

## Service Opportunities >

### **Thanksgiving Opportunities-**

This Thanksgiving season, we'll have three ways to make a difference in people's lives. If God has blessed you with a little extra, would you consider making a thankful difference in someone else's life this year?

#### ***Making a Difference in Our Church***

Every year at Mission Hills Church, we identify families in our church that we want to bless with the resources to gather their family around a Thanksgiving meal. How can you get involved? Get a grocery bag and list beginning Sunday, November 5 or find the item list on our website at Events/November 23. Fill it up and bring it back to the church lobby by November 19th. We will also use resources from the Fellowship Fund to help people with the perishable food items for Thanksgiving.

#### ***Making a Difference in Our Community***

We have two opportunities to serve our community. Our goal is to join with others in our community and serve over 800 meals at the San Marcos Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. We are committed to providing at least 30 cooked and carved turkeys. We are also hoping to have close to 100 people serve a shift on Thanksgiving Day. How can you get involved? First, there are "Turkey Kits" available today at the Connection Center. Second, you can sign-up for one of the many shifts to help. We need greeters, servers, and people to help clean-up. All shifts are over by 2:00 p.m. and families can serve together! Sign up sheets will be at the Connection Center today.

Thank you for your generosity for those in our church family and our community.

## Small Groups >

Many of us go through life believing we have to pretend to be something we are not, to perform a certain way to be accepted, and to look a certain way to fit in. Some of us have even given up hope that a community could really exist where we could lay these heavy burdens aside. We believe that Jesus himself, by his Spirit, is preparing exactly this kind of place for all those who would follow him. Our groups are smaller communities within our church where we learn and grow together in becoming exactly this kind of place; a place of honesty, acceptance and welcome in the name of Jesus.

**Sign up today online or at the Connection Center.  
Get connected with a group this Fall**

Phone: 760.759.2233  
Office Hours: M-Th: 8:30am-5pm  
[www.missionhillschurch.org](http://www.missionhillschurch.org)



## Welcome >

We are so glad that you joined us today. We realize going to a new church can be a big step. Perhaps you are just hearing about Jesus for the first time and figuring out what this church thing is all about. Perhaps you are already a follower of Jesus, but are looking for a new church home. Or, maybe you aren't quite sure why you are here today, but you know you need care and support. No matter who you are, you are welcome here! We encourage you to take a moment and fill out a Connection Card so that we can get to know you a little bit and answer any questions you may have about our church family.

In the name of Jesus,  
Pastor Jamin and Pastor Sam

## Who We Are >

### Our Calling

We are a church family called in love to share in and be shaped by Christ our hope.

### Our Commitments

#### Prayerfulness

Because God in Christ shares his life of love with us, we are committed to continuously remain in his love.

#### Wisdom

Because God in Christ shares his life of love with us, we are committed to cherish and discern the truth in love.

#### Reconciliation

Because God in Christ shares his life of love with us, we are committed to pursue relationships defined by repentance and forgiveness for the sake of love.

#### Compassion

Because God in Christ shares his life of love with us, we are committed to move toward the poor, the marginalized and the broken in love.

## Connect >

### Trunk or Treat - October 31

WE NEED 10 MORE CARS! Trunk or Treat is October 31st from 6-8 pm! Please consider being a part of this family friendly event by providing a decorated car. Sign-up at the Connection Center today. If you have signed up online through our website, please contact Lori again at [lhopkins@missionhillschurch.org](mailto:lhopkins@missionhillschurch.org).

### Baptisms- Sun., November 5, between services

Baptism is an outward demonstration of your new life in Christ and your identification with God's people. The next Baptisms are scheduled for Sunday, November 5th. Are you ready to take that next step? Please mark your Connection Card or email [baptism@missionhillschurch.org](mailto:baptism@missionhillschurch.org) if you would like to receive baptism information.

### Fall Retreat- Sun., November 5, 1-4 pm

We will be offering a 3 hour guided retreat on Sunday, November 5th to provide a special, unhurried time and space to reflect on our relationships with God and others. The time is structured to include opening instruction, silence, and a time for sharing reflections with one another. For more information or to RSVP, contact Blair Fabry at [bfabry@missionhillschurch.org](mailto:bfabry@missionhillschurch.org).

### Women of HOPE Service Projects- Sat., November 18, 9 am - 1 pm

We will be offering two different service project opportunities. The first opportunity is sewing dresses for refugees. Materials will be provided, but you need to bring your own machine. The second opportunity is making Christmas Cards for Servicemen. There will be 2 classes offered at 9 and 11 am. Materials provided. No sign ups needed. Email [women@missionhillschurch.org](mailto:women@missionhillschurch.org) for more information.

### Women of HOPE Christmas Brunch- Sat., December 2, 9-11:30 am

Come and enjoy a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season with a delicious catered brunch and be inspired by our speaker, Cindi McMenemy. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to church! Tickets are \$12 each. Ticket sales begin on November 12 at the Connection Center or purchase online at the church website [www.missionhillschurch.org/events](http://www.missionhillschurch.org/events).

### Daylight Saving Time Ends- Sun., Nov. 5

Be sure to "Fall Back" next Saturday night and enjoy the extra hour of sleep before Sunday morning services.

# Worship Service

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Sermon

Fred Sanders

## Songs of Invitation

We encourage you to begin the worship service in prayer: *"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."* Colossians 3:2 ESV

## Welcome

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."* Romans 15:7 ESV  
We greet one another, introduce ourselves to those who are new, and embrace one another as family.

## Call to Worship

*"...his delight is in the law of the Lord..."* Psalm 1:2 ESV  
Our call to worship comes from Psalm 1.

## Songs of the Family

*"...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth..."* John 4:23 ESV  
We lift our voice in song to worship God as a church family.

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-7

## Offering and Church Life

*"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce."* Proverbs 3:9 ESV  
Each week we collect financial gifts which our church family uses to help those in need and to further spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We also stay updated on what is going on in our church.

## Sending Blessing

*"Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible."* Ephesians 6:24 ESV

*For Reflection: How might this deep truth of union with Christ impact the way in which you relate to God in your daily life?*