



December 10, 2023 • 10:00 AM

Today's Message:
Faith Replaces Fear:
The Obedience of Joseph
Matthew 1:18-24
Ronald L. Auther II, Ph.D.

10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
December 10, 2023

Call to Worship

He Will Reign Forevermore

Friendship Greeting

Announcements

Offering

How Many Kings?
Special Music by Kate Kim

Praise & Petition

Communion

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Message

Faith Replaces Fear:
The Obedience of Joseph

It's Christmas

Benediction



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: THE SERIES

– Week #3: Faith Replaces Fear: The Obedience of Joseph –
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*WHAT APPEARED TO BE ONE OF JOSEPH'S _____ MOMENTS, WOULD ACTUALLY BE ONE OF HIS _____ MOMENTS.

THREE WAYS JOSEPH DID NOT RESPOND

- 1.) HE DID NOT _____.
- 2.) HE DID NOT _____.
- 3.) HE DID NOT _____.

*IF THERE WERE ONE _____ THAT WE WOULD WANT TO BE _____ OF US, IT WOULD BE THAT WE _____.

*YOU DO NOT HAVE TO _____ TO _____.

*WITHOUT A DEEP AND TRUSTING _____, JOSEPH WOULD HAVE BEEN PARALYZED BY _____.

* _____ IS PLACING _____ IN THE _____.

* _____ OPERATES IN THE _____.

Two of our youth will be baptized in the Sunday morning worship service on December 17th. If anyone else (of ANY age!) wishes to be baptized that morning, please reach out to Pastor Joshua at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

Advent Brunch

You are invited to an Advent Brunch on Sunday, **December 17th** following the 10:00 AM worship service. Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to attend. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!



Fellowship Team Meeting & Christmas Social

The Fellowship Team invites both present & interested members to join them for a meeting & Christmas social on Monday, **December 18th** at 6:30 PM. Ladies will enjoy a gift & cookie exchange as well as good companionship. *We are seeking new members to help with upcoming events!* Please speak with Cathy Thomas if you have any questions, and join us for a pleasant evening!



Capacity Announcements

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



Capacity Christmas Party - The Capacity Christmas Party will be **December 20th** from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (please note the time change for this evening). We will have a \$5 gift exchange & students are encouraged to wear their best Christmas pajamas for our annual Capacity Christmas fashion showcase!

Capacity WINTER JAM 2024 Trip - Capacity will be traveling to the Petersen Events Center the night of **January 19th** for the annual Winter Jam Concert! If a student 6th -12th grade would like to join, please reach out to Pastor Joshua as soon as possible as we are already making travel plans! Winter Jam cost is a \$15 donation at the door.



If anyone would like to express appreciation for our pastors who have stepped up & helped care so well for our church during this time of transition, there will be a card basket in the foyer until the end of the year.



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Morning Service
Sunday, **December 24th** at 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, **December 24th** at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a time of worship
to celebrate our Savior's birth!

Christmas Card Exchange

Are you planning to send Christmas cards to your friends who attend our church? If so, please feel free to save a few stamps by dropping off your cards for your church friends in the plastic boxes on the table in the foyer. Please sort your cards by the first letter of the recipients' last names and place them in the appropriate folders in the boxes.



C&MA Christmas Offering

We recently introduced the Alliance Great Commission Fund Christmas offering. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to enable new ministries to launch and established ministries to continue to do God's work in every nation. If you feel led to make a donation, please designate your offering envelopes or online contributions to the Great Commission Fund and return to the church by **December 31st**.

Mark your calendars for the Alliance 40 Days of Prayer initiative, starting January 1st! The theme this year is **NOW**. If you would like to receive the weekly emails, please register at: 40days.cmalliance.org. Each week, those subscribed to the list will receive an email containing a video summarizing the week's prayer focus, an attachment with the daily devotionals for adults, daily devotionals for youth (via Instagram), and weekly devotionals for children. *More info coming soon!*



New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are now available in the foyer. If you do not see a set prepared for you and you would like one, please contact Andrea in the church office.

Candidating Sunday with Pastor Marc Trujillo

On Sunday, **January 7th** Pastor Marc Trujillo will be joining us for a candidating Sunday. After the morning worship service, we will have a fellowship meal which will be followed by Pastor Marc and his wife Kim sharing their testimonies and his philosophy of ministry, as well as a Q&A time. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time of fellowship! *Sign-ups for the meal will be coming soon.*



Men's Small Group

Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance this Saturday, **January 13th**. 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.

Capital Campaign Launch

We are launching a capital campaign for a needed upcoming purchase of a new church van.

We have ordered a van for approximately \$65,000, which will take at least one year to arrive from the manufacturer.

As we wait, we need to begin collecting funds for this expense. The dealership has agreed that if we do not have the needed funds when the van arrives, we do not have to take it; however, we want to avoid this as we would likely then have to go back on the waitlist for ordering a vehicle. **To contribute to this fund, please mark your offering envelopes or online donation "Van."**

We thank you for your support!



2024 Bible Reading Plans

If you'd like to read through the Bible in 2024, please check out these resources. On the welcome table in the foyer, you will find two versions of plans for reading through the Bible in a year...one that is cover-to-cover and one that includes daily readings from both the Old and New Testaments.

We also encourage you to check out The Bible App on your smartphone. This app allows you to select a Bible reading plan & will track your progress. The app also allows you to invite friends to join you in following the same reading plan. *If you're an auditory learner*, visit www.faithcomesbyhearing.com for audio recordings of the Bible to listen to at home or while on the road.

Financial Summary - November 2023

Operating Fund

November Income:	\$20,362	(budget: \$27,737)
November Expenses:	\$14,875	(budget: \$26,048)
Monthly Gain/Loss:	\$5,487	

Transfer to Building Fund for Flooring Project: \$12,000

Year-to-Date Income:	\$251,580	(budget: \$305,101)
Year-to-Date Expenses:	\$217,263	(budget: \$307,553)
Year-to-Date Net Gain/Loss:	\$34,316	

Great Commission Income

Total Goal for 2023: \$30,000

November Income:	\$1,683	(goal: \$2,500)
2023 Income:	\$20,325	(goal: \$30,000)

A more detailed finance summary is posted on our church bulletin board.

Immerse Small Groups

College Age Group - Sundays at 5:00 PM

Ladies' Small Group - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

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

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Ages 3 years old - 5th Grade



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

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our Alliance worker of the week, David, who serves in the Middle East. **"Vision:** To serve this Community, my desire is to first serve as Christ did; by this, the Holy Spirit will lead my steps. As in Acts, 'the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved,' and real healing will be found after this. **Current Priorities:** I will be spending the first two years in Language and Culture. After this, I will be working on starting men's programs to help the men feel our Lord's love pass through them into their families and community. **Prayer Requests:** Pray for the team that I am joining, that the Lord keeps them deep within his love. Pray for the Y people that God will open their hearts to him and that they will feel God's love for them."

Prayer of the Day

We just completed our 2023 Thanksgiving offering for the Fayette County Community Action Food Bank. Please pray for this local non-profit this holiday season, for good spirits for their workers and for their services to touch the lives of many in our community.



Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
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.



Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM

Please ask the church office for Teresa's number for the meeting details.

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 December: \$7,248

(Amount needed monthly: \$27,734)

Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$430

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Worship Service: 170

Livestream Views: 195

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