

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY 14, 2024



JANUARY 14, 2024 | THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

OPENING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (#411)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Gloria in Excelsis" (PAGE #170)

ANTHEM "Come and See the Child" ~ Sanctuary Choir ~ (11:00 AM) **READINGS** Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" (#533)

SERMON "O Lord, you have searched me and known me!" ~ Pastor Scott Goltl

CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" (#917)

ALTAR FLOWERS: Happy 58th Wedding Anniversary ~ Jim & Kathy Germolus ~

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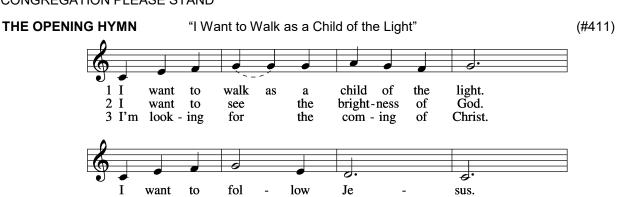
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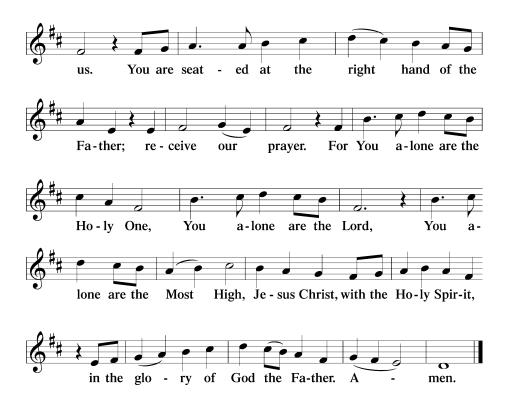
- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND





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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

"Come and See the Child"

~ Sanctuary Choir ~ (11:00 AM)

†THE SERVICE OF THE WORD†

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

13 For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me,

when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
 Try me and know my thoughts!
 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30 & 11:00 AM)



THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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The Gospel
Bearing fruit and Growing

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



CONGREGATION PLEASE SIT

THE SERMON

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me!"

Pastor Scott Goltl

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATION PLEASE SIT

THE OFFERING

To give, text "GIVE (and the \$ amount)" to 833-429-8050.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and Praise bulletins are located on the welcome table in the mix area.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

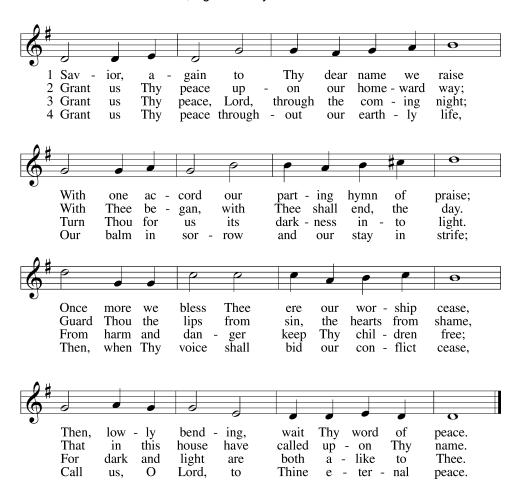
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you.
And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.



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OPPORTUNITES TO GET INVOLVED



Now is the time to join our Sanctuary Choir, We practice on Wednesday evenings each week. If you would like more information contact: Susie Will 316.259.7392





Registration is now open for the February - April Around the Table Fellowship meals. Around the Table is a small group fellowship designed for church members to become better acquainted. Groups are comprised of approximately 3-6 households who meet once a month for three gatherings at a group member's home or a restaurant. The group may also choose to have dessert or appetizers together rather than a full meal. Use the QR code provided to sign up.



You are invited to the VBS Planning Summit. Please join Pastor Scott on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00am in the Tyler Campus Library for a creative planning session that will bless the VBS kids this coming summer. See you there!

