



MESSAGE SERIES: “Things to Think About Before the Election”.

The purpose of this series is to help give you a Christian perspective, not to tell you how to vote or who to vote for.

- 27th Reformation *“Living by Faith”* based on Romans 3:19-28
We live by faith in Christ during these challenging times.
- November 3rd *“Why Are You Afraid?”* based on Mark 4:35-41
Faith helps us to put our trust in God to calm the storms in our lives

UPCOMING SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS

- Collecting “Take Out Tuesday” Visa Gift Cards for Veterans ends Nov. 3rd
- October 30th, MEAL Time Chili Cookoff, 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- November 10th, Annual Voter’s Meeting & Potluck
- November 17th, Homeless Lunches Packing
- November 20th, MEAL Time
- November 24th, Pie Sunday at Open Arms

MEAL TIME is Wednesday, October 30th. We are planning a Chili Cookoff. A signup sheet to provide chili and other needed items is at the Welcome Center. MEAL Time is a free meal for Daycare and Church families, neighbors and friends. (5:00 – 6:00 PM)

“THE STORY” study continues after the Worship Service on Sunday Mornings. They are currently studying the life and ministry of Jesus. They have a chair reserved for you.

THE BELLEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE is Saturday, December 7th. Open Arms plans to put a float in the parade again this year.

Red and White strings of small LED lights are needed for this year’s float.

A STAFF EMERGENCY FUND has been set up to help Staff Members when they are facing a financial emergency. One of our teachers has to replace a Well. Estimated cost including permits is \$15,000. You can donate online by going to the online offering page on the church website and click on Staff Emergency Fund. <https://www.openarmscenter.com/>
Donations may also be dropped off at the church office or placed in the Sunday offering baskets. Specially marked donation envelopes are available at the office. Funds raised will be used to directly pay bills or expenses. Thank you for supporting our great staff members.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -- Tuesdays, at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room. Please bring your Bible to our sessions. October 29th, "The Monster that got Away" - talks about our failures and regrets and how they seem to get bigger as time passes - just like that fish that got away.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the worship service.

YOU CAN DONATE Visa Gifts cards between now and November 3rd to give to *Veterans at the Wayne County VA* for their "Take Out Tuesday" meals. Plans are to deliver the gift cards by Veterans Day, November 11th. Suggested amount for each card is \$25.

NOVEMBER MESSAGE THEME: "What Now?" What are the next steps we should consider as Christians and as a family at Open Arms at this crossroads?

- 10th, Where Are We? God Guides Us.
- 17th, Who's on My Rope? God Unites us to Him and one another
- 24th, What's Our Next Step? God is Always with Us

FROM PASTOR LARRY. I want to apologize for the comments I made after the service on the Sunday we learned that Pastor Dan had declined the call. My comments were out of line and inappropriate. I set a bad example for everyone who heard them. Thank the Lord for His love and forgiveness. Please read the following note from Pastor Dan.

Members of Open Arms. I thank God for a wonderful conversation with Pastor Larry this past Tuesday where we talked about some misunderstandings that have occurred over the declination of my Call there. As we shared, we admitted the mistakes that we had made and fully forgave one another to the glory of God. How great is reconciliation! – "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." (Colossians 3:13) If you have any questions about this do not hesitate to contact me or else speak to Pastor Larry. – In Jesus' name. Pastor Dan Meckes

THE OPEN ARMS ANNUAL MEETING is after the worship service on Sunday, November 10th. The 2025 budget will be presented, officers will be elected, plans for Calling a Pastor and goals for the New Year will be discussed.

CHURCH POTLUCK is planned for November 10th, before the Annual Meeting. A signup sheet is posted at the welcome center. Please sign up to help provide food.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3Dck8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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Daycare Director Greta Bower	gbower@openarmscenter.com	
Open Arms Website	https://www.openarmscenter.com/	

Team Tigers Needs:

60 boxes of pancake mix

60 bottles of pancake syrup

3 wagons to help with backpack distribution at Tyler School

Here is the link to the wagons.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B087N2WJGJ/?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_plhdr=t&aaxitk=b899d80a81c00c3e6bc4b049a57a3a30&hsa_cr_id=4136991330601&qid=1727399267&sr=1-2-3c6b3b04-89d4-46ee-857c-1e2f0de6a70e&ref_=sbx_be_s_sparkle_dlc_m_asin_1_img&pd_rd_w=xhdxo&content-id=amzn1.sym.4870a952-0dfa-4beb-9d2a-7a52537f019d%3Aamzn1.sym.4870a952-0dfa-4beb-9d2a-7a52537f019d&pf_rd_p=4870a952-0dfa-4beb-9d2a-7a52537f019d&pf_rd_r=MV6FC1FT7MR9G0KZTEPT&pd_rd_wg=9Wsgx&pd_rd_r=2c6bd1ac-d249-4fd6-b5da-33a0e2aa1460

Pizza or tomato sauce (canned--no glass jars, please)

Buttermilk biscuit mix

Potatoes--instant, scalloped, au gratin, etc.

1 lb bags of rice

We have a student who is allergic to Red Dye #40 and nuts so we're looking for snacks for him.

Some ideas we had are:

Original Gardettos

Golden Oreos

Slim Jim

We are likely going to receive a regular donation from the Van Buren Community Center on the third Thursday of each month. We won't know until about 3:00 that Thursday and the food would need to be collected between 3:00 and 6:00 and then dropped off at the church. We need volunteers for this with the understanding that it would be a last minute call and pick up.

We would like to provide our Team Tigers kids with a wonderful Thanksgiving. To accomplish this, we would like set up a food drive for the following items:

1. Stove-Top Stuffing
2. Canned Cranberries
3. Canned Gravy
4. Potatoes
5. Shelf-Stable Pie Crust (such as Jiffy, etc.)
6. Pecans
7. Pumpkin Pie Mix

Homeless Ministry Needs for lunch packing November 17th:

100 slices of lunch meet

100 slices of cheese

100 sweet snacks

100 salty snacks

100 juice boxes

11 loaves of bread