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Families following Christ

November-December 2025 Newsletter

A Letter from the Pastor...

Christmas Time's A-Comin'!

As we turn the calendar to November, we are fast approaching the Thanksgiving holiday followed by the end of the church year. We then begin the new church year with the season of Advent on November 30. Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the Advent (coming or arrival) of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ and His birth in Bethlehem. Advent looks forward to both Jesus's first coming (his birth) and his second coming in the future. It prepares our hearts for both. During this season of Advent, similar to our secular world preparing for Christmas by shopping, baking, wrapping, and partying, the church prepares for the celebration of Christ's first arrival and looking forward to His second coming by a time of prayer and fasting, spiritual and penitential preparation.

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It is a time marked by lighting candles pointing to hope, love, joy, and peace on an Advent wreath, special church services, devotional readings, and reflection.

The season of Advent is followed by Christmas, the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, as foretold by the prophets of old. Christmas is more than just a day, it too is a season, 12 days to be exact.

Yes, Christ and Christmas time's is A-Comin' and we will celebrate with the giving of gifts as we remember the greatest gift ever given to us:

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

For this we sing praise to God just as the angels sang on that first Christmas night and as we still sing in the church to this day:

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Pastor Randy Sakach



Zechariah 9:9

*Behold,
your king is
coming to
you;
righteous
and having
salvation.*

Longtime Members

Christian and Helga Chovenec

Helga and Christian first attended POP in April of 2004. They live in Cedar Hill and have an interesting history.

They both were born in Germany and raised in the Lutheran faith. Christian immigrated to the United States with his family at the age of 14. His family moved to Bloomington, IL and Christian started school speaking only German. Following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and served for 20 years before retiring. During his 20 years of service, he deployed to Viet Nam and several times to Germany.

He met Helga in Germany, where they were married, and their first two children Britta and Christiana were born there. Britta and Christiana became US citizens as adults. Their third child John was born in California and at that time, Christian became a US citizen.

Helga raised their children as an Army wife, learning English and moving with her family during their many deployments. She is well known for cooking delicious German dishes.

Beside their three adult children, they have five grandchildren and one great grandson. They just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last week.

We are blessed to have the Chovenec family as members of POP!

*The Chovenec Family
Christian and Helga*



Birthdays this Month

November 1

- Makenzy Thomas
- Tiffiny Plant

November 4

- Gretchen McGuire
- Danny Childers

November 9

- Scarlett Brown

November 21

- Kate Conner

November 26

- Sally Buck

November 29

- Cherie McGuire
- Amanda White



Anniversaries

November 2

- Larry and Vanessa Oochs

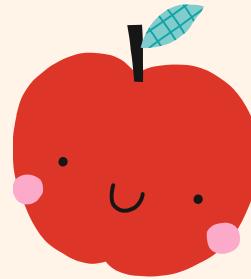
A calendar is displayed in front of the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to add your special day there or text it to Tiffiny at 512.998.9430



Youth Ministries

New Elementary Teacher

A warm welcome and heartfelt thanks to Rene Blomberg, who is volunteering to teach our elementary Sunday School class! She begins November 2nd, teaching every other Sunday. We're blessed by your generous spirit!



Did you know?
Our Pastor shares personal church updates and some upcoming events through an email list.

rmsak@comcast.net

Gathered by Grace

Join us every 3rd Thursday 6-8 to spend time learning more about God and what it looks like to follow Him daily. We will talk, have fun, play games and eat. This is open to all middle and high school kids.



This month, it will be hosted at the **Rivergate Skate Center in Madison, Tn November 20 from 6-9pm.**

We would love to see you there! Reach out to Sarah at (615) 429-9908 for any questions.



Our Deacon, Bob Allen, emails a daily Bible verse and prayer for our church family.

rjallen@prodigy.net



Send an email and you'll be added to the list!

Adult Classes



Sunday School

Gather with us in the Sanctuary following Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings for a group devotional study.

*Romans
13:11*



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

All are welcome to attend our Wednesday Bible Studies at 6:30pm hosted here at church.

*Salvation
is nearer
to us now
than when
we first
believed.*

POP News

Directory



There is a clipboard in the hallway with last year's directory listed alphabetically by last name. Please update any changes to your information, or if you're not listed yet, add your name, phone number, and address in a blank space. This helps our congregation stay connected—and it's just in time for Christmas cards!



Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are still available to fold and fill!

November 9th - Deadline for loose items (school supplies, toys, etc.)

November 16th - Deadline for completed boxes and shipping donations

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed—our tower of boxes is growing!



**Did you
know?**



Potluck Thanksgiving Meal

**Sunday November 23
after Sunday Service**

There is a sign-up sheet in front of the white mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall for what you plan to bring. It ranges from turkey to side dishes. Forgot? Don't let that stop you from coming - there is always plenty to share.



Decorate Church for Christmas

**Saturday November
29
time TBA**

All are welcome to come help pack away the fall decorations and decorate the church for Christmas time! This will involve some light cleaning, changing tablecloths and center pieces, the Christmas tree, and wreaths.

We appreciate any extra hands!



Our church
has 2
facebook
pages!

[click here!](#)

One for
updates
from Pastor
Randy

And

One for
members to
share
updates,
photos, and
good times!



