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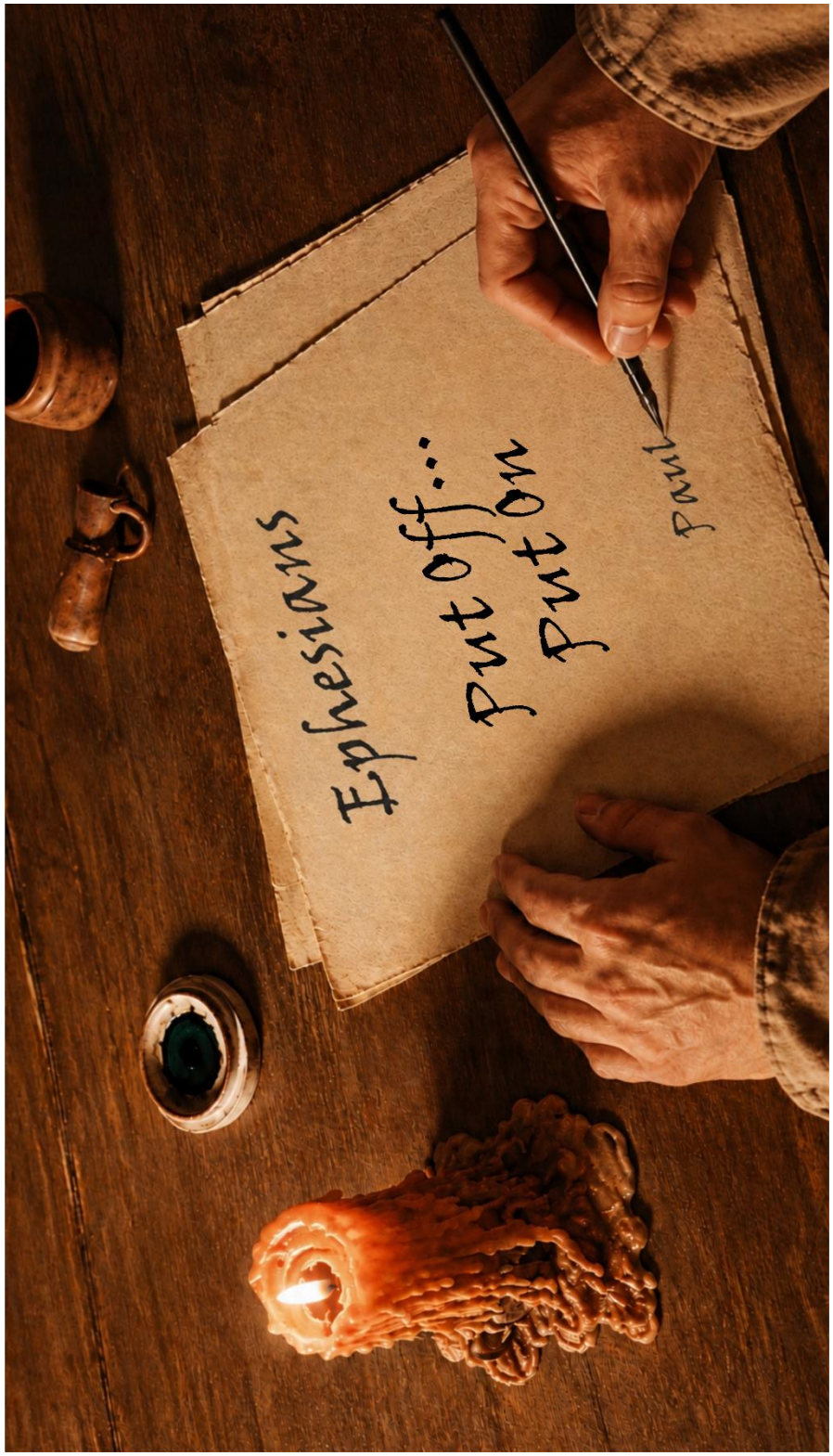

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November 1, 2026, 9 a.m.

