



VICTORY FELLOWSHIP

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YEAR OF JUBILEE

MOVING FORWARD IN OUR 8TH YEAR

As we move forward into our 8th year, Pastor Brad presented to us that this is the year of Jubilee. Our church family should be excited and praying for what God has instore for us in the coming year.

Looking back over 2021, there have been many obstacles that have presented themselves but as a church family, we have been victorious. God has a perfect plan and Victory Fellowship must trust the leading of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the plan of God for our church.

Join in prayer as we look towards the next few months and see the harvest brought in because of faithfulness to God and His leading. Seek ways that you can be involved. Remember, serving God requires participation not just spectating. Let's jump in with both feet Victory! Emporia/Greenville belongs to God.



DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COOKIES

Each Wednesday night there is an awesome class that happens! Discipleship Class is held on Wednesday's at 7pm and everyone is invited to attend.

We are currently studying Power in the Name of Jesus.

Come and join us each Wednesday for a time of learning and growing together.

On Wednesday, December 8th we signed Christmas Cards to send out from the Church to those in our community and we also brought our favorite Christmas cookies to enjoy.

There will be NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASS on Wednesday, December 22nd and Wednesday, December 29th. Wednesday nights will resume on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DEBRA CARROLL

PEGGY DAVIS

NOVEMBER GENERAL TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\$5,549

OTHER DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR NOV 21

SHOEBOX MINISTRY - \$868.00

TREASURE CHEST - \$340.00

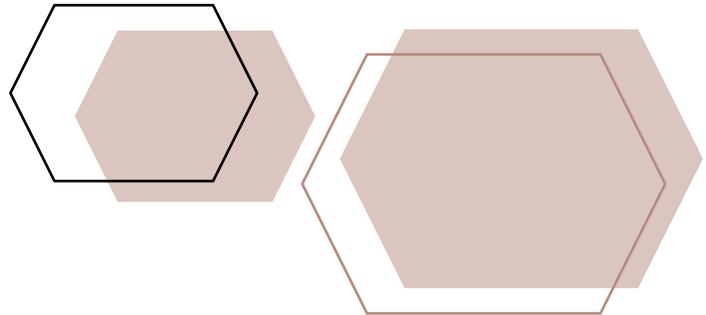
SUNDAY SCHOOL - \$27.00

MISSIONS - \$220.00

BUILDING FUND - \$100.00

OTHER - \$710.41

TOTAL GIVING - \$7,814.41



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candlelight and Communion Service. Friday, December 24, 2021, at 7pm will be our Annual Christmas Eve Service. Please make plans to attend.

Youth Leaders. Please be in prayer as we seek Youth Leaders to help grow and nurture our Youth Department. We cannot neglect the ministry to our children and youth.

Treasure Chest. Thank you to everyone who has given towards this effort to retire our church debt. As of November 2021, the balance on our Mortgage is **\$33,802**. Please consider giving in the Treasure Chest offering as we seek to retire this debt.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

A TIME IN THE WORD WITH MRS. SHANNON

The students involved in Children's Church will be participating in the Christmas Eve Service. They are working each week to memorize scripture in order to tell the birth of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to Logan and Gabriel Barbour for having PERFECT ATTENDANCE for the month of November! Attendance in Children's Church is so important for growth in the Word and Spiritual development.

Children's Church will begin their Winter Quarter and they will be studying the following over the next three months: Unit 1: Christmas, Unit 2: God's Word, Unit 3: God Loves Everyone.

Ms. Shannon wishes to express here sincere gratitude for each parent allowing her to be a small part in the Spiritual development of each child at Victory Fellowship. If your student is not attending, we encourage you to help your student become an active participant. We look forward to all the good things that will come from our Sunday School department and Children's Church.



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2021

December 5th, (Pam Barbour)

December 12th, (Debbie Jones)

December 21st, (Jenny Fuller)

December 28th, (Joanna Torres)

ADVENT SERMON SERIES DECEMBER 2021



Week 1: Simeon: HOPE

Week 2: Shepherds: PEACE

Week 3: Zechariah: JOY

Week 4: Mary: LOVE

Christmas Eve: Christ Birth



SHOEBOX MINISTRY AND VFC MISSIONS

MISSIONS COORDINATOR PAM BARBOUR, PREPARING FOR 2022

We are preparing to enter into our 5th year of Operation Christmas Child (The Shoebox Ministry). Each year this program brings our church family so much joy as we work together to be a part of global missions through Samaritan's Purse. Throughout the year Victory Fellowship members and friends look for special items to include in the Shoeboxes that will both, bring joy to a child and be something practical they can use on a daily basis. However, the most important gift, is the family receiving the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

In 2021, VFC was able to send 166 boxes. Some boxes were filled by individuals and families, other boxes were filled by the items that were collected over the course of a year. With your generous financial support, VFC was able to pay the shipping cost of \$9.00 per box for each box. The shipping cost totaled \$1,404. Awesome job, VFC!!

Beginning in January of 2022, VFC will start the process again to prepare to send Shoeboxes across the globe. Our focus for January is to collect items to fill a pencil pack for each shoebox. Our goal is to prepare 150 pencil packs. VFC will purchase the pencil packs with funds already established in the Shoebox ministry fund. However, if you would like to assist with the purchase of a case of pencil pouches they are \$18.00 per case and we will need 5 cases.



As a mission's outreach for 2022, VFC would like to collect items to make 10 laundry baskets to give out randomly at the local laundry mats to those in need. Ideally, these baskets will be given out during the Easter season. Therefore, for January we are collect fabric softener (either sheets or liquid) and stain remover (either spray bottles or stain sticks). If you have any questions about this missions project, please see Pam Barbour.

