November

at Sevenoaks

We Exist:
To know Jesus and to make Him Known
We Value:
Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



The Forgiving Father
by Frank Wesley

We Welcome Others Just as God has Welcomed Us!

If you are new to Sevenoaks I want to extend a warm greeting on behalf of our church family, “Welcome, we’re so glad you’re here!” Please make sure to fill out our Welcome Card and take it to the Welcome Center. We’d love to meet you and find out how we can get you connected into the family life of Sevenoaks!

Now, you may be someone who is not new here and this has been your church home for years, well I want you to hear the same words, “Welcome, we’re so glad you’re here!”

We say “welcome” all the time to our friends or family whenever they come over to our house, so whether you are new or a regular attender here, saying welcome never gets old as it conveys that we are pleased to see you and it’s an invitation to you for the potential for closer relationship together, which we call community.

Now we don’t always get community right, we’re not perfect, but our desire is to intentionally allow Jesus to create the kind of community through us that shows He is alive and well in the church. We welcome others just as God has welcomed us!

Pastor Matthew

Services in November

Join us for worship at 10:00 am

Nov 1 - “You don’t have to be...strong”
Nov 8 - “You don’t have to be...happy”
Nov 15 - “You don’t have to be...alone”
Nov 22 - “You don’t have to be...in control”

Advent: New Life is Coming...

Nov 29 - New Life is Coming Through Hope

Board Update

The Board of Elders, staff members and ministry representatives took part in the first of two PEAK weekends on October 3rd and 4th. The sessions were very enlightening as we took a deep dive into the survey results, assessed our strengths and weaknesses, and dove into the history of our church. We are taking on the difficult questions, and reviewing the past challenges so we can shape our future.

We found that our church has great things going on, involving a very dedicated, loving and generous congregation. We didn't need a survey to tell us that, but it is very helpful to have it reinforced and quantified. The survey results also identified areas where we are struggling. Some of these items can be simple things to adjust, some have already been adjusted over the last few months, and some will be more challenging, requiring further prayer and discernment.

Our next PEAK weekend will occur November 27th and 28th, where we will continue to be coached through the process of discerning how God wants to use Sevenoaks Alliance.

Please continue to hold the pastors, staff, and elders in prayer our next elder board meeting is on Oct 28th.

Events & Announcements

SoulCare Class

- Family Sin Patterns - Nov 1 & 8
- Forgiveness - Nov 15 & 22

You're invited to drop in to any of these classes or attend them all. Each topic is over two dates. Sunday mornings – 8:45am in room 105/107.

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign is from Oct 18 to Nov 15. The boxes and brochures can be picked up and dropped off at the table in the lobby during the noted dates or in the church office Mon to Thurs. Any standard shoe box can also be used.

Women's Bible Study

To all women of Sevenoaks and friends. Join us on Nov 4th for a special session with Rick & Tracey Rempel. The church is closed Nov 11th. Then we resume our study of The Names of God (Knowing Peace) by Grace Fox. You are welcome.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 14 , 2026 - 8:00am
Enjoy a morning of good food and friendship with other guys in the Chapel. Special Speaker: Pastor Matthew Carter $10 a ticket.

Good Friends

Nov 19 - 10:30am November's gathering will focus on the topics of prayer and testimony. Snacks Provided. Bring a friend. Gather in the Chapel.

Costa Rica 2027

Please be praying for discernment as we form the team for next year's trip to Costa Rica. Please be praying for the ministries of Inca Link that are happening all year round. If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Pastor Zach.



Christmas Events

Service of the Longest Night – Tues Dec 1 - 7:00pm (Chapel). Christmas can be a hard time for those experiencing loss of job, relationship, or a loved one. Join us for an evening of remembrance and hope for those experiencing grief as we enter the Christmas season.

Family Christmas Movie Night – Fri Dec 4, 7pm (Chapel) – doors open 6:30pm. Come enjoy a festive movie with friends and family and free popcorn to kick off the Christmas Season.