Welcome

Please sign the pew pad then pass it down your row and back.

Prelude

"Come With Rejoicing"
arr. Morrison, Cari Beth Noah

All Saints Day

***"For All The Saints"**
No. 480 v. 1, 2, 6

Reading of the Victorious
Don Freisthler

"Face to Face We Shall Behold Him"

arr. Nix, Sidney First Choir

Prayer

Pastor Lee Carlson

As we sing *Jesus Loves Me*, children through 5th grade are invited to proceed to Level 5 for Sunday School. **On their way forward, the children will be picking up your items from the ends of the pews and bringing them to the front to be blessed.** You may reunite with your children on Level 5 following the service. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary.

Offering

"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"
arr. Ylviasaker, Cari Beth Noah
***Doxology** No. 682

Living Word

Ephesians 4:17-5:2 p. 909
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Message

Ephesians: Living the Gospel
Put Off…Put On
Pastor Lee Carlson

Communion

Communion is open to all who wish to be in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The elements will be served in the pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may commune together. Please ask an usher if you prefer gluten-free communion. You may dispose of the cups as you leave the Sanctuary

***"My Hope is Built"**
No. 102 v. 1

Benediction

Postlude

"When We All Get to Heaven"
arr. Noah, Cari Beth Noah

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*Please stand in body or spirit

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November 1, 2026, 11 a.m.

Welcome

However you feel most comfortable, you are invited to worship freely today. Whether you choose to sit quietly, stand in reverence, lift your hands, or move with joy, know that your expression of worship is welcome here. Let this be a space where you can respond to God in a way that is genuine and meaningful to you.

All Saints Day

Reading of the Victorious

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"As For Me And My House"

"I Know A Name"

Offering will be taken at this time.

"Make Room"

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"King Of Kings"

Sending Out

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RELAX
Make yourself at home. Grab a cookie and coffee.

LISTEN TO MUSIC
We will sing some songs. Feel free to participate as much or as little as you want.

HEAR THE MESSAGE
The pastor will pray, read from the Bible, then help us see how the message applies to our lives.

PASS THE BASKET
During a song, we will invite people to give an offering. Feel free to participate in a way you feel comfortable. We have several options for giving, please check the back of the announcements for more information.

RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION
The first Sunday of every month we serve communion and everyone is welcome to come forward and receive.

GOT KIDS?
We provide fun, age-appropriate settings for your children in Kidz First. Children are ALWAYS welcome to stay in the sanctuary—but we're pretty confident your kid would prefer our rooms designed for their specific age in Kidz First.

Ephesians: Living the Gospel
Legacy Of Faith
Ephesians 4:17-5:2

1. **Introduction — What Will They _____?**

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Jesus, I belong to you.
I lift up my heart to you.
I set my mind on you.
I fix my eyes on you.
I offer my body to you as a living sacrifice.
Jesus, we belong to you.

And we are praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen."

2. **A New _____ — Leave the Old Life Behind (Ephesians 4:17–24)**

***"So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking."* (17)**

***"They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed."* (18-19)**

***"That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus."* (20-21)**

   a. **Paul says genuine _____ must move from our heads into our hearts and eventually into our hands.**

***"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* (22-24)**

   b. **Christian holiness isn't just about what we stop doing…it's about who we are _____.**

3. **A New Way of _____ — Put On the Character of Christ (Ephesians 4:25–32)**

***"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."* (25)**

   a. **Put off falsehood –> Put on _____**

***"In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."* (26-27)**

   b. **There's a difference between experiencing anger and cultivating _____.**

   c. **You cannot hold tightly to _____ and fully embrace the life of love Jesus is calling you to live.**

***"Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need."* (28)**

   d. **The most valuable things we leave behind are often the things we _____ away while we were here.**

***"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."* (29)**

   e. **_____ have a remarkable way of outliving the people who speak them.**

***"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."* (30)**

***Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* (31-32)**

   f. **A life transformed by grace becomes a _____ that others can read.**

4. **A New _____ Resemblance — Walk in Love (Ephesians 5:1–2)**

***"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children…"* (1)**

   a. **The beauty of a _____ Christian life is that people begin to see something of Jesus in the person who follows Him.**

***"…and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."* (2)**

   b. **One day, everything broken by sin and death will be made new, until then, we're called to keep walking in the way of _____.**

5. **Conclusion — The Sermon Your Life Is _____**

   a. **The Church is always _____ generation away from needing another generation of faithful disciples.**

   b. **Now it's our _____.**

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Today we come together to honor our church members and loved ones who have earned their final victory in the past year.

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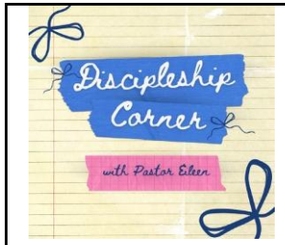

Discipleship Corner: Year of Community

Discipleship Corner: November Gratitude in Community
"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Our Focus: Gratitude changes the way we see our lives and the people around us. When we practice thankfulness together, we begin to notice God's faithfulness in places we might otherwise overlook. Gratitude isn't simply something we feel, it is something we share, express, celebrate, and practice together. This month, let's slow down, notice God's goodness, and give thanks for the ways He is working in our lives, our church, and our community.
Week 1: Share Your Testimony
Scripture: Psalm 107:2 **"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story."**
Discipleship Focus: Our stories remind one another that God is still working. Sometimes what we consider an ordinary moment can become an encouragement to someone else.
Practice of the Week: Share with someone one way you have seen God working in your life.
Prayer: Lord, give me courage to tell my story and help me recognize the stories of Your faithfulness all around me. Amen.

Wednesday Activities—Kidz, Youth, and Adults

Dinner is served at 6 p.m. each Wednesday, followed by age appropriate programming from 6:30-8 p.m. Nursery available for those under 4 years old!

Kidz Sunday Activities—Preschool & 4 years old through 5th Grades

- ***9 a.m. Jr. Church***...Kidz are dismissed from service to learn about Jesus' love and the Bible. They may be picked up on Level 5.
- ***11 a.m. Traditional Sunday School***...With a twist, Kidz learn about Jesus and the Bible through lessons and activities.
- ***Nursery***...Staffed by experienced caregivers and located on Level 3.

(Your child is welcome there at anytime before or during the service. Infant to four years.)

For questions about Kidz activities, call Abby Wagner at 937-492-0812.
www.facebook.com/kidzfirstsidney

Crossfire Youth Activities—6th through 12th Grades

- **30 Hour Famine – November 14/15 12pm – 8am**

For questions about Youth activities, call Isaiah Pleiman at 937-710-3861.
www.facebook.com/sidneyfirstyouth

In Person. Place your gift in the offering plate during worship.
Online. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring payment.
Text. Text any dollar amount to 937-500-5531.

November 1, 2026

Sidney First Methodist Church

Our Biblical Vision: Inspiring people to learn, live, and love like Jesus.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

Pastor Eileen Hix: Ephesians: Living the Gospel—Children of Light
Scripture reference: Ephesians 5:3-21

WELCOME! Whether this is your first time or you've been our guest for a while, we hope you feel at home here. We'd love to meet you—please stop by one of the Welcome Desks in either the narthex or the Gathering place after the service. There, you can learn more about our church, ask any questions, and connect with our team. Plus—we have a Winans gift card for you! We're so grateful you're here today, and we look forward to getting to know you!

