







We will have speakers from the Impact church and a meal in our fellowship hall following our morning services. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. There will be more details to come.

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Phone: (979) 849-6391	SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER 6:00 P.M. ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY 6:30, 7:00 P.M.	

From the Preacher's Desk - Trunk or Treat

It's that time of the year again when we begin to focus on our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat. If you are new to our congregation or have not participated in the past, every year we collect a ton of candy and pass it out to the kids of our community during our annual Trunk-or-Treat. This is one of a few evangelistic opportunities that we use to connect with our community, to be lights that shine, and to show them what it means to be like Jesus. You might be wondering; how do we do all those things by just passing out candy? That's a great question! For the past two years that we have been doing this event, we've always had a "drive-thru" trunk-or -treat. Trunk-or-Treat itself is a fun night. Members of the congregation park their cars in the parking lot, decorate their trunks, and pass out candy to kids dressed in an array of costumes. My favorite part is not seeing how great and imaginative some of our members' decorations look; but the opportunities that arise for us to meet our community.

Last year we did both a drive-thru and walk-thru Trunk-or-Treat and one moment that I often think about is when a mother and her children came through the line late in the evening. She was very emotional because she had hoped to bring the kids through earlier, times were tough at work for her and her husband, and she felt like a "bad mom." I had a wonderful conversation with her about the "tough times in life" and how it's not making them go away, but how we deal with those difficult moments. She was very grateful for all that we gave to her children, and for the moment to pour out her heart on those willing to listen. While at the surface our Trunk-or-Treat is nothing more than passing out candy to kids with a sweet tooth; below the surface, it is much more than that. It's about making connections! And for that reason, I am always excited as October comes along.

I wanted to take this article to ask two things about this congregation.

First, it's time for us to start collecting candy. Every year we go through A LOT of candy, and even though we feel like it's too much, it ends up not being enough. So, if you can help pick up candy, or you'd like to donate money so it can be purchased in bulk at SAMS please see me or one of the ladies in the office. There will be a basket in the foyer to begin collecting that candy on Sunday.

Second, we need volunteers on the day of the event. Our 2023 Trunk-or-Treat will be on Saturday, October 28th from 5-7 p.m. We need at least 20 vehicles signed up, decorated, and ready to pass out all that candy collected. What we need from you is to save the date, make plans to join us, and sign up to be one of our "treat" cars. If you are worried about the decorating, we have plenty of supplies from previous years, including past VBS decorations that we can utilize, and we don't mind doing the decorating for you.

One major change that we are planning on this year is to eliminate the drive-thru option. While I know this will come with various emotions, we looked at the pros and cons and decided that a traditional "walk-thru" Trunk-or-Treat was a better option, especially considering what we hope to accomplish. While the drive-thru option in the past showed great success it was difficult to talk with community members as their cars were driving through our parking lot. It was also difficult for some members to participate since they were being asked to stand for the whole 2 hours. By moving to a more traditional walk-thru event we have given ourselves more options to meet and greet, to sit back and relax while kids and their parents' go car to car, and even offer small games and activities for the kids to play. There will be more discussion about this in the next few weeks, but we wanted to share with you a little bit, to get you excited, and your imagination flowing.

I hope you plan on joining us and helping in some way. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am excited about everything, and I hope you are too. God bless! David Olmos



Youth Devos

Sunday evenings following service.

Schedule:

Sept 24	Devo at the Griffith's
Oct 1	Devo at the Ratcliff's
Oct 8	Devo at the church: Rick & Tammy
Oct 15	Devo at the Sanford's
Oct 22	Devo at the Olmos'
Oct 29	Devo at the King's
Nov 5	Devo at the Austin's
Nov 12	Devo at the Ratcliff's
Dec 3	Devo at the Ratcliff's

Devo at the Olmos' Dec 10









Emma Fagan remains in Country Village room 612...Lily McGrath is scheduled for a procedure September 22...Frank Anderson, former member, is being placed under hospice care...Jina Cockran, sister of Karen Clary, is having kidney issues...Rachel Gardner, sister of John Trammel, continues treatments for breast cancer...Ed Johnson has been moved to rehab following open-heart surgery...David Lemmons, uncle of Mandie Faycosh, had tests last week and will begin the clinical trial today...Dustin Rains, nephew to the Clary's, is out of the hospital; he was hit by a car, has multiple breaks and is in a lot of pain.