



A Word From Pastor Craig

It's been a hectic and thought-provoking month for the Pinley family, but as we've been processing the passing of Pastor Mary's mother, OraLee Kirkham, our first thoughts are of gratefulness to you for your care prior to and after her passing. I don't think you can ever fully prepare for a loved one's passing or have a set timetable, so the suddenness of her demise brought a hectic pace to things. Your willingness to handle some key details and your generosity and flexibility were amazing. Thanks so much.

The other process that occurs when someone dies is to review the stories of their life. The week we spent in Jacksonville, TX, allowed for some of that process, as family members shared stories of OraLee Kirkham from their own perspective – and for me (Pastor Craig), it offered some new insights into who she was and what she meant to others over the decades.

When we read the Bible, we sometimes forget that the 66-book set represents the story of the people of God. We may compartmentalize pieces of scripture (Israel's start, wisdom literature, prophetic word, life of Jesus, the early church, Letters to the Church) and not keep it as a whole. But as we begin, the story of Genesis provides a great deal to this early account. So with that in mind, I thought it appropriate to preach this fall on the book of Genesis, which will begin September 21, coinciding with our Fall Sunday School kickoff. I'll preach on various parts of Genesis, in the following order:

- Sept. 20** – Genesis series: Part One - “**God the Creator and Order Maker**” (Gen. 1:1 thru 2:3)
- Sept. 27** – Genesis series: Part Two – “**The Ones that Started it All**” (Adam and Eve, Gen. 3:1-24)
- Oct. 4** – Genesis series: Part Three – “**The Children of the Sin**” (Cain and Abel, Gen. 4:1-16)
- Oct. 11** – Genesis series: Part Four – “**When God Grieved over Humankind**” (Noah, Gen. 6:5-22)
- Oct. 18** – Genesis series: Part Five – “**The Man Who Went...And Trusted**” (Abraham, Gen. 12:1-9)
- Oct. 25** – Genesis series: Part Six – “**The Girl Who Laughed at God**” (Sarah, Gen. 12:10-20; Gen. 18:1-15)
- Nov. 1** – Genesis series (Pastor Mary) Part Eight: “**The Twin Who Walked to Heaven**” (Jacob, Gen. 32)
- Nov. 8** – Genesis series: Part Nine – “**The Boy Who Would Be Dreaming**” (Joseph, Gen. 37:1-28)
- Nov. 15** – Genesis series: Part Ten – “**The Boy Who Would Be Working**” (Joseph, Gen. 39:1-23)
- Nov. 22** – Genesis series: Part Eleven – “**The Man Who Would Be Forgiving**” (Joseph, Gen. 45:3-20)

Following our journey through Genesis, I'll preach out of Advent texts on November 29 and December 6, with a church Christmas program tentatively scheduled for December 13th. On December 20th, we'll enjoy a pre-Christmas worship service, with a guest preacher likely on tap for the December 27th worship service.

In Christ,
Pastor Craig

Strengthen Faith, Cultivate Community, Care for Neighbors



Announcements:



Bible Study Fellowship

Women, if you want to dig deep into scripture this study is for you! We will be studying Genesis this year in Bible Study Fellowship. It does not cost a thing to join! You have your choice of class times. The evening class will be on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 here at Stromsburg Covenant and the morning class will be on Thursdays from 9:30–11:00 at the Evangelical Free Church of Stromsburg. If you would like to register you can do so online at www.bsfinternational.org or call Lori Beebe at 402-362-0598 or Teri Freeman at 402-362-8779.

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



Our Sunday School Kickoff this year will be on Saturday, September 19, from 10:30 am–12:30 pm at Buckley Park. We are inviting the whole community and all of this church family too. We will have a Scavenger Hunt for kids based on the Sunday School Fall Theme: The Armor of God. We will offer hotdogs and s'mores to everyone. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall if you would be willing to donate some of the food.

Sunday School will be starting for all ages on Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 am. The theme for **elementary students** will be *The Armor of God*. They will be meeting in the youth room. The **Middle and High School students** will be meeting in the parsonage basement (they may even get some homemade goodies!). The **adult class** will be studying the epistle of I Peter and meeting in the fellowship hall.

See *"Dates to Remember in September"* on page 3 for more important dates this month!

Financial Update:

2020 Budget Summary (1/1/20 through 7/31/20)

Needed Income:	\$75,115.83
Actual Income:	<u>\$52,464.65</u>
Difference:	\$22,651.18
Budgeted Exp:	\$75,115.83
Actual Exp:	<u>\$72,977.83</u>
Difference:	\$ 2,138.00



ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit: www.stromsburgcov.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.

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Rachel Nielsen	Sept 1
Chris Ziemba	Sept 3
Ellie Pinley	Sept 5
Taylor Ostrom	Sept 8
Emily Everingham	Sept 9



Eric & Emily Everingham	Sept 15
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Dates to Remember in September

Sunday, Sept 13: Worship with Communion, 10:30 am

Lead Team Meeting—6:30 pm



Thursday, Sept 17: Rescue Mission Meal, 5:30 pm



Saturday, Sept 19: Sunday School Kick-off at Buckley Park—10:30 am—12:30 pm. Scavenger Hunt, hotdogs, and s'mores, oh my!



Sunday, Sept 20: Sunday School Begins for all ages! 9:30 am! Come to the Kick-off to find out more!

Sunday, Sept 27: An Evening with Cindy Coffee House—here at Stromsburg Covenant—6:30 pm. Come meet Cindy Nyberg, radio host for My Bridge Radio, and enjoy beverages and dessert!



Wednesday, Sept 30: Kids' Club Begins, 6:00 pm—dinner, 6:30—7:30 pm—program.

Prayer Concerns? Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to

prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org.



Sunday, Sept 6

Greeters: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman

Coffee: Dianne Nielsen

Scripture: Dianne Nielsen

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mary Peterson

Worship Team: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman, Ryan Cooper, Neeli Noyd

Audio/Visual: Kohen Hier

Sunday, Sept 13

Greeters: Bob & Cindy Orsborn

Coffee: Johanna Nielsen

Scripture: Neeli Noyd

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Dianne Nielsen, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale & James Hennessy

Thursday, Sept 17—Rescue Mission Meal

Cindy Orsborn & Connie Nuttelman

Sunday, Sept 20

Greeters: Ken & Pat Everingham

Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Julie Hennessy

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy; Kohen Hier

Sunday, Sept 27

Greeters: Mark & Judy Hanson

Coffee: TBD




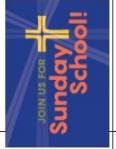

Scripture: Judy Hanson

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum, Neeli Noyd

Audio/Visual: Dale & James Hennessy

SEPTEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Worship Team 9:00 am Worship Svc 10:30 am Fellowship 11:45 am		8	9	10	11	12
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