UPCOMING

- **Sunday:** 10:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (after 9 a.m. service)
- **Monday, November 2:** 6-7:30 p.m. – Couples Bible Study (Study – Level 3)
- **Tuesday:** 7 to 8 a.m.—Men's Bible Study (Church Library)
- **Second Tuesday of each month:** 9:30 a.m.—Blanche Wilhide Circle
- **Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m.— Koininia Men's Fellowship at the Alcove
- **Wednesday:** 6:30 to 8 p.m.—The Garden Women's Bible Study (Level 6)
- **Wednesday:** 6:30 to 8 p.m.—The Refinery Women's Bible Study (Study—Level 3)
- **Wednesday:** 6:30 to 8 p.m.—The Foundry Men's Bible Study (Level 6)
- **Wednesday:** 6:45-7:45 p.m.—Choir Practice
- **First Thursday of each month:** 7 p.m.—Dorena Circle
- **Saturday, November 7:** 9:30-11 a.m. -Women's Bible Study (Study – Level 3)
- **Sunday, November 22:** Before/after services - Hanging of the Greens

SERMON SERIES: EPHESIANS: LIVING THE GOSPEL **What does it really mean to live as a follower of Jesus?** Join us for an 11-week journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we discover **who we are in Christ and how that identity changes the way we live.** Together, we'll explore the transforming power of grace, our calling to unity and holiness, God's purpose for the church, Christ-centered relationships, and how to stand strong in spiritual battles. Ephesians moves us from **belief to behavior, identity to mission, and grace to holy living.** Come discover how the gospel doesn't just change what we believe—it changes **who we are and how we live every day.**

HARVEST OF HOPE FALL FESTIVAL Join us on **TODAY** at Vandemark Farms from 12:30-3 pm for a fun filled fellowship opportunity! There will be wristbands for activities, food, and fun to be had by all! The farm will be open until 7p.m., so feel free to stay as long as you like!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS Come and join the choir for our annual Christmas Cantata! Open to all – members and non-members, so grab a friend and join in the fun! Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:15-7 p.m. The cantata will be performed in full on December 6. Come and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

GARDEN BIBLE STUDY Join us on the 6th floor on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00 p.m. as we continue growing together in God's Word! Join us anytime as we continue walking through the Book of Psalms. All women are invited to join us for a time of study, discussion, encouragement, and spiritual growth. There is no cost to participate—just bring your Bible (we are happy to provide one if needed). Whether you are new to Bible study or have been studying Scripture for years, you are warmly welcome. For more information, please see Amanda Shaffer.

REFINERY WOMENS BIBLE STUDY Join us Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM in The Study (Level 3) as we walk through 1 Corinthians one chapter at a time. We read, discuss, and apply God's Word together while staying aligned with The Foundry men's study. Jump in any Wednesday. No catching up required. Bring your Bible, or we'll provide one.

FOUNDRY BIBLE STUDY The Foundry Study of First Corinthians begins July 29: Join us Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM in The Foundry Room (6th Floor) as we begin First Corinthians. Reading and discussing one chapter each week, we'll discover how Paul's practical letter equips Christians to stand firm, pursue holiness, and follow Christ faithfully in a culture that often pulls us in the opposite direction. No book is required. Bring your Bible, or we'll provide one. All men are welcome. For more information contact Logan Holland at 816-244-5475 or Brian Wagner at 937-726-3178.

NEW MEN'S SHARE GROUP Looking for a place to connect, encourage one another, and share life and faith with other men? A new Men's Share Group is starting Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. All men are welcome—come as you are and be part of the conversation! For questions or more information, contact Tim Burden at 937-658-1019.

SURVIVOR: OPERATION CHRISTMAS RESCUE Need help getting your Christmas decorations out of the attic or storage? Our Crossfire youth are ready for the challenge! As part of our 30-Hour Famine mission event, students will be serving our church family on **Saturday, November 14,** from **1-4 p.m.** by helping bring down Christmas decorations and get them ready for the holiday season. If you need a hand, let us know by contacting Isaiah Pleiman **or** the church office. Let our youth put their faith into action while helping you get ready for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CARD PAINTING CLASS Get into the holiday spirit and create two beautiful handmade Christmas cards. In this fun and relaxing class, we'll paint a whimsical Snowman and a fest Sleigh Christmas card. We'll add snowy details and a touch of glitter to make your cards sparkle for the season. Cost is $20.00, and all materials are included. Just bring yourself and enjoy an evening of creativity and holiday cheer! **Monday, November 2, 6-8 p.m., in the Well.**

