

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

God's care is sure, but will you run to him in your time of need or look elsewhere for hope and comfort... God finds joy in bringing peace to your heart. He really is everything that you need. Why would you run anywhere else in your time of weakness or trouble? --- Paul David Tripp.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

Tripp, Paul David. New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional (p. 508). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

September Scripture: Ephesians 6:6-7

"Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free."

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 103)

Pastor: Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the Maker of our being!

People: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.

Pastor: The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and equips us to do good work.

People: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.

Pastor: Holy Love entered the world without condemnation but with grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion, redemption and restoration.

People: Hallelujah! We give thanks for the mighty deeds and the good works of our God!

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal #77

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

A LITANY OF THANKS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Pastor: You saw the need in your community. You looked in the mirror and said, "I can't do everything, but I can do something."

People: You are a blessing, and we thank God for you.

Pastor: You signed up for training. You studied countless hours; you sweated through exams and waited for the results. You showed up for drills, when you might have spent the evening or the Saturday with friends.

People: You are a blessing, and we thank God for you.

Pastor: You got the pager and the uniform. You took on the responsibility to respond when your neighbors, your friends, or even a stranger passing through needed someone to help.

People: You are a blessing, and we thank God for you.

Pastor: The pager went off during dinner; it went off during the big game; it went off when you finally fell asleep at the end of a long day. You grabbed your gear, and went to the building, to the scene. You set aside your comfort and your plans, that someone else might have life, or hope, or comfort.

People: You are a blessing, and we thank God for you.

Pastor: Then came the tough call. Too young. The long-time neighbor. The unimaginable scene. You gave your best. Then you went home, and hugged your loved ones, and prayed for those who had lost so much. You wondered if you'd done enough.

People: You are a blessing, and we thank God for you.

Pastor: We give thanks to God for you. You exemplify for us, and for the next generation, the values of courage and service and commitment. You do not seek or wish our recognition, but this morning we say THANK YOU for all you do, quietly, faithfully, each day to make our community stronger.

People: You are a blessing, and we thank God for you.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Hymnal #808

*OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 1:1-11

*NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 1:14-20

*HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Bible p.472
Bible p.990
Hymnal #374

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "What Would BE Your Response?"

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE (*Congregation, please stand if able.)

Hymnal #358

**FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP
OFFERING A PERSONAL THANKS
TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Nicole Thorp, health.
- Amos Munch, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Willis Stephens, (Jon Stephens' father), health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Penny LeMasurier, health

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Planting; Lion of Judah Academy.

DEACONS of the church are always available to meet with you, pray with you, and hear your concerns.

PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church. You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church on a telephone conference call by **Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.**

You may also make a prayer request anytime by calling the church office. Our Church Administrator will ensure the prayer request is communicated to our Pastor and Deacons. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-921-1952) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Gathered In 1744

Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION SERVICE

September 8, 2024



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Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 10am with prayer in Fellowship Hall and at 11 with a review of 1Peter: 1-3 with Julie Astbury. Wednesdays thereafter will be prayer only at 10, and Julie will return for the season Oct. 16 for Bible study every week. No Bible knowledge is necessary, and all women are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 6:30 P.M.

Back by popular request, The Fishbowl Game!

First Friday, October 4th at 6:30 pm will feature a game called Fishbowl which all ages can play. Slightly older kids will find it easier, but littler ones can help.

The winning team may get a prize (TBD), but the prize is the fellowship and fun of testing our brains and competing against our friends.

There WILL be desserts and ice cream.

Hearts & Crafts

We will be back on September 9th at 9:00am to meet in Fellowship Hall.

Sherman Church Choir

Has returned starting August 25th.



OUR CHURCH:

Pastor:	Rev. John Loring Carpenter, Interim Pastor
Ministers:	The Congregation
Minister of Music:	Carolyn Kopsick
Moderator:	Edna Coons
Chair of Deacons:	Charles Mastroni
Co-Chair of Trustees:	Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
Flowers:	Anna Galasso
Announcements:	Aimée Suhie
Prayers of the People:	Suzanne Browning
Reader:	Cindy Moschitta
Coffee Hour Host:	Edna Coons
Nursery:	Barbara H. & Edna C.
Usher:	Kristin Stephens

CALENDAR

September 8th, - September 14, 2024

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

SUNDAY:

WORSHIP SERVICES at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)
First Responders Appreciation Sunday

TUESDAY:

HEARTS & CRAFTS AT 9:00 A.M. - FELLOWSHIP HALL
CHRISTIAN ED AT 4:30 P.M. OFFICE

WEDNESDAY:

AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY:

PRAYER IN THE PARLOR at 6:45 P.M
Dial-in Number: 667-770-1484; when prompted access code 357664#.
AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall



Committee this fall will once again join in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, both with physical boxes this year and online donations. Because the committee was so small last year, we did not encourage the donation of physical boxes. But we are a robust committee this year and welcome donations which will be blessed November 3 during the worship service.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

If you opt to donate online, you may choose what items you want Samaritan's Purse to put in your shoebox or you may just ask them to choose items. You may also follow your shoebox online to its destination. If you donate online, please do so through the Sherman Church website so we can track how many boxes were filled online.

<https://sampur.se/4fMDHZH>

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.



THE SHERMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, FIRE FIGHTERS, EMT's, AND POLICE.

Eighty years ago, the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was formed by local residents. Seeking to help their neighbors be assured of prompt response to fires and eventually other emergencies, this group of dedicated individuals has spent hours learning, training, preparing for the next emergency and responding as quickly as possible. Undoubtedly, they have saved lives, homes, families, from the loss of fire, flood, accidents. We thank God for instilling in their hearts a desire to serve and save, a care and compassion for their neighbors that results in dedication and effort that benefits us all. THANK YOU!

NEXT WEEK: Robert and Nina Bruneau, a mission family The Sherman Church has supported for many years, will be joining us for worship. Bob will be preaching, sharing about their mission in regions around Columbia. A light lunch will follow worship where they will share more about their ministry.

JOIN IN 100 DAYS OF PRAYER

Starting Sept 22, we will begin an experience together what is called **100 Days of Prayer**. Background on this is in the Sept Emphasis. A further email will be coming early this week. Gatherings of triplets will be praying weekly with a prayer guide sent each week to guide the dialogue and prayer. This is for anyone, not merely church members, so if you want to know more indicate it on the Connection Card or call the office to be sure you receive information on this transformative experience and see how you can grow deeper with God and one another.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

EVERY SUNDAY
AT 10:00 AM

COME AS WE LEARN ABOUT ..



**IF THERE IS AN INTEREST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING
THE REMAINING SUMMER SUNDAYS,
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.**

A VISION FOR THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Our vision is to be known as the place to find peace and joy and experience the passion of a personal relationship with Christ.

We want everyone to feel welcomed, to have a safe and comfortable place to be, ask questions, find help, have fun, and ultimately participate in a Christian journey.

We feel God's call to make ourselves accessible by having a presence at local events—in Sherman and neighboring communities—and providing a listening and understanding ear to those who are in need, such as pre-teens and seniors.

Our church will be a beacon for Christ-led ministry that supports underserved individuals within our community.

Our congregation will identify how best to use their gifts to encourage and welcome these people. Music, prayer and hospitality are vital parts of this vision.

SEPTEMBER MISSION MOMENT

MESA WORLD MISSION

UWM IS NOW MESA GLOBAL



Did you know United World Mission has a new name?

Mesa Global - founded on the idea of bringing people together.

To align efforts in support of God's redemptive work. To foster leaders who serve like Jesus. And to shape a church that surprises the world with Jesus' love. Mesa Global believes in the local church, its leaders, and the good that can happen when we all come around the table.

The Sherman Church Missions Committee is very excited to welcome back Robert and Nina Bruneau. They serve as missionaries we support in Columbia with CCI Latin America and United World Missions . Serving in Leadership and Discipleship. They last came to visit during Covid. They have two daughters Nicole and Joanne.. Robert serves as the Executive Director for Christian Camping International. Nina serves as International Instructor developing the next generation of camp leaders in the county of service. Robert also serves as Regional Leader for Mesa Global for all of South America providing training, mentoring, coaching and spiritual formation as needed and desired

Please welcome Robert and Nina Brunneau on Sunday 9/15/24. They will speak during the Sherman Church Service and join us as special guests for an extended Coffee Hour immediately following.

For more information please visit the Mesa Global website:

<https://www.mesaglobal.co/workers/27452>



ROBERT AND NINA BRUNEAU

"We are missionaries serving in Colombia through Christian Camping International and The Regional Training Hub of MESA GLOBAL.

We are passionate to training leaders as Paul encharge to Timothy "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."
Timothy 2:2

We are focus on Pastoral and Leadership development, Spiritual Formation, ChurchPlanters, and Christian Camping."