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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Ollie Arcadio; 9 – Ava Gold; 11 – George Hotchkiss, Brady Dyck, Cindy Pescod;
13 – Robert Beaudoin; 14 – Allyn Mariz Amarante; 16 – Fay Jones, D.J. Anderson; 17 – Geri Cochrane;
21 – Peter Demchuk; 24 – Ray Jones; 27 – Valerie Dyck; 30 – LaVyne Hombert

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Jim & Sandra Little; 9 – Lloyd & Marcia Culham; 18 – Clifton & Lorraine Crispin

We celebrate all Birthdays and Anniversaries the 4th Sunday of the month.
Join us for coffee and cake after the Worship Service.



**Welcome to
Christian Fellowship Church**

Affiliated with the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada

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Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday 10am-2pm

November 27, 2011
Worship Time 10:30 A.M.

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER CHILDREN'S
TIME WITH THE PASTOR

“Resolved to Hope”
by Rev. David L. Fisher
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18



Christian Fellowship Church has been chosen by God to be a healthy-healing Church that God will use to plant, root and grow people up in faith, love and in His healing grace.

What is Advent? The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival”. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. This year, we will once again celebrate the consecutive themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. Testimonies will be given that touch on these themes.

David Aikman holds a Ph.D. in Russian & Chinese history. He worked for over twenty years as a respected journalist for Time Magazine. A few years ago, he took some time off and wrote a book titled: Hope-The Heart’s Great Quest. Through extensive study and interaction with people, he came to the conclusion that every human heart yearns for hope even if he or she doesn’t know what hope is. He wrote: “Hope is the distinguishing feature of Christianity that in any other religion or philosophy. In New Testament times, the two other prevailing philosophies did not offer hope. Stoics were educated, civilized, thoughtful, and kindly but were grieved at the condition of humankind and were unable to do anything else but live in quiet dignity. Meanwhile, the Epicureans simply sought pleasure. So people were cynics or hedonists. Christianity changed the prevailing attitude.” - Morgan, R.J. Nelson’s Annual Preacher’s Sourcebook. 2009 Edition. (362). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Songs of Praise

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Sentence: Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me.”*

Heavenly Father, we invite your Spirit of Truth to be manifest among us as we worship you here today, so that hope may rise within us, and so that we may know of your ways and receive the life that your Son Jesus promised to his disciples. Open our spiritual ears to hear your word, and our hearts to receive it. To the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our son.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid. - words by Brian Wren @ Hope Publishing Company CCLI #562293.

Congregation (in unison) - O God, our light and our salvation, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Time with the Children

The Offering

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

Message: Resolved To Hope by Rev. David L. Fisher

Closing Song & Benediction

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God’s family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Believers Who Have Died

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*The Pregnancy Care Centre invites you
to Give a gift basket this Christmas to a family in need.*

*Contact Cassandra to get involved!
(780) 424-2624
cassandra@pregnancycarecentre.ca*

We wish you a warm welcome to Christian Fellowship Church. If you are visiting with us a first time, please sign our guest book and be sure to join us for coffee after the service. May god bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ **CHURCH POTLUCK** will be held on Friday, December 9th, 2011 beginning at 6 p.m. Dr. Moses Adekola, originally from Nigeria, will be sharing his full testimony. Come and invite friends.
- ☞ **A BIG THANK YOU** goes to the Amarante family and to Marie who have participated today in our Advent Candle Lighting ceremony and in the sharing of her testimony. May our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified.
- ☞ **RING IN THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!** Parkland Bells invite you to their 8th annual handbell concert and carol sing at 2:30 PM on Sunday, Dec 11th at St. Andrew's United Church, Spruce Grove. All are welcome. A freewill offering will be gratefully received with 50% of proceeds going to 'MOMS Canada'. Contact St. Andrew's Church Office at 780-962-0488 or Juanita at 780-962-5786 for more information.
- ☞ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be served to interested members of Christian Fellowship Church on Wednesday's at 2:00 p.m. by Rev. David Fisher. Please contact the church office if you are interested in receiving communion or just come on by!
- ☞ **CFC CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE** being held at Christian Fellowship Church on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 9am – 4:00 p.m. in the foyer. Lunch from 11:30am – 2:00pm (\$5.00). We are looking for lots of home baked goodies to sell as well as volunteers to help out. Contact Lorraine Hildebrandt at 780-999-1016.
- ☞ **PIE BEE** – Please join us to have some fun! We will be making pies and butter tarts for the Bake Sale on Thursday December 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the CFC Kitchen. Lunch is provided! If anybody has any extra frozen fruit for the pie fillings, please bring it to the church on November 27th.
- ☞ **The CFC LEADERSHIP BOARD** is looking to fill 2 positions on the board. If you would like to be a part of the Leadership here at CFC, please talk to either Kelly Traviss or David Fisher or any other Board member.

HELP WANTED

NEIGHBOURLINK is seeking your assistance in helping us find a Coordinator for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign (this is a paid position); and volunteers willing to take shifts manning the kettles. Proceeds from the Kettle campaign stays in the community to help those in our community needing financial assistance. Last year approximately \$58,000 was raised. Our partnership with the St. Albert Salvation Army has been a blessing allowing us to provide for needs beyond what we could do on our own.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Your support is urgently required for our teachers! As your Child and Youth Ministry Coordinator, I would like to have a list of people who could fill in for our ***Volunteer Teachers***. Please contact Brian Glasier at 780 962-4456. With God's blessing, the Children and Youth Ministry will continue to grow!

FACILITIES

Charlie Southworth is seeking anyone who has skills in areas of electrical, carpentry, heating, etc. for a consulting list regarding the facilities issues and/or concerns. Please talk to Charlie Southworth either after the service or contact him at (780) 963-3251.

CFC FOOD HAMPER

At times, we may find it difficult to meet our food budget. Christian Fellowship Church has a hamper available for your use in those difficult times. We encourage donations of non-perishable food items. Please contribute to our Food Hamper if you can.

PARKLAND FOOD BANK

The Parkland Food Bank offers support to those in need who may be having difficulty in meeting their food budgets. We have two Food Bank cartons located in our foyer by the kitchen that is available to those who can donate non-perishable food items. Please donate if you can.

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evenings
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location

105 Madison Crescent
Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3A3
Phone: 780 962-4565

TREE OF LIFE HEALING ROOMS ASSOCIATION

Healing Rooms appointments are Wednesday evenings. Appointment slots are available for 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. If you would like to receive healing prayer, or know of someone who does, please consider calling to the office at 780 960-3223 for an appointment. If you wish to make a financial contribution to the Tree of Life Healing Rooms, please hand your contribution in a separate sealed envelope with Healing Rooms indicated on the envelope. Please ensure that your contribution is separate from your tithes. We accept either cash or a cheque. Please ensure cheques are payable to "Tree of Life Healing Rooms Association".



SUPPORTED MISSIONS

Please keep them in your prayers!

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Salaam Ministries

Frontier Labourers for Christ

Messianic Vision Canada

NeighbourLink-Parkland

Parkland Food Bank

God's Leadership Ministries International Canada (Elizabeth Smith)

Christian Fellowship Church also supports the following Ministries:

Daughters of Infinite Worth

Tree of Life Healing Rooms

OUTREACH

Please view the Outreach board outside the double doors of the sanctuary for information on the Missionaries that we support.



If you have a **Prayer Request** that you would like to put on our Prayer Chain, please contact our Prayer Coordinator/Elder Sheila MacRae at (780) 962-0490 or the church office at (780) 960-3223 during office hours.