

# The Window



November 17, 2025

*Intentional Worship*

*Intentional Relationships*

*Intentional Service*

This week as we get closer to Advent, I want to explore a word which has been thrown around over the last couple weeks: **Chrismon**.

## 1. Ancient Christian symbols

These include:

- **Chi-Rho**  the first two Greek letters of “Christ.”
- **Alpha and Omega (ΑΩ)** – Christ as the beginning and the end.
- **Ichthus (fish)** – early Christian confession of Christ.
- **Cross variations — Dove, Shepherd’s staff, Lamb, Crown, Triquetra, and others.**

## 2. Chrismon ornaments

Many churches—especially Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian—use **white and gold Chrismon ornaments** on a Christmas tree during Advent and Christmas.

These ornaments:

- Are hand-crafted (often from beads, wire, and gold trim)
- Use only **white (purity of Christ)** and **gold (His majesty/royalty)**
- Portray symbols from Scripture and early Christianity

These are more than ornaments they are visual symbols of the season and our faith. If you get the opportunity to help refurbish them take it, and if not enjoy the visual aides of the season. Take time this year to look at each one and what they represent.

Have a fantastic week!

Soli Deo Gloria

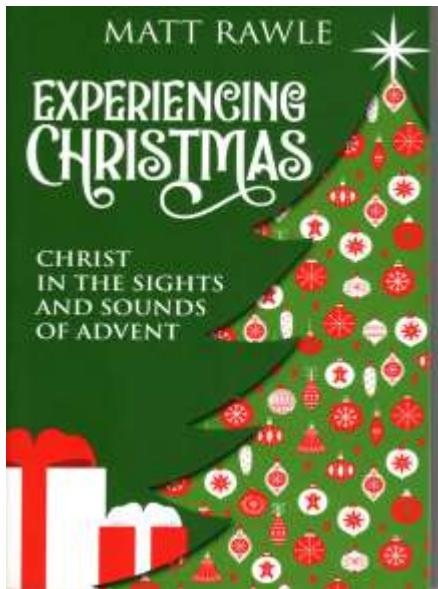
Pastor Drew



## Pinky Leigh's Closet

Items needed for Thanksgiving food baskets are:

Boxed Mac and Cheese  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Evaporated Milk  
Canned Corn, Green Beans,  
Peas, Carrots  
Canned Soup  
Stuffing Mix  
Cake Mix and Frosting  
Biscuit And Cornbread Mix  
Rice And Beans (Canned or Dry)



### ADVENT STUDY BOOKS

Now available for purchase in the church office.

The cost is @12.00

The study will be held on Tuesdays this year at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.  
beginning Tuesday, December 2.

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING TUESDAY, 11/4

**Tue 11/18** — 10:00 Prayer Team  
11:00 Bible Study  
1:00 Stained Glass Class  
1:00 Chrismon Refurbish Class  
6:00 Bible Study

**Wed 11/19** — 5:30 FCC FUSE Youth  
6:30 Praise Team Practice

**Thu 11/20** — 10:30 Prayer Team  
1:30 Women's Study

**Sun 11/23** — 8:30 Elders Circle  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship  
4:00 Hanging of the Greens  
Holiday Dinner to follow

**Mon 11/24** — 9:30 Staff Meeting



Dear Friends,

I am doing very well and am about to become used to this traffic. I live between I-20 and I-30 and can hear the traffic noise from I-30. New businesses are opening all the time. A big new HEB opened the 29th of October. A big Walmart plus a Lowe's to open in two weeks. Both are about four miles from the house. New construction every where. I think about you and miss all of you. My love to all.  
Very Much Love ..... Harvey Steely

Monthly Budget Amount Needed: \$24,729.00 / General Fund Collection Nov. 16: \$4,353.00

November General Fund Collection thru November 16: \$9,139.00



Pray for Our Service Men and Women Who  
Are Serving in Harm's Way Around the World (both foreign  
and domestic), and for their families who are making the  
sacrifice of separation from their loved ones.

Anthony Clay  
Conner Gary  
Noah Hardy  
Gage Hartfield  
Caleb Hougesen  
Aiden Lewis

Justin Rice  
Ethan Sanchez  
Jack Shelton  
Roy Stanley  
Keaton Winberry



PRAYER CONCERNS for Healing, Peace and Guidance

Stephanie Baker, Allen Beckert, Carol Joy Benoit, Robbie Best, Joseph Black, Sandy Boyd, Geneva Boyer, Mike Brown, Gideon Burns, Allen Burson, Clay Campbell, Dean Capps, Liz Capps, Jack Catalina, Glenn Caver, Susan Caver, Bob Charlie, Francine Charlie, Wendi Christian, Randy Claxton, Marsha Comer, Steve Comer, Laura Deggs, Dana Dekerlegand, Gerald Delino, Levy Delino, Kathy Dionne, Wayne Dionne, Carol Edgar, Kylee English, Patty Faulk, Johnny Flores, Nita Foret, Becky Fussell, Delmer Fussell, David Gough, Colleen Gray, Anthony Green, Rubin Guillory, Keith Gunn, Danelle Gurski, Pat Gurski, Billy Harris, Lynn Heartfield, Sophie Horne, Kyle Jackson, Phyllis Jackson, Raymond Jackson, Janice Kalbacher, Don Kirkham, Lynlee Kocurek, Karen Lampkin, Sue LeBer, Lora Lollie, Marilyn Love, Richard Malone, Richard Marlow, Rose Merriman, Sean Morris, Shannon Morvant, Julita Patriarca, Rolando Patriarca, Easton Phillips, Raymond Puazo, Rica Puazo, Rosalie Reeder, Marvin Reeves, Dudley Richerson, Jetta Rickard, Kristen Saunders, Steve Simmons, Sarah Sites, Jerry Smith, Jr., Nick Snell, Harvey Steely, Adrienne Stone, Dennis Strawn, Andrew Swedberg, June Pattison Swedberg, Kaylie Thibodeaux, Nathan Thibodeaux, Yolanda Thibodeaux, Sheila Tower, Lolly VanDevender, Lorelei VanDevender, Steve Williamson, Gabe Young Family

**PLEASE NOTE PRAYER LIST TIME LIMIT:** Prayer needs will remain on the prayer list for **30 days**. They fall off automatically at that time unless we have received an **updated Prayer Card**. If you put a person on the list, it is your responsibility to keep us updated. You may resubmit an updated card anyone who falls off.



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**9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday:**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Fridays: Closed**

**Sunday, November 9:**

**Message: "Eating From The Storehouse"**

**Scripture: Genesis 41:1-8**

**Elder at the Table: Drew McClellan**

**Hello Team: Gussie Richerson**

**Communion Preparers: Margaret Blitch  
Liz Capps  
Nancy Blitch**

**Communion Servers: Callie Cornwell  
Brennan McClellan  
Morgan McClellan**

**Attendance 11/16: Sunday School—36  
Worship—76**

**you can reach us:**

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