names we would have selected for a little girl. But Jade is the name that she came to our house with, and she has had too many years of being Jade for us to change it now. And while Jade is far from my favorite name, every time I call out her name I am reminded by God of a valuable lesson... In the book of Genesis, Adam named the wild creatures that filled the earth, and in so doing, there was an assumption of ownership and dominion over what he named. The fact that Katie and I did not get to choose Jade's name is a powerful reminder that we have neither ownership nor dominion over her, because she is not truly ours, but God's. In fact, none of our children belong to us – they belong to the Lord. We are simply the ones stewarding their lives to the hopeful end of them being faithful believers in Christ. And while we might balk at that, I have had to cling to and find comfort in the truth from God's Word that He loves my little girl far more and far better than I ever can.
2. Disappointment and frustration can be stumbling blocks that threaten the foundation of our faith or scaffolding to better build onto the foundation of our faith. Over the past 3 years and 4 months, I have experienced both. Through it all, I must cling to Christ. When I don't, my world gets shaky fast. I am hopeful that moving forward I will remember August 27th, 2026 as a day when God's faithfulness shone through in the most powerful of ways, even after a season of long-suffering.
3. I am just so incredibly thankful to you my church family because you have truly come alongside both me and Katie and you have carried our burdens under your strength. Even though Jade's case has been "simple" and "straightforward" and "easy" in many ways, it has still been a really hard journey. And we would not have made it through without you. From the bottom of my heart, I am so grateful to you all. Thanks so much for loving us and supporting us through the foster care adventure.

-Evan

Bring Your Parent to Youth Night

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
(DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM)