

Be Amazed: Hope In The Furnace

Daniel 3:8-18

Theme verse:

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6 - 7 NIV

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Glenn Nofziger II)

- Off Tuesdays

Secretary (Chip Coleman)

- Tuesday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Lighthouse Affordable Christmas - through November 30

Alternative Christmas - November 30 - December 13

Nofziger Christmas Open House - December

All Adult Enrichment Weekend January 16-18

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(SOS) Sonnenberg Out Serving: Gordie Amstutz, 330/465-8007



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - November 23, 2025**

Attendance: SS - 86; Worship - 87; YouTube: 5  
Thanksgiving Attendance: 58

**Offering:**

Budget: \$ 2,635.00  
CCS Tuition: \$ 510.00  
Maple Syrup Missions: \$ 130.00  
People to People: \$ 250.00

**TOTAL: \$ 3,525.00**

- **Scrip sales 11/23/2025: \$6,920.00; '25-'26 Sales: \$41,105.00**
- **Balance in CCS Tuition Fund: \$27,456.95** ; Payments on the 15th of each month include \$2,900 (Fair Balance Tuition) + \$1,433 (additional contribution) = \$4,333/month or \$52,000 total for the 2025-2026 academic year. *Your continued support of the CCS Tuition Fund is much appreciated!*

***\*\*If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please contact the church office. \*\****

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Please place your regular offering in the container provided inside the Sanctuary as you arrive for the worship service; bulletins are also available to pick-up on the table outside each week.

**AND IF NOT,
HE IS STILL
GOOD.**

Prelude

Drawing into the story- Daniel 3:8-18

Call to Worship

Prayer

♪ Solemn Stillness	projected
♪ Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)	projected
♪ What Child is This / Helpless and Hungry	projected
♪ We Come	projected

Children's Story

Candle Lighting

Message: Be Amazed: Hope In The Furnace

(Scripture: Daniel 3:1, 8-30; Habakkuk 1:1-5; 3:17-19;

Psalms 26:1-7, John 18:36-37)

♪ Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	WB 178
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Blessing

Message: Glenn Nofziger II

Worship: Lisa Zuercher

Music: Worship Team

PT Greeter: Lisa Amstutz

Visual: Advent Team

Coffee Cleanup: Mattea & Luke

Multimedia: Steve & Lukas

Sound: Jude Patterson

Prelude: Keith Sommerfeld

Coffee Bar: Dave & Juanita Ross

Usher: Mike Lehman

Candle Lighter: Rachael Troyer

Today’s Activities:

8:30 AM Prayer - Young Adult Sunday School room
8:50 AM Alternative Christmas
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Prelude
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Scrip Sales in the foyer following the worship service. See Ellen Nussbaum to purchase Scrip.

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**THE CHURCH THIS WEEK**

**Monday**

6:15 p.m. **Outreach & Service Ministry**  
6:30 p.m. **Pastoral Team**  
7:00 p.m. **Library Team**

**Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. **MYF**

**Thursday**

3:45 p.m. **Men’s Coffee**

**Next Sunday**

**8:30 AM Prayer** - Young Adult Sunday School room  
**8:50 AM Alternative Christmas**  
**9:30 AM Sunday School**  
**10:20 AM Prelude**  
**10:30 AM Worship**  
Ezekiel 37:1 - 14  
*Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones*

Message: Glenn Nofziger II  
Worship: Pattersons  
Music: Roy & Ruth Steiner  
PT Greeter: Barb Ressler  
Visual: Advent Team  
Coffee Cleanup: Nathan & Addy

Multimedia: Michael & Mattea  
Sound: Winfred Ressler  
Prelude: Kathy & Rachael Troyer  
Coffee Bar: Ed & Joyce  
Usher: Dan Gault  
BP Check: Erin Nofziger

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**REMEMBER:** *Rich Horst: pray for a sore on his foot to heal and for his back pain.; Blaine Amstutz: the Pituitary is resisting earlier treatments so with insurance approval he’ll start new treatments. They are thankful Blaine is feeling better than he has in some time; Kerrilyn Neuenschwander: recovering from surgery for a torn ACL; Marjean Lehman: is still in therapy and is in the regular Nursing Home portion of Shady Lawn in room 223; Mabel Gable: seeks healing for the wound on her leg; it is showing some healing; Ella Amstutz: as she keeps improving at home after her heart surgeries.*

**THOSE IN MISSION:** *Linda Horn, Thailand; José/Alfonsina Oyanguren family, Argentine Chaco; Austin & Griselda Zuercher, Honduras*

**WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Praise God that the Bashilele people of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are now able to read the Bible in their mother tongue. Until the first Kishelele — the language of the Bashilele people — Bibles arrived in DRC last month, the Bashilele people read God’s word in Tshiluba — one of the four national languages of DRC. Pray that God’s word will bless those who read and hear it.*

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SONG & WORSHIP LEADERS: Worship Ministry is seeking additional people to share their gifts during our worship services and help fill out our current rotations for song leaders and worship leaders. Feedback from the worship surveys we sent out a couple years ago showed that our congregation appreciates a variety of worship styles. If you have any interest in being involved in one of these elements of worship, or even sense God may be nudging you to consider it, but still have questions or hesitations, please come talk with me! Open to both adults and youth! ~Erin Nofziger

SAUSAGE: In an attempt to clear our inventory Outreach & Service has dropped the price of frozen sausage in the kitchen freezer to \$6 / lb. Help yourselves and memo your checks for MSF sausage.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Thank you for supporting Venture Club with your purchase of a Poinsettia. They will decorate the sanctuary on December 14 and will be available to take home after the worship service that day.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: Make great Christmas gifts stocking stuffers and are available at the Welcome Center from Ellen Nussbaum each Sunday following the worship service. Place your orders with payment by Sunday, December 15, to be sure to get any cards you want before Christmas. See Ellen Nussbaum with any questions or for a list of vendors, or go to www.raiseright.com/brands. Your friends/family will enjoy receiving the gift cards and the rebate we receive from your purchases will go to support the Oyanguren's as they serve the people in the Argentine Chaco.

LIGHTHOUSE AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Please join in supporting the Lighthouse Affordable Christmas project. Select a tag from the board in the foyer for a gift or two. Bring your purchase back by November 30th with a tag that shows the price of each item. They will be delivered December 3rd. The gift you purchase will then be sold at an affordable price in a store run by the Lighthouse for families in their neighborhood. The real gift you are offering is the dignity that comes with a parent’s ability to provide for their children. Our goal is to empty the board by Sunday November 23rd. Financial gifts are also accepted if shopping for gifts is not convenient

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS: Begins Sunday, November 30 and continues each Sunday through December 21, from 8:50-9:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to join in this time of fellowship and enjoy the Alternative Christmas displays. We are using the MCC 2025 Christmas Giving Guide. Choose a project or projects you would like to support, fill out the form and give it to Ed at the welcome center or drop it into the offering basket.

Our celebration this year will also include breakfast together again. Families with last names beginning with A-N should bring breakfast casseroles, pastries and fruit on Sundays, November 30 and December 14; last names beginning with O-Z are assigned to bring food on Sundays, December 7 & 21. The Coffee Bar will be serving hot drinks and cold drinks will be provided. Donations for the food tables will also be accepted.

SONNENBERG PURPOSE STATEMENT TSHIRTS: Are in! We would love for everyone to receive a t-shirt. What sizes we have left are in the church office if you still need one. They are totally by donation. You can memo donation checks "T-shirts."-PT/CLT