



November 12, 2023 • 10:00 AM

Today's Message:
Are You Ready
to Serve?
The Lord's Army
Ephesians 6
Pastor Jonathan Keefer

# 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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# EXPLORING EPHESIANS: THE SERIES Week #9: Are You Ready to Serve? The Lord's Army November 12th, 2023 – Jonathan Keefer

**Notes & Comments:** 



# Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year...time to pack a shoebox & send it on its way around the world! That box will be headed into the hands of a child living in an impoverished community and will serve as a gateway to allow Samaritan's Purse to share

Christ's love with that child, their family, & neighbors!

Brochures & boxes are available in the foyer. Our dedication Sunday is **next week, November 19th**.

Please note: Cherry Tree Alliance is not a collection site this year.
Any boxes received AFTER November 19th will not be able
to be taken to the drop-off site with the CTAC boxes, and you will
need to make your own arrangements for delivery to Calvary
Baptist Church. Thank you for understanding!

Our AWANA Kids packed 100 shoeboxes this past Wednesday! If you would like to contribute towards the item & shipping costs of these boxes, please mark your gifts "AWANA OCC."



#### Kids Christmas Program - A Stellar Christmas

If your children signed up to participate in our Christmas Program (A Stellar Christmas), please note the rehearsal times and **updated** performance time...

#### **Practices**

Today, **November 12th** from 2:00 - 4:00 PM Sunday, **November 19th** from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Performance Sunday, **December 3rd** at 10:00 AM

#### **Christmas Poinsettias**

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the order forms available in the foyer (or contact the church office at 724-550-4624 or ctallch@verizon.net). Poinsettias are \$9.25 for a 6 1/2 inch pot. All order forms are due by Sunday, **November 26th.** 



#### Thanksgiving Offering

Please note that all monies collected in this year's Thanksgiving offering will be given to the Fayette County Community Action Food Bank. All money received through the offering in your colored "Thanksgiving" envelopes & regular envelopes clearly labeled "Thanksgiving" will go to support this cause.



You may also give online by selecting the Fund as "Other" and indicating "Thanksgiving" in the Memo/Note field.



#### **Angel Tree - A Local Gift-Giving Opportunity**

This Christmas season, we will be helping to provide gifts to local foster children through the Pressley Ridge Foster Care Program. If you would like to help, please choose an ornament off of the Christmas tree in the foyer (each ornament has a child's name and a few gift ideas) and write your name & phone number beside your selected child's name on the list on the bulletin

board. Please purchase a gift off their list, spending \$25 or less. Bring your gift, wrapped (using gift bags / tissue paper ONLY please!) & with your child's ornament attached to the outside of the package, to CTAC by Sunday, December 3rd and place it in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Marnie Williams.

#### Men's Small Group

Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance this Saturday, **December 9th.**The meeting is from 8:00 - 10:00 AM and will include breakfast and a time of study based on the book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Please sign up at the bulletin board in the foyer.



We need YOUR help with our sermon series! Have you experienced the transformative working of God in your relationships with... family? friends? the church? your employer? your enemy? yourself? If so, we would love to meet

with you to record a 1-2 minute video testimony for use during this series! Please reach out to Andrea or Pastor Travis.

Andrea: ctallch@verizon.net Pastor Travis: tdeans@nnym.org



# God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives

As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church.

"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love," Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."



Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM
Please ask the church office for Teresa's number for the meeting details.





#### **Bible Quiz Practice**

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 2nd-12th Grade Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

#### **AWANA Clubs**

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.



#### Clubs

Cubbies — 3 and 4 year-olds Sparks — Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Truth and Training (T&T) — 3rd through 5th Grade

Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry



#### **Capacity Wednesday Night Ministry**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM / 6th-12th Grade Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

#### **International Workers of the Week**

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Dave & Jen, who serve in North Africa. "Both Jen and Dave grew up in the church and developed a vibrant faith in Jesus from childhood. In their childhoods, they were regularly exposed to international workers (IWs) who would share their stories and pictures from around the world. By early adulthood, they both felt God's call on their lives but in different ways. Jen felt called to international work and Dave felt called to the pastorate. After graduating from Ambrose, they served at an Alliance church and would often meet with IWs and leaders from Global Ministries. In 2012, GM approached Dave and Jen with a wonderful opportunity to serve in the Sand as both pastor and IW. It was the perfect union of both of their callings. Currently we are helping train leaders and disciple a new generation of believers from several North African Least Reached People Groups. Jen is also active in community development helping equip and support new moms in childbirth and breastfeeding. In all things we seek to develop relationships with those around us in the hope of sharing Christ's love and providing opportunity to share of His saving grace. Prayer Requests - Pray that the new generation of believers we are working with would grow to full maturity and plant reproducing churches. Pray that the training and education that Jen provides in childbirth and breastfeeding would spread throughout North Africa improving the health and care of mothers and babies for generations to come."

### **Prayer of the Day**

As we purchase gifts for local foster children via our angel tree, please take time today to pray for those kids who are not with their biological families this holiday season. Please pray for peace to fill their hearts during a season of confusion. Please also pray for strength & renewed energy for the foster parents who serve these children so diligently.



#### **Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry**

<u>Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings</u> Ages Pre-K / K-2nd Grade / 3rd through 5th Grade Nursery Care available

Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings 6th-8th Grade - Contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

#### **Immerse Small Groups**

College Age Group - Sundays at 5:00 PM Ladies' Small Group - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Offering plates will be passed during the service.
You may also place your offering in the wall lockbox outside the church office door. To give online, visit our website at www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly.

Thanks for your faithful giving!

#### **GIVING**

Operating Fund Giving for November: \$7,008 (Amount needed monthly: \$27,734) Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$663

**Livestream Views: 133** 

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