VICTORY FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP TEAM

FROM OUR WORSHIP LEADER, HOLLY BARBOUR

“Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time,”
1 Peter 5:6 AMP

As a team, we hold in our hearts and strive to surrender ourselves and be willing vessels that the Holy Spirit uses to reach the congregation and bring everyone closer to the heart of God. Each of us is learning what it means and feels like to be led by the Spirit and finding our voice in that. When we lead on Sunday mornings, we come before God and the congregation as selfless as we can to bring everyone closer to the heart of God. We want that time of worship to be meaningful and not “just another thing” we do on Sundays, and we are humble when we are in that time. That is evermore true as we enter this Christmas season and into the New Year.



Into the coming year, we will be working on new songs- **Have My Heart by Maverick City Music**, **Make Room by Kim Walker-Smith**, and **Lord, I Need You by Matt Redman** to name a few. We feel these songs encapsulate the desire to surrender our hearts, make room there, and be humble enough to cry out to God in times where we need him. The most recent song we are working on, *Have My Heart*, is a song that asks God to examine our heart. It's a song that tells how God's heart is for our heart and that we want him in every part of our hearts. It's also a song about surrendering our hearts to Him. We have experienced the power of what surrendering can do, and it brings us so much excitement to see how much more we can learn as we grow and go into this new year. It's a goal of ours as we enter this new year to have that renewed and refreshed mindset to be more diligent in surrendering our hearts to God- in worship and in our everyday. We hope these new songs can reflect that and be an encouragement to our church family as we continue to lead them in song.

CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE



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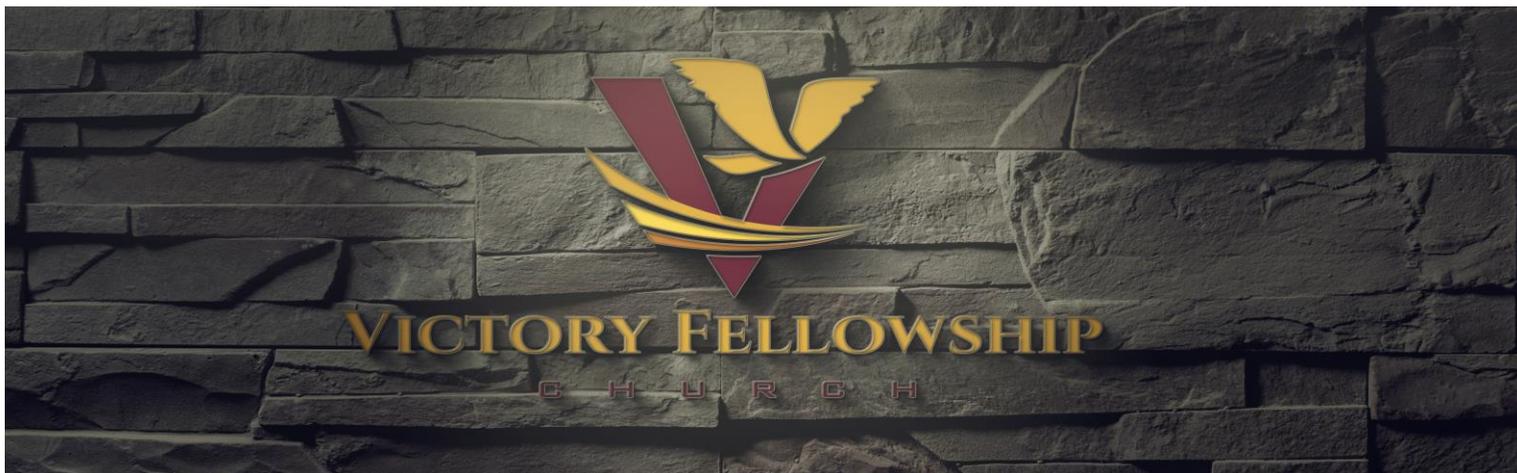
PRAYER LIST

AS OF DECEMBER 2021

To add someone to the prayer list, please fill out a card or visit www.vfemporia.org and fill out the prayer request at the bottom of the home page.

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| Pastor Brad and Amber | Lee and Anita Shelburne |
| Butch and Diane Ligon | Megan Moore |
| Maria Ferguson | Loredo Family |
| Barbara Nelson (recovery from Surgery) | US military and families |
| Rich Weidner | COVID-19 Recovery Efforts |
| Linda Morgan and Mason Delbridge | OCC (Shoebox Ministry) |
| First Responders | |
| Law Enforcement Officers | |
| Wayne Mullis | |
| Torres Family | |
| Crystal Hodges | |
| Gary Mullis | |

December						2021
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 City of Emporia Christmas Parade. 4pm
5	6	7	8 Discipleship Dinner 6pm and Class 7pm	9 Worship Team Practice 6:30pm	10	11
12 Board Meeting 5pm	13	14	15 Discipleship Dinner 6pm and Class 7pm	16 Worship Team Practice 6:30pm	17	18 Town of Jarratt Christmas Parade. 2pm
19	20	21	22 No Discipleship Dinner or Class!	23 Worship Team Practice 6:30pm	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm	25 
26	27	28	29 No Discipleship Dinner or Class!	30 Worship Team Practice 6:30pm	31	



LEADERSHIP TEAM

CONTACT US!

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Trustees

Bryan Barbour, Tim Barbour, L. Butch Ligon

Vistor/Member Information

(Please detach and return this portion. You may place in the offering plate)

Name: _____ First time to VF: __yes __no Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ OK to receive text messages? __yes __no

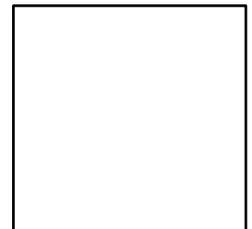
May we contact you with our automated calling system for important announcements and updates?
__yes __no (Contact may be by phone, text or email)

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