

# Staff & Elders

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# CONNECT

Following Jesus as we worship, connect, and serve together



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One of my favorite shows is "Doctor Who". For those who don't know what that is, it is a science fiction show that first aired in 1963 and features an alien called a Time Lord who calls himself "The Doctor." With the use of his TARDIS, The Doctor is able to travel through space and time and is always on a mission to save the universe. Other than a hiatus from 1989-2005, "Doctor Who" has been around for 60 years and has become a cultural phenomenon.

I know that a lot of you are now realizing how much of a nerd I really am, but bear with me.

The way that a show has been able to have one character last for half a century is by having The Doctor go through various transformations. This is how the show is able to explain all of the different actors who have played The Doctor. Each new iteration of The Doctor comes with a new body, a new personality, and most recently, a new gender.

So, why in the world am I sharing this with you?

Well, this show epitomizes a lot of our mindsets this time of year. People tend to use the new year as a reset button on how they live their lives. They make a bunch of promises, or resolutions, about how they are going to be better from now on.

I looked into common resolutions and I wanted to discuss one of the most common categories of resolutions: Breaking Bad Habits.

These kinds of resolutions typically include spending less time on social media, drinking less alcohol, or stopping smoking. Scripture points us towards a few different ways to help us quit our bad habits.

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- 2 Proverbs 28:13 encourages us to confess our struggles and sins and we will obtain mercy. It is said that the first step to recovery is admitting you
- 2 have a problem. Denying that there is something wrong, or that you have
- 3 a problem, can become a large part of addiction. Sadly, most people
- 4 need to reach "rock bottom" before they realize they need to do something. Fortunately, we have a God who remains faithful to us and wants to help us in our times of need. We just need to be willing to not only confess our issues to ourselves, but to God.

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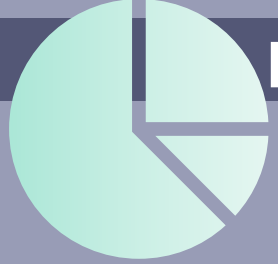
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# November Giving Report

## GENERAL FUND

• Revenue: \$44,894

Year-to-Date General Fund Budget Use: 96.34%

## MISSION FUND

• Revenue: \$6,200

### From the Pastor (continued)

Matthew 5:29 tells us to avoid temptation. Did you know that research has proven that there are four different things that can increase our temptations? They are: hunger, anger, loneliness, and fatigue. Sometimes we just need to eat, calm down, find a friend, or take a nap before we do something dumb.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us to find community. We are not meant to go through life alone, and this includes our walk with the Lord. This is usually called lone wolf Christianity.

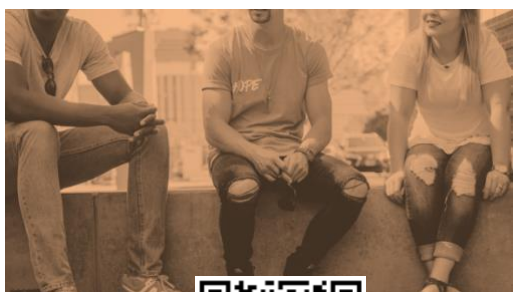
Let me explain the issue with that: During the Spring & Summer, it is easy for a wolf to live life alone. Small animals are running free and the weather makes finding shelter easy. However, when Winter hits and the snow starts to fall, many of the small animals that the wolf could easily catch go into hibernation. Shelter becomes more and more of a necessity due to the cold. A pack of wolves could easily take down a larger animal, while this would be impossible for a single wolf. A pack is able to keep each other warm, while a single one needs to find their own way to avoid the freezing cold.

During the great times of life, it can be easy to think that we can do this all alone. However, once things get rough, we understand that without the help from others we are in great danger of failure.

In the end, bad habits seem to be another way of saying addiction, which is a form of idolatry. Idolatry is placing more importance on something than you would put on God. Most bad habits are created because at some point in our lives we chose to place these things ahead of what is the most important, and that is God.

## JANUARY EVENT HIGHLIGHT

At Washington Alliance, we want to live life together. One of the ways we do this is to connect with a group. We have four semesters of groups: spring, summer, fall, and winter. Some groups are continuing throughout the year; others run in cycles; others run for a set time until finished. Our Winter Connect Groups and Discipleship Classes will be getting back into motion this month and we encourage you to find a group you feel will best fit you! Our connect groups desire to: Serve one another (Gal 5:13b) Bear with one another in love (Eph. 4:2) Speak and sing the words of God together (Eph. 5:19) Teach and challenge one another (Col. 3:16) Meet together regularly (Heb. 10:24-25) Be hospitable to one another (1 Pet. 4:9) Confess to one another (James 5:16) Eat and drink together (Acts 2:42)



# JANUARY 2022

Below are events held here at the church.  
For events outside the church, visit the Connect Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b> New Years Day 8:15a Prayer 10:25a Prayer 12:30p Mission 119 Study	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b> 6:15a Prayer 6p Awana 6p Fusion Youth Group 6:15p Men's Study: John	<b>05</b> 7p Prayer	<b>06</b> 12p JOY Senior Luncheon 6p Pickleball 6:30p Family Game Night	<b>07</b> 10a Women's Study: Books of the Bible
<b>08</b> Communion 12:30p Mission 119 Study	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:15a Prayer 6p Awana 6p Fusion Youth Group 6:15p Men's Study: John	<b>12</b> 7p Prayer	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 3p Grief Care Group
<b>15</b> 11a End Times Study 12:30p Mission 119 Study	<b>16</b> 6:30p Men's Study: Acts	<b>17</b> 7p Dart Ball	<b>18</b> 6:15a Prayer 6p Awana 6p Fusion Youth Group 6:15p Men's Study: John	<b>19</b> 7p Prayer	<b>20</b> 6:30p Family Game Night	<b>21</b> 10a Women's Study: Books of the Bible 3p Grief Care Group
<b>22</b> 11a End Times Study 12:30p Mission 119 Study	<b>23</b> 7p Community Choir	<b>24</b> 6p The Edge	<b>25</b> 6:15a Prayer	<b>26</b> 7p Prayer	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 3p Grief Care Group
<b>29</b> 11a End Times Study 12:30p Mission 119 Study	<b>30</b> 7p Community Choir	<b>31</b>				