



“Missing the Point”

One of my favorite children’s books is *The Empty Pot* by Demi. It is about a young Chinese boy named Ping, who can make any plant grow. One day the Emperor announces that he needs a successor to rule his kingdom and tend to the growing of the flowers. He gives each child in China one seed, and the one who grows the best flower will take over after him. The day of the competition arrives and Ping is heartbroken that nothing in his pot grew. His is the only empty pot; all the others had beautiful flowers. But the Emperor has tricked everyone by distributing cooked seeds, unable to grow; and Ping, with his empty pot, is the only honest gardener – and the winner. The ruler of a dynasty needs honesty and integrity – not botanical skills.

John Claypool put it this way. A man applies for a job, which involves taking an aptitude test. The candidate is led into a room where there are tables and chairs and pencils and paper, and given questions to answer. A time limit is set and the personnel officer leaves the room. However, instead of answering questions, the man focuses on other things. He begins to examine the room very carefully. He opens a window, adjusts the

shade, rearranges the tables and chairs, and collects and stacks all the paper, and sharpens all the pencils. When the personnel officer returns he asks for the test, to which the man replies, “oh, I have not answered any of those questions.” “But what have you been doing?” the officer asks. The man points proudly to the shade, the tables, the paper, the pencils and says, “Oh, I have concentrated on these.” The employer answers, “You’ve missed the whole point. These things were not important. They are here solely to enable you to take the test. I’m sorry, this is unacceptable behavior,” and with that he walks out the door. The man squandered his opportunity by missing a crucial point: he confused the means to be the ends!

Many today miss the point, thinking the goal is hoarding treasures and amassing wealth, like the man in Luke 12 who built more silos for his abundant harvest. Abundance is not the goal; it is the means to share and to become the generous people Jesus desires. Why not be generous now? After all, “Death makes generous people of us all.”

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Thanksgiving Brown Bags

Bags are available at all entrances to the Sanctuary and must be returned to the Sanctuary steps or the church office by November 12.

Deacons Meeting Sunday, November 12 5:00 p.m.

Trustees Meeting Monday, November 13 6 p.m., CCR

Ladies Book Study Monday, November 13 1:30 p.m.

Veterans Day Holiday Friday, November 10 Church Office Closed

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Friday, November 10 Support our BBC Preschool kids by donating to St. Jude!

Newcomer Ministry Team Meeting Monday, November 13 6:00 p.m., SDR

Wednesday Night November 15

Menu

Lasagna, Corn, Caesar Salad, French Bread, Cake



Christmas Parade Tailgate Party

Saturday, December 2
Noon-4 p.m.
East Parking Lot
Save the Date!
Invite Your Neighbors!

Santa’s Substation!
Children’s Crafts!
Free Hot Dogs!
Inflatables!
BBC Float!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

LOL Eileen Cannon

Ollie Steel Burden
Betty Pennington

Home from the Hospital

Kathy Miller
Alice Thornhill
Angie Hannie

Valet Service

A new service is being offered for those folks who do not attend Sunday School, and arrive for Worship to find no nearby parking spots available. If you need a little extra help, an adult church member will be available to park your car for you, and have it waiting for you after church under the east end portico. For more information and details of the service, please call the church office at 927-5454.

A Missing Piece Wednesday, November 15 1 p.m., SDR

The group is working through a curriculum provided by GriefShare.org and facilitated by Karen Elkins, Marty Davis, and Sadie Parish. They will meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m. for thirteen weeks (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks) in the Small Dining Room.

Advent Activities

- 11-30 Sanctuary decorated for Christmas
- 12-2 Broadmoor Subdivision Christmas Parade & BBC Tailgate, Noon-4 p.m.
- 12-3 Hanging of the Green in Worship
- 12-8 “A Night in Bethlehem” Children’s Event, 6-8 p.m.
- 12-9 Youth Christmas Party, 7 p.m.
- 12-10 Christmas Dinner and 4 piano concert, 5 p.m., reservations required
- 12-13 All-Church Christmas Caroling, 5:45 p.m.
- 12-17 Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Service, 10:30 a.m.
- 12-21 Longest Night Service, 6 p.m.
- 12-24 Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.
- 12-25 Merry Christmas!

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 9

10:00 A BBQuilters

Friday, November 10

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED-
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 12

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Judy Averett, Erika, Baileigh, &
Bren Futch, Nicole Patton

5:00 P Youth Choir

Deacons Meeting

5:45 P Belles and Beaux

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Monday, November 13

1:30 P Ladies Book Study

6:00 P Newcomers Ministry

Team Meeting, SDR

Trustees Meeting, CCR

Tuesday, November 14

9:30 A Yoga

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

1:00 P A Missing Piece, SDR

5:15 P Church Family Dinner

6:00 P Chapel Bells (1st-5th)

Youth Bible Study

Committee on Committee

Meeting

6:15 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 16

10:00 A BBQuilters

Friday, November 17

9:00 A Yoga

11:30 A LLL Potluck, CAH

6:00 P Dad and Kids Campout,
meet at Judson

Saturday, November 18

9:00 A Youth Paintball

YOUTH

PAINTBALL

Saturday,

November 18

The Armory in

Denham Springs

Departing from the

church parking lot at

9:00 a.m. and returning

to the church at 12 noon.

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9

7-9 p.m.

Location TBA

CHILDREN

"A Night in Bethlehem"

A Children's

Christmas Event

Friday, December 8

6-8 p.m., CAH

Pizza will be served before

the event at 5:30 p.m.

YOUNG FAMILIES

Dad and Kids

Camp Out

Friday, November 17

Judson Baptist

Retreat Center



Meet at
Judson by
6 p.m.

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EVERY WAY

*"...wealthy in every way,
so that you can be generous in every way,
producing with us great praise to God."*

2 Corinthians 9:11

2018 Pledge Cards will be collected
in the church office until
Friday, November 17.

LLL Potluck

Friday, November 17

11:30 a.m. in the Activities Hall

Entertainment by the
Foto Sisters

Please sign up in the church office