OPPORTUNITES TO SERVE

The Lords Diner serves over one thousand meals a day 365 days a year at its three locations and food trucks. Ascension has a small group of volunteers that has served on the 2nd Sat of the month for many years at the South Broadway location. Since Covid they have used foam containers in a mostly takeout style. In Feb they are going back to serving dishes/silverware, so it takes a few more people. Mostly light work, serving food, busing tables, refilling drinks, sweeping/cleaning. We get there around 5:15 and usually out by 7:45 or so. No food handlers' card or experience required. Not required to be there every month, we know sometimes things come up. If you are interested or have questions reach out me. Dave Obermueller da_ober@yahoo.com 316-619-9464



The Elizabeth Circle will have their regular meeting at 7 PM on Thursday, January 18 in the hospitality room. All women are invited to attend and start the new year. Any questions, contact Carmen at 316-719-6499.

Peace by Piece Quilters are looking forward to a great 2024. Last year, 2023, we completed 139 quilts and 22 baby sized quilts. We donate to Orphan Grain Train, Embrace and Linus organization. We are so blessed as our membership has grown which aids us in completing more quilts. We want to thank you for all the support we receive from Ascension members. We do welcome donations of cotton fabric and large bed sheets (in good condition). We meet each Wednesday morning in the quilt room and several also meet after dinner on Wednesday evenings. Stop by for a visit or stay awhile to help us quilt. If you can tie a knot you can help us quilt.

TYLER CAMPUS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study with Tim Shook at 9:45 AM in rooms 15-16. "Chronological Walk Through the New Testament".



Bible Study with Leland McKinley at 9:45 AM in rooms 17-18.

Join Leland McKinley on a discussion of the <u>Heart of God</u>. What thoughts come to mind when you think of God? Do you wonder what he's like, what he thinks about you, or what he wants for you? The good news is that we don't have to go far to find answers. God tells us all we need to know about who he is and what he's like—about his heart—and why that matters for our lives. In this six-session series, author Francis Chan takes students on a journey of discovery to the heart of God. Students will walk away knowing God better and loving him more.

Bible Study with Mike Freed at 9:45 AM in the hospitality room. We will study the book of Mark. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten: Linda Freed: Room 6

Grade School: Jo Hoggatt & Trinity Soderstrom: Library Jr. & Sr. High: Hannah Hornung in the Sr. High Room

MAPLE CAMPUS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study with Kevin Gruetter at 9:00 AM in the commons. "Heart of God" by Francis Chan.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will begin at 10:15 AM at our Commons building. Children will be dismissed during church service. They will return before communion.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

Pre-Kindergarten: Ann Heil in room 3

Grade School: Sarah Gruetter in school age room

Jr. & Sr. High: Jake Holle in the commons

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Study for Women, A study of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin. Daytime class is on Thursdays from 9-10:30 AM. Evening class is on Mondays from 7-8:30 PM. Both classes will be at our Tyler Campus in the Library.

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Mike at our Maple Campus at 6 AM each Thursday morning in the Commons Building.

CELEBRATIONS

JANUARY

Donald Griggs	14-Jan
Gregory Heuer	14-Jan
Jennie Kutschka	14-Jan
Mandi Popp	15-Jan
Dylan Jahnke	15-Jan
Harvey Kutschka	17-Jan
Deana Nelson	17-Jan
Josh Thomas	17-Jan
Michelle Anderson	18-Jan
Sheila Rumsey	18-Jan
Jason Long	18-Jan
Stephanie Casey	18-Jan
Annaly Rodriguez	18-Jan
Brenda Banta	19-Jan
Alan Gaul	19-Jan
Paul Peckman	19-Jan
Jeff Zinn	19-Jan
Lewis Heil	19-Jan
Charlotte Mandalek	20-Jan
Michelle Titterington	20-Jan
Tyler Winter	20-Jan
SamuelShook	20-Jan
Emily Frakes	20-Jan
Callie Medlin	20-Jan
Noah Hughes	20-Jan
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NEW MEMBER CLASS: Want to know more about what we believe at Ascension? Have you been wanting to join Ascension? Join us for a New Member class starting on Saturday, January 20th. The class will be on Saturdays from 4:15 - 5 pm at our Maple Campus (12885 W Maple) in the Commons and will run for 5 weeks. Contact Pastor Scott or the church office 316-722-4694, if you would like more information.



