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November 2026 Newsletter



My friends at Stull CofF,
It is often said that people become more conservative as they grow older. There is some common sense to that observation. When we are young, much of what we need is provided by our parents: food, clothing, shelter and education. As we grow older, we work, earn a living, buy homes, marry and raise children. We come to appreciate what we have been given and recognize the importance of preserving and protecting it.

Marriage and the family are fundamental to a healthy society. They are not merely institutions to be managed by the state; they are gifts of God that deserve our protection and support. Government exists to serve the people, not to make the people serve the state.

Government, then, is a good gift of God. Its purpose is not simply to exercise power, but to restrain evil, punish wrongdoing, and protect and promote what is good. Properly exercised, its authority serves our neighbors and helps preserve the conditions in which families, communities, and individuals can flourish.

Of course, not every government acts justly, and not every exercise of authority is good. Christians are called to respect lawful authority, but our obedience to earthly rulers is not absolute. When human authorities command what God forbids or forbid what God commands, we must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29).

These principles matter as not only Kansan's but as all Americans go to the polls. We live in a time of deep political division, and it is easy to become frustrated with the political process. There are no perfect candidates, because every candidate, like every one of us, is a sinner. Yet Christians cannot simply shrug their shoulders and conclude that our choices do not matter.

Our decisions should be informed by God's word and by our responsibilities toward our neighbors. Which candidates' positions and records best reflect the biblical understanding of government's God-given responsibilities? Who will work to protect human life, strengthen marriage and family, preserve religious freedom, safeguard our homes and property and uphold the rule of law? Who will seek to punish evil and reward good?

These are not the only questions voters must consider, but they are important questions that Christians should not be afraid to ask. Our faith informs how we understand the world, how we serve our neighbors and how we exercise the responsibilities entrusted to us.

Voting is one way Christians exercise their vocation and stewardship in the earthly kingdom. We have a responsibility to take part in the civic life of our communities and to encourage those who govern us to fulfill their God-given duties. We should do so thoughtfully, prayerfully and with a clear understanding that earthly government, while a gift of God, is not our Savior. Our hope remains in Jesus Christ and his kingdom, which will have no end.

If we wish to preserve and protect the good gifts God has entrusted to us – life, marriage, family, home and religious freedom – we must be willing to act. When Election Day comes, make your voice heard. Study the candidates, consider their positions and records and cast your vote according to your conscience informed by God's Word.

God has given government for the good of our earthly lives. Let us take that gift seriously and let us take our responsibilities as citizens seriously as well.

Wishing you all a blessed week and restful Sunday!
Pastor Kyle

Pastor Kyle has established standing office hours in his office in the Faith and Friendship Center on Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30ish. He is also available to meet with folks at any time as needed; just give him a call.

You can watch our 11am Sunday worship services on YouTube on Sunday evenings of each week. Visit www.stullcoff.com, click on multi-media tab in the menu across the top third of the page, click on You Tube on the left side of that page; you will be taken to each week's service, click on the service date you'd like to watch.

We encourage folks to checkout our website www.stullcoff.com and like us on Facebook @StullCommunityofFaith as you can find many of our event dates and times.

Everything we have doesn't just *come from* God. It belongs to Him. As stewards, we are called to be God's financial advisors and investors. He entrusts us with His money, and we choose how it will be used and invested. Be thankful for the blessings we receive. Please give your tithes and offerings as a sign of your appreciation for the Lord and his work. We have several options available for giving by mail, by using our QR code, along with the collection plates on Sundays during worship. If you have any questions, just talk with Jane or Mary. This is our QR code. Funds are deposited directly into our General Operating account. You may choose to pay the service fee or have it paid by the church.

3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (July, August & September, 2026):
YTD TOTAL DONATIONS: $43,179.01
YTD TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: $81,315.97

Thank you to the 13 Decorated Trunks who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat. The weather was beautiful and brought out a great crowd of 82 adult chaperones and costumed kids.



We are looking yet for a worship leader to join our praise team for our Sunday services. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please have them email us at info@stullcoff.com for additional details.



Blankets of Blessings will be made on Sunday, November 1st after worship service. We will provide pizza for lunch but bring a snack to share. You do not need to know how to sew as there are many steps that go into the making and completion of a blanket. These blankets are blessed and prayed over and shared with folks in our local community, LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center in Topeka, and Baby Jays Legacy of Hope.



An Advent Bible study, "Experiencing Christmas" will be held on December 2nd, 9th, 15th, and 23rd at 6:30pm in the FFC. Discover how everything changed when God was born**.** Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. "This will be a sign to you," the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?

There will be no **HARVESTERS rural mobile food distribution** in November or December due to our normal date hitting both Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Harvesters cannot reschedule for us. We will return on Thursday, January 28th, 10-11am**. Many thanks** are given to all the volunteers within our church and community who have assisted with the ministry this year. We have distributed almost 80,000 pounds of perishable food items to our clients from January thru October. This team has also worked in all kinds of Kansas weather to feed our community.


Muggers is a group of church and community members that gather once per week to share hot coffee/tea and casual conversations, sometimes they even have a snack to share. Everyone is welcome to pop in on any Wednesday and join them. Pastor Kyle is then in his office in the FFC afterwards if you wish to visit with him until around 1pm.


Do you have gently used extra coats or jackets taking up space in your closets? Please consider donating them to the church's Clothing Closet. We accept coats in sizes from youth to adult. Email us at info@stullcoff.com or contact Brenna 785-887-6605 or Mary 785-331-7326 to arrange a drop off time.



Prayers: continued prayers for Jim and Kylie Jackson, Dave and Jennifer Monroe family in the passing of Jennifer's mom, Wayne Conger, David Wulfkuhle, Mary's friend Angie, and our military troops.

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October 28th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.
November 1st, noon---Blankets of Blessing will be made immediately following worship service and a shared lunch. EVERYONE is welcome!
November 4th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.
November 5th, 6:30-7:30pm---Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
November 8th, 4pm---Becky Lercher will share her musical gifts in our sanctuary. Light snacks will be available and a love offering will be collected for Becky.
November 11th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.
November 15th, 4pm---Hope for the Holidays service held in the sanctuary
November 18th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.
November 19th, 6:30-7:30pm---Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
November 22nd, noon---Hanging of the Greens to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season; pizza will be provided! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
November 25th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.
November 26th, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
NO HARVESTERS RURAL MOBILE
November 30th, 6pm---Administrative team meeting held in the FFC
December 2nd, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.
6:30pm---Advent Bible study held in the FFC
December 3rd, 6:30-7:30pm---Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
December 6th, afternoon with time to be announced----Shawnee Heights High School Choraliers will share their musical talents in our sanctuary. Light snacks will be available and love offering collected for the student's music class.
December 9th, 6:30pm---Advent Bible study held in the FFC
December 15th, 6:30pm---Advent Bible study held in the FFC
December 20th, 4pm---Blue Christmas service held in the sanctuary
December 23rd, 6:30pm---Advent Bible study held in the FFC
December 24th, 6pm---Christmas Eve service held in the sanctuary
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