Family Christmas Dessert Night – Fri Dec 11, 7pm (Chapel). An evening of carol singing, performances by the Pacific Voices Handbell Choir, and sweet treats! This is a special opportunity to invite someone who isn't connected to a church family. Tickets: $5 per person.

Christmas Eve Service – Thurs Dec 24

Sevenoaks Kids

Welcome to Sevenoaks Kids! We're thrilled to grow in faith, discover more of God's love, and walk with Jesus together as well as learn and celebrate all He has in store for us. Kids Church meets at 10:00 am on Sundays - age 6 months to grade 6

Join the Sevenoaks Kids Team!

We'd love for you to be part of helping children and families know Jesus and experience His love! We're currently looking for Little Oaks Nursery helpers and Elementary teachers to serve alongside our team.

Whether you're caring for little ones, teaching, building relationships, or welcoming families, there's a place for you to serve and make a difference!

Interested in getting involved? Talk to Pastor Carmen to learn more!

What we are learning



Racers, start your engines! In a race, obstacles, pit stops, and tight turns can make it hard to stay on track. In this four-week series, we'll learn from Joshua that obstacles are no problem for God, courage comes from knowing God's Word, and God can use someone like you. Because with God, there is victory!

Joyful Bites



Once a month, our Children's Ministry celebrates a different National Food Day. If you're a part of our kids' ministry – you won't want to miss these!

This month on Nov 22, we are celebrating National Gingerbread Cookie Day!

For Sevenoaks Kid's information contact Pastor Carmen cfischer@sevenoaks.org

Youth and Young Adults

Sevenoaks Youth and Young Adults are all about knowing Jesus with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength - and making Jesus known in our communities of friends, schools, and families, Come hang out with us and get to know the God who loves you!

Youth

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, students from Grades 6-12 gather at the church building (except for Breakout Night) for an evening of fun games, tasty snacks and meaningful discussions led by our Youth Leaders and Pastor Zach. Here are a few of the special gatherings happening this month:

- Breakout Night - Wed Nov 4 - Various homes
- Image & Identity Series - Wed Nov 11/18 & 25

Young Adults

On Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm our Young Adults (ages 18-30) gather at the church building for community. On different nights we read the Bible, watch engaging videos that encourage us in our following Jesus, serve together, have fun together and pray for one another. Also, once a month the Evanson's host a Game Night at their home for Young Adults. Want to join us? Please contact Pastor Zach.

- **The Chosen** (Season 5, Episodes 7 & 8) Tuesday, November 3
- **The Book of Daniel Part 2** - Tues Nov 10
- **Amen Conference** - Fri Nov 13 & Sat Nov 14 Central Heights Church. For Grades 12 & Young Adults. Registration online. Please connect with Pastor Zach if you are going.
- **The Chosen** (Season 6, Episode 1)
- Tues Nov 17
- **Games Night** @ the Evanson's Fri Nov 20 - 7:30pm
- **The Book of Daniel Part 3** - Tues Nov 24

For Youth & Young Adults information contact Pastor Zach zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org

November at a Glance

Nov 9 Ukrainian Food Bank
Nov 11 Office closed for Remembrance Day
Nov 14 Men's Breakfast - Matthew Carter
Nov 19 Good Friends
Nov 23 Neighborhood Satellite Food Bank
Nov 26 Helping Hands (Monthly Sewing Day)

Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sun	Prayer	9:00 am	Rm 103
	Soul Care Class	8:45 am	Rm 105
	Kids Church	10:00 am	Gym
Mon	ARMinistry	7:00 pm	Chapel
Tues	Young Adults	6:30 pm	Upper Rm
Wed	AM Prayer	6:45 am	Rm 101
	Women's Bible Study	9:30 am	Chapel
	Youth	6:30 pm	Gym
	PM Prayer	7:00 pm	Rm 101