

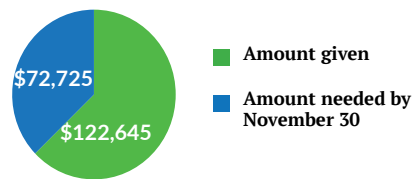


## GIVING

*But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. 2 Corinthians 8:7*

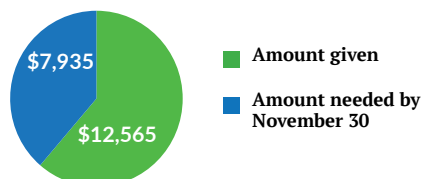
### Ministry Fund

November Budget = \$ 195,370



### Missions Fund

November Budget = \$ 20,500



Offering chests are located at all the main entrances or you may give through our app or online: [www.firstevan.org/giving](http://www.firstevan.org/giving)

## PRAYER MATTERS

**Missionaries of the Week: Brian and Joanne Parks, Covenant Hope Church, Middle East**

#### Praise:

- For lots of collective evangelism, with people teaming up to share their faith together.
- For a teacher who recently came to faith and will be baptized soon.
- For great teamwork and unity among the congregation to help lead and administrate a Bible conference featuring a speaker from Australia.



#### Pray:

- For faith and encouragement for Saad, a young Christian from a Muslim background, who is struggling spiritually.
- For many in our congregation who have not been paid in months, and others whose jobs are in jeopardy because of the struggling local economy.
- That God would enable *Covenant Hope* to move out of the church compound into a hotel in the area we want to reach with the gospel.

**Listen and Learn: Today, 12:15, Chapel**

Brian Parks will talk more about his ministry in the Middle East.

#### Family Matters:

##### Hospitals

**Martin Jordan**, LeBonheur, NICU (no visitors please)

**Stan Johnson**, Baptist Memphis, 4443

##### Rehab

**Virginia Burchfield**, Baptist Rehab, #207

##### Deaths

**10/12/2018 Mrs. Robert Getman**, (Jane Stevens' mother, Katie Hill, Seth Stevens and Ruth Stevens' grandmother)

**10/13/2018 Dr. Joseph Perry Rowland, Sr.** (Joe Rowland's father)

##### Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of William Don Wilkins, father of Shawn Wilkins and grandfather of Holley-Marie Biggs.

There will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. today in the Fellowship Hall and a visitation will follow.

## Midweek

**Dinner and all classes will resume Wednesday, January 9.**

## THE LOOP

### Today, November 18

**Lessons and Carols Rehearsal 4:00 p.m., Choir Room**

**World Prayer Focus 5:30 p.m., Chapel**

### Monday, November 19

**Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m., Gathering Place**

**Pickleball 7:30 a.m., Gym**

**Women's Prayer for Revival 9:30 a.m.**

**Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

### Tuesday, November 20

**Pickleball 7:30 a.m., Gym**

**Women's Ministry Prayer Hour 10:00 a.m., Library**

**Pilates 12:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room**

### Wednesday, November 21

**Pickleball 7:30 a.m., Gym**

**Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

### Thursday, November 22

**Happy Thanksgiving  
Church Offices closed today through  
Saturday, November 24**

For more details and other upcoming events, visit:  
[www.firstevan.org/loop](http://www.firstevan.org/loop)

**Children's Choir, (1st–5th grade)**

**Wednesdays, beginning January 9,  
5:30–6:00 p.m., Room E143**

Help your child develop their musical skills and worship God with others! This choir will sing in the Sunday service occasionally during the semester. Kids can eat dinner, come to Choir, and then join Awana/Crash. Register now at [www.firstevan.org/mid-week-kids#childrens-choir](http://www.firstevan.org/mid-week-kids#childrens-choir). For more information, email [jspurlin@firstevan.org](mailto:jspurlin@firstevan.org).

**Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child**

Tomorrow is the last day to drop off your boxes in room A124. Drop-off days and times: today, 9:00 a.m.–noon, tomorrow, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. To fill a shoebox online, visit [www.firstevan.org/occ](http://www.firstevan.org/occ).



#### World Prayer Focus

**Tonight, 5:30 p.m., Chapel**

Brian Parks will share some prayer needs from the Middle East. We will spend time praying in table groups for the world, concentrating on areas experiencing upheaval and persecution, as well as our country and city.



#### Thanksgiving Offering

**Donations accepted November 18–25**

Part of our Thanksgiving tradition is to collect an offering to be sent as a Christmas gift to our First Evan missionaries. Designate *Thanksgiving Offering* on your tax-deductible check to First Evan, or give online [www.firstevan.org/giving](http://www.firstevan.org/giving) and select *Thanksgiving Offering*.



#### Senior Luncheon

**Tidings of Comfort and Joy**

**Saturday, December 1,  
10:30 a.m., Light Refreshments  
11:00 a.m., Lunch, Fellowship Hall**

RSVP by Tuesday, November 27 to Susanna Winter [dswinter@bellsouth.net](mailto:dswinter@bellsouth.net) 901-487-2819.



#### A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols

**GOD with US—the wondrous mystery  
Sunday, December 9  
9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

Worship Choir, orchestra, readers, and vocalists. Childcare for 3 years old and under.

**Child Dedication, Sunday, November 25** Today is the last day to register at [www.firstevan.org/childdedication](http://www.firstevan.org/childdedication).

**Women's Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.**

**Memphis Hilton** Join us for a night of Christmas celebration with Kelly Minter. Contact Sharon Mrok for available seating at 682-8452. Cost: \$15.

# Our Joyful Hymn of Praise

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 107:1

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:6-8, 52

## SONG OF WORSHIP

*(all, standing)*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only;  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. *(chorus)*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God; only my Holy God. *(chorus twice)*

*(please be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-28

## SILENT CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*(all, standing)*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

**Worship Leaders:** The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Caleb Park, guitar;  
Jonathan Fratesi, bass guitar; Jeremy Conner, drums; Mark Erickson, keys; Amy Carlisle, vocalist  
Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship

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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One in Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

*(please be seated)*

## WELCOME

## GOD AT WORK

Brian Parks, *Covenant Hope Church*, Middle East

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

## SONGS OF WORSHIP

*(choir)*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of each and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise!

*(all, standing)*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.**

*(choir)*

*Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!*

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly forever adore Him! Amen!**

*(please be seated)*

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN *(K-3rd grade)*

## SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(asking the Holy Spirit to instruct us)*

*(all, seated)*

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.**

**Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

## SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:7-12, 16-17

Chris Cannon

## MEDITATION

## SERMON

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

**“Abiding Practices” (John 15)**

***Praying, Part 1***  
**John 15:7-12, 16-17**

## SERMON RESPONSE

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**

***Lord, I need You, O, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; O God, how I need You.***

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
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***Lord, I need You, O, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; O, God, how I need You.***

**So, teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.**

***Lord, I need You, O, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, O God, how I need You. (repeat chorus)***

***My one defense, my righteousness, O God, how I need You.***

## BENEDICTION