THANK YOU! A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped make the Circuit Meeting such a success! From providing snacks and hospitality to helping with set-up, tear-down, worship, and all the little things in between—you helped make the day special. Most importantly, **thank you for making everyone who walked through our doors feel welcomed, loved, and at home.** Your willingness to serve and your gracious hospitality were a beautiful reflection of Christ's love. This event truly would not have been a success without each of you. **Thank you for serving so faithfully and representing Sidney First so well!**

DID YOU KNOW? We have a **Mother's Room/Parlor** available for parents and little ones! Located directly beneath the Narthex, this quiet and comfortable space is equipped with a TV so you can continue watching the worship service while tending to your little one. Simply take the stairs just outside the Narthex down to **Level 2**. Whether your little one needs to be fed, changed, comforted, or just needs a little break, please know this space is here for you. **We're glad you and your little ones are here!**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The flowers on the altar today are **given anonymously with a grateful heart**, thanking God for His faithfulness and the blessings He gives each day. *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."* **— Psalm 107:1**

ALTAR FLOWERS Would you like to provide the altar flowers for a Sunday worship service? Flowers may be given to the glory of God in honor or memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or other special milestone. If you would like to reserve an available Sunday or learn more about sponsoring altar flowers, please contact the church office. We'd be happy to help you choose an open date!

FEED THE NEED This month, we're helping **Alpha Center Food Bank** with their needs which are: non-perishable items including canned meat, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, cereal and macaroni and cheese**.** Please place your items in the mini grocery carts located in the Gathering Place (Level 4) or the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Your thoughtfulness is a gift someone in need will treasure!

THE WALK TO EMMAUS is a wonderful experience of Christian growth and renewal. It's an opportunity to meet with Jesus as you take a three-day inspirational journey with other believers. The Walk can result in a grace-filled life; lived and shared with others. If interested in learning more about Emmaus, please contact Rev. Eileen Hix at 937-492-9136. The next Men's Walk is November 5-8, 2026. Please be in prayer for our team members: Jeff Noah, Chad Miller, Sam Peacock, Ed Skidmore, Ralph Fearnley, Dave Allspaw, Nathan Bemus, Jerry Husemann, Chris Platfoot, Isaiah Pleiman, Marc Burdiss, Chris Geuy, Tim Schutte, Tim Burden, Pastor Eileen Hix and Pastor Lee Carlson. Also, please pray for the pilgrims: Drew Guisinger, Logan Holland, Ethan Platfoot, and Zeb Pleiman.

PRAYER BIBLE WORKSHOP Beginning Tuesday, October 20, join us for a hands-on prayer Bible workshop held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30pm in the Well. Your $30 registration includes a Bible and all supplies. Call the church office to register, and let us know your preferred Bible version (NIV, NLT, ESV, etc.) and your favorite color – we will do our best to accommodate? Questions? Contact Kathy Husemann at (937) 308-4170 or Jolene Blankenship at (937) 726-1338. Come enjoy fellowship, creativity, and meaningful time in the Word as you learn to create your own prayer Bible.

UPCOMING CHURCH CONFERENCE Our annual church conference will be held on **Sunday, November 15** following second service. We will meet in the **fellowship hall for a carry-in meal**, followed by the conference in the **newly renovated tabernacle**, where we will discuss the past year's activities, hear ministry reports, and elect new officers. All members of our church are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a covered dish.

HANGING OF THE GREENS It's time to deck the halls and prepare our church for the Christmas season! Join us on **Sunday, November 22** as we gather together to decorate Sidney First.
We'll get started after first service, meeting in the Gathering Place before dividing up to tackle several areas throughout the church. We'll also continue and finish up after second service, so whether you worship early or later, there's an opportunity for you to jump in and help! Many hands make light work, and the more people who join us, the quicker we'll get everything looking festive. Plus, we'll have some fun and fellowship while we work! Thank you for helping make our church beautiful and welcoming as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Questions? Please contact the church office at 937-492-9136.