[click here!](#)

Christmas Bingo!

**Saturday December 13
time TBA**



Join us for a fun White Elephant + Bingo night! Each bingo win lets you pick a wrapped prize or steal an opened one. Snacks and drinks provided—bring the whole family and a small wrapped gift (under \$10).

Fellowship Opportunities



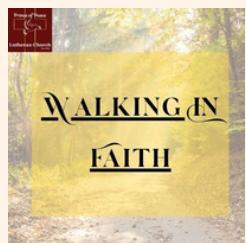
Are you interested in knitting or crocheting? Whether you're a seasoned pro or just beginning, we warmly invite you to join us **every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at church.**

Come enjoy a delightful time of fellowship with other women of faith. For more information, feel free to reach out to Vicki Mowatt at 425.238.1774.



This **Tuesday November 4th at 1:30pm at church** we will be boxing the donated food items to deliver to the White House food bank. This will greatly help our community, especially those affected from the government shutdown.

If you have an idea for a future get-together, please call or text Peggy Morgan (931.624.3312) or Vanessa Ochs (785.248.3851).



The cold and dark season will not stop our walks! They will now be held at the **White House Recreation Center on Wednesdays at 10:30am and Thursdays at 5:30 pm.**

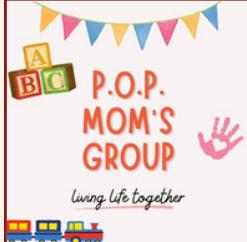
There is a fee to walk there during those times. Please visit the website below for their rates and address.

[Click here for their website!](#)

Vanessa Ochs (785.248.3851) can answer any questions. Hope to see you there!

**Romans
15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope.



Motherhood wasn't meant to be done alone. Come join other Moms of every stage for playdates and beyond! We **meet 1 or 2 times a month, typically on Saturdays.**

The gatherings will be posted to the church member's Facebook page and a group text. Feel free to bring along the whole family and friends! Contact Nicole Goolsby (618.367.0965) or Tiffiny Plant (512.998.9430)

**Want to
Create a
Group?**

Prince of Peace is YOUR church and welcomes fellowship opportunities among our Church family outside of Sunday morning.

Community Outreach

White House Nursing Home

2871 US-31W, White House, TN 37188

[Click here for Directions!](#)

Tuesday Ministry

Every Tuesday from 10:30-11am, Bob Allen leads a Bible study session at the nursing home, welcoming everyone to participate - children are especially adored!

Bring your ideas to Pastor Randy, Liz, or Bob Allen.



There will be another fingernail painting party in November and December. Date and time TBA (to be announced)
All are welcomed to attend.

As always, all supplies are provided. For any more info/questions, contact Tiffiny Plant or Bob Allen.





White House Christmas Parade

Join us in serving the White House community at the Christmas Parade on **December 6th at 3pm!**

POP will be offering free hot chocolate and cookies along the parade route. We need volunteers to help serve our neighbors. Families are welcome to participate in serving (and consuming!) and then enjoy watching the parade together. It's a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's love to our community during this joyful season!

The booth will be set up in the same spot as previous years, across from TN flea mall.

[Click here for Directions!](#)



2026

Mission trip to Tanzania

We're planning a mission trip to Tanzania for May 2026! Bishop Yohana Nzelu has suggested May 18-24th (travel May 14th, optional safari May 26-27th), but we're open to alternative dates due to graduation conflicts. We'll serve in the remote villages of Mwamadulu and Mihama, focusing on church planting and visiting ministry sites including the Buhangji Albino Center.

Interested? Email or call me with your preferred dates.

Bob Allen
270-535-7370
rjallen@prodigy.net

[Click here for more info!](#)

Bob and Susie Allen will host Pastor Frank Mdindi from Tanzania at their home the last two weeks in November. They will host an open house for church members to meet him.

Date and time TBA

December Birthdays

December 5

- Randy Sakach

December 15

- David Brown

December 16

- Bryan McGuire

December 23

- Evelyn Barrett

December 24

- Michelle Brown

December 26

- Hal Hartwig



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POP Outreach 2025

What a blessing this year has been! From the Strawberry Festival to the Lenten clothing drive, to the Springfield chili event, our congregation has generously given time and talents to serve our community.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts—without you, none of this would be possible.

We can't wait to see what God does through us in the year ahead!



December Anniversaries

December 12

- Frank and Nana Bullard

December 31

- Todd and Liz Rohl



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T-Shirts

The T-shirt order is submitted and will be ready for pickup in 2 weeks. If you have not yet paid, please bring cash or check (made to Vanessa Oochs) in the next couple weeks to Tiffiny Plant or Vanessa Oochs. This will expedite you receiving your shirt.
Thank you for your patience!



P.S.

Church Website

POP's website had a makeover! Feel free to click around and familiarize yourself. You can even share it on Facebook! More features are being planned to make it a great resource for our congregation.

Having an issue or idea? Tell it to Tiffiny Plant or Kelly Romines.



Click me!

Vote!

If you live in Robertson County, there is an election Tuesday December 2nd. Early voting begins Wednesday, November 12th through Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

Please visit [this website](#) for more details.

Look up your county of residence to see if there is an election coming up!



Matthew

1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

