

# PASTOR'S GRAPEVINE

## Ways To Serve This Week

### Bucket Brigade

We are looking for people that are willing to spend one hour after our Wednesday night gathering to help with the overall cleaning of the church. This will include assisting teachers in their classrooms to help clean, restrooms that needs stocked and cleaned, and help in the foyer and sanctuary to ensure that we are ready for our church family and visitors on Sunday. All trash in individual offices and classrooms must be set out for pickup as people make rounds of dumping trash. Cleaning supplies can be found in the closet in-between the restrooms, janitors closet near the nursery, and downstairs near the restrooms.

### This Saturday 12/3

We will be doing some light maintenance and loading up the U-Haul with donations that we have been collecting up over the years. **The time of this clean up will be from 9 am to 12 pm.**

## Sunday Restructure Update

I am happy to report that we have some target dates to pass along to our church family concerning our restructuring of our church into a mission minded outreach for the community of Whitehall.



We will start our Sunday nights together once again beginning on January 15th, 2017, with our service times beginning at 5:00 pm. It is my hope that for first three months during our Sunday night services we will begin to prepare those that would like to serve in ministry by conducting spiritual gifts inventories, basic character strengths of individuals, and training that will equip the readiness of our ministry teams before they will be sent out.

Our Sunday nights in the sanctuary will have a time of devotion, discussion of ways to reach out into our community, and a time of prayer. During this season of devotion and prayer, we will be brainstorming the initial opportunities of ministry impact that will be shared during our time together. We have a target date of ministry teams being launched on March 5th, 2017.

Please sign up at the welcome center to give us an idea of how many will be attending and how many books and spiritual gifts inventories we will need to purchase .



## Coffee Nook Reopening

As of December 4th we will be re-opening the coffee nook with some changes to ensure that our hospitality includes serving our visitors and church family in that order. We want our visitors to feel welcomed and loved and one way we want to show our appreciation is by a cup of coffee and a small snack.

We will be serving between the hours of 8:30 am - 9:20 am for Sunday School participants and 10:00 am - 10:35 am for the morning gathering.

We will be asking for donations for these amenities to help offset the cost of supplies to keep the coffee nook stocked. We will also be using a portion of donations towards the funding of ministry teams being sent to minister in the upcoming months through the restructuring of Sunday evenings.

**Hebrews 10:24** - Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

**You are loved and appreciated.**

Pastor Jack R. Johnson

## News and Notes:

### **Prayer Meetings every Tuesday beginning at 7 pm.**

Come out and be an active part of transforming our church as we cultivate a foundation of prayer. We meet at 7 pm as we share burdens and praises together before our time of prayer. We then spend time to pray which can consist of praying at the altars or throughout the church as a prayer walk as we lift up the teachers, students, and staff during the prayer walks. It can also be a time of spending time alone with God in the prayer room or the time can even be spent just reading your Bible and journaling. Afterward, we gather back together as the Lord leads and we share with one another anything that God may have revealed during that time alone with Him and how it may apply to us individually or corporately as a church.

**Sunday December 18th** - Christmas caroling in the Whitehall community. Everyone that is interested to be a part of this ministry please meet at the church at 2:45 pm. The group will leave at 3:00 pm promptly for a few hours of Christmas caroling. Afterward, there will be hot chocolate and cookies for those who participated in this ministry outreach opportunity.

**Wednesday December 21st** - Teen Christmas Party during the Wednesday Night Bible study.

**Friday December 23rd** - Christmas Eve Service

We will be having a presentation of "Mary Christmas." Live music will begin at 6:30 pm. Afterward, we will gather for a time of fellowship as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

**Sunday December 25th** - We will be having services on Christmas Day which will include both Sunday School at 9:30 am and our Morning Gathering beginning at 10:45am.

**Update on Hannah's Mission Trip** - Let's praise the Lord that all funds have been raised and I want to thank everyone who made this happen. Please continue to keep Hannah in prayer as she represents us in serving in Mexico.