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Time to Pack a SHOEBOX!!!

It's the power of a simple gift
Shoeboxes like this one are available in the church office. Pack yours, include the \$7 shipping fee per box, and bring it to our Shoebox Ingathering on Sunday morning, November 8.

OPERATION Christmas Child

WHAT ARE MY... Spiritual Gifts?

Did You Discover Your Gifts?

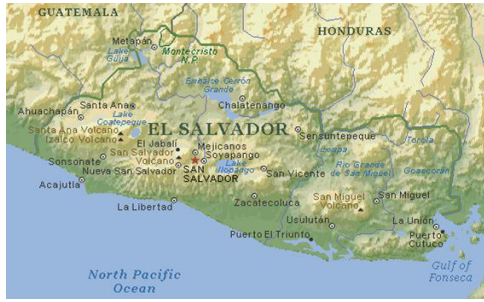
Now that you know how God has gifted you, what's next? A **CELEBRATION OF GIFTS** gathering will take place on Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will be invited to sit at a table with your friends, sharing and affirming your gift discoveries with one another. You'll also learn steps you can take to develop your gifts and put them to use in service to God and others. If you haven't taken the discovery tool yet and would like to, please contact the church office.

Get Acquainted & Get Together
With Jason Burton and his fiancé Katelyn Tucker
Saturday, November 7, 2015
Between 1:30-3:30
At the home of Charles & Koni Millsaps
307 College Park Drive
(Rescheduled from October 3)



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Mission Team Formed

A diverse group of adults, teens and children have come together to form our mission team to My Father's House orphanage in the capitol city of El Salvador, July 9-16, 2016. They will be involved in landscaping and construction work for the orphanage, as well as play and interaction with the resident children. Each team member is reminded that in addition to the \$400 paid to accompany your project registration, another \$500 is due by Sunday, November 22 so that airfare can be purchased soon afterwards.

White Christmas

An Added Twist This Year

We have a long history of collecting canned food for the area hungry each December. This year, we have the opportunity to do a little extra for local children. From Thanksgiving to December 20, please consider donating canned food AND cosmetic items for kids – to include tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, socks, and underwear. The children's items will be distributed by Beans and Rice.



Special Called Business Meetings

The proposed 2016 Church Ministries Budget will soon be completed by the Finance Committee, and mailed to church members for review at the beginning of November. The church constitution requires a two step process for deliberation and adoption: on Wednesday, November 18 there will be a special called business meeting at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At this time, members may ask questions, as well as propose and consider changes to the document. A final vote for adoption will take place at the conclusion of Morning Worship on Sunday, November 22. Please prayerfully consider this document and participate in the congregational process.



Save Your Coins!

"Stop Hunger Now" returns in February, and just 29 cents buys a meal for a hungry family! We were able to assemble 20,000 meals for Haiti last winter. Let's help even more hungry folks this year – start now, saving your loose change and dollars to donate at the start of the new year.

Celebrate Thanksgiving

with the Amazing Grays

A Thanksgiving-themed covered dish dinner is being planned for our senior adults on Thursday, November 19. Turkey will be provided. Please bring a dish or two for sharing with everyone and gather at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for the meal and a theme related program afterwards.



Adding Flavor to Teen Life

Sunday night YouthSalt for our teens continues in November with the long-term study based on the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*. During the month, we will cover the stories from Abraham through the Exodus - and also the promised Messiah who meets our deepest yearning for meaning. For parents and teens following along in the book, the schedule of studies is as follows: Nov 1 – ch 6, Nov 8 – ch 7, Nov 15 – ch 9, Nov 22 – visiting the homebound, Nov 29 – ch 14 (to track with Advent). Please encourage your teen to join us at 6:00 pm each week. Anyone can start the study at any time! Following along with the book is optional.



The Star, the Cross, the Crescent

A study comparing three world religions will be presented by the Discipleship Committee over four Sunday evenings in November, beginning Nov 1. The group will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. These DVD-based presentations have a decidedly pro-Christian point of view, and will be followed by an open discussion of the material each week.

It's Time for A Change

It's pretty obvious that the hours of sunlight are shrinking dramatically in these latter days of autumn. Accordingly, Daylight Savings Time will end overnight Oct 31-Nov 1. Please remember to turn your clocks *backwards* one hour at bedtime Saturday. But enjoy that extra hour you gain!