JOIN US FOR COMMON GROUND

<u>Please make sure you sign up for the mealtimes each week.</u> We would like to know how many will be coming for dinner. Meals will be \$5 per person. Please sign up before Monday evening each week. We will have a Paypal code and a basket for you to pay for your meals each week. Use the QR code or the signup genius link to sign up for your meals.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A48AEAE2BA2F85-common3

Wednesday, January 17

Menu: Crispy Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Macaroni and Cheese, Fruit, Yummy Desserts and Drinks.

Dinner served from 5-6 PM, Fun Room 6:00-6:30 PM in rooms 15-16, Bible Studies, Adult Bible Studies, Higher Ground & Confirmation classes from 6:30-7:30 PM.

See maps for room locations.

Please join us each Wednesday for Food, Fun, Fellowship and Faith.



FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES NEWS

Our front parking lot is finished! Because of your support, we were able to replace our parking lot that was in desperate need of repair. A huge thank you for your donations. God is good!

T.O.T. (formerly Theology on Tap): Sunday, Jan. 21st 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Old School Tap House in Kechi, 210 Kechi Rd. Pastor Scott Goltl from Ascension Wichita will lead.

Chicken N Pickle Give Back Night: Tuesday, Feb. 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 10% of all food and drink purchases will be donated to Fairmount!



Ascension Preschool is now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are interested in enrolling your child for the fall of 2024, contact the church office (316-722-4694) or Kendra Herbig @ preschool@ascension-lcms.org

THE WAY OF LOVE

A Simple Explanation of the 10 Commandments.

Starting Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Services 6:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Sermon Series Beginning Feb. 14



Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 7 PM at our Tyler Campus in the Sanctuary. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM at our Tyler Campus in the Sanctuary. Lent Services at 6 PM on February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13 and March 20.





GRADES (3rd—12th)

NEW GROUND: (3rd, 4th & 5th graders): Friday, January 26th, 6-8 PM Location TBD. Bring your friends, Dinner will be served.

MIDDLE GROUND: (6th, 7th, & 8th graders):

No Middle Ground in February as we will attend Youth Quake at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

HIGHER GROUND: (9-12th graders): We meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM. If you have a service project for us, please contact Cyndy Bressler, we will be serving once a month and would love to help you. Cyndy 316-734-1437.

If you have a project we would love to help you with it. Let Cyndy know how we can serve you:)

Check out the Church Calendar for what is happening next week:)

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEEK:)



NOMINATE A PASTOR FOR ASCENSION

If you would like to suggest names of pastors to be considered for our Call List, please contact the church office for the form. When it is completed return the form to the church office or place it in the offering plate. It will be forwarded to the District President. Please include your name at the bottom of the form; otherwise it will not be recognized as valid.) We will be collecting names from now until January 28th.

A Minute with Matthew

January 9, 2024

Dear Ascension,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Amy and I had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of our Savior with both of our families since this is likely the last year we will be free on Christmas. The end of the fall semester ended well for my seminary class and Amy's first grade class. We all welcomed a much-needed break. Now that Christmas is passed, I have only one semester left before I get to serve as pastor. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

One thing that I will miss about seminary are the friends I have made here. Despite the immense number of papers and projects that were required before anyone was allowed to get into the Christmas spirit, my classmates and I bonded over our homework as we spent many hours in the library until every assignment was complete. Now, Amy's school has resumed, and I am taking a winter course before the Spring semester begins at the end of January. It is a class on teaching effectively. It has only been a few days and it is easily one of the best classes I have taken at seminary. I hope that what I learn will be beneficial to those I teach in the future.

During the winter break Amy and I were able to visit both of our families. We spent Christmas in Texas with Amy's family. I do not know how you feel about Texas, but we were able to wear shorts in December! It was great to see some of Amy's family who we had not seen since before vicarage. A few days after Christmas, we drove up to Kansas to see my family for New Years. We received and played many board games in both states. It was a blessing to spend time with our families and we are praying that our first Call is not too far away.

In this new year Amy and I are looking forward to serving God wherever He calls us too. Please pray for us and our future congregation to be faithful and joyful in all things. April 23rd is coming fast! Thank you again for your generous support.

In Christ,

Matthew Goltl



No, I didn't trade Amy for a Llama. This is Immanuel's live Nativity.

THANK YOU! Thank you so much for the wonderful cards and the goodies at Christmas time. We are so blessed and thankful for all of you. It really was very touching.

Thank you, Karen Crews & Nathan Shepherd

PASSAGEWAY'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS

\$10 to \$15 Gift Cards	Men's Winter Coats (prefer new - Large to XXI)
Couches (3 Cushion)	Pillows
Recliners	Dressers
Nighstands	Paper Products

This is a partial list of items we need when a previously homeless veteran moves into a place of their own. Veterans who access services through the Outreach Center are given household supplies and furniture *free* of charge. Please visit our website for a complete listing and dropoff locations.



Scan QR Code or Visit www.passagewaysltd.org/helpfulitems

Items we DON'T Need

At the Moment

Plastic containers	Pots and Pans	Dinnerware
Throws	Coffee Mugs	Silverware
Toasters	Sponges	Coffee Makers
4-5	Toilet Bowl Brushes	

The above items are items that are overflowing on our shelves. We are simply out of room for any more.

Passagewaysltd.org

Sunday 1-14	8:30 AM Worship Service ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary 9:00 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (MC) ~ Meets in the Commons Building 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Tim Shook Rooms 15-16 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Leland McKinley Rooms 17-18 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Mike Freed Hospitality Room 9:45 AM Children's Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Start out in the Library together 10:00 AM Worship Service ~ (MC) ~ Sanctuary 10:15 AM Children's Church ~ (MC) ~ Meets in the Commons Building 11:00 AM Worship Service ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary *** Tyler Campus (TC), Maple Campus (MC), Off Campus (OC) ***
Monday 1-15	 Ascension Pre-School Monday—Friday ~ 9:30 AM Tops ~ (TC) ~ Rooms 15, 16 & 17 6:00 PM Tyler Commission of Worship ~ (TC) ~ Room 31 6:00 PM Lions Club Meeting ~ (TC) ~ 6:30 PM Girl Scouts ~ (TC) ~ Room 20 7:00 PM Monday Night Scouts ~ (TC) ~ PAC 7:00 PM Monday Night Women's Bible Study ~ (TC) ~ Library
Tuesday 1-16	9:30 AM Tops ~ (TC) ~ Rooms 15, 16 & 17 1:00 PM Visitation ~ (TC) ~ Kitchen and PAC 6:30 PM Girl Scouts ~ (TC) ~ Room 22 7:00 PM Girl Scouts ~ (TC) ~ Room 29
Wednesday 1-17	9:00 AM Peace by Piece ~ (TC) ~ Quilters Room 1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ (TC) ~ Hospitality Room 5:00 PM Common Ground Fellowship Meal ~ (TC) ~ PAC 5:45 PM Fun Room ~ (TC) ~ Rooms 15-16 6:00 PM Sr. High Higher Ground ~ (TC) ~ Sr. High Room 6:30 PM Adult, Youth, Confirmation Studies ~ (TC) ~ various rooms 7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary
Thursday 1-18	6:00 AM Thursday Men's Bible Study ~ (MC) ~ Commons Building 9:00 AM Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study ~(TC) ~ Library 6:00 PM Alleluia Bells Practice ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training Class ~ (TC) ~ Room 20
Friday 1-19	Scouts Pinewood Derby Tyler PAC
Saturday 1-20	Scouts Pinewood Derby Tyler PAC 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training Class ~ (TC) ~ Room 20 10:00 AM Caring for the Caregiver ~ (TC) ~ Library 5:30 PM Worship Service ~ (MC) ~ Sanctuary
Sunday 1-21	8:30 AM Worship Service ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary 9:00 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (MC) ~ Meets in the Commons Building 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Tim Shook Rooms 15-16 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Leland McKinley Rooms 17-18 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Mike Freed Hospitality Room 9:45 AM Children's Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Start out in the Library together 10:00 AM Worship Service ~ (MC) ~ Sanctuary 10:15 AM Children's Church ~ (MC) ~ Meets in the Commons Building 11:00 AM Worship Service ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary 12:00 PM Tyler Commission of Caring ~ (TC) ~ Hospitality Room 1:30 PM School Feasibility Study ~ (TC) Hospitality Room *** Tyler Campus (TC), Maple Campus (MC), Off Campus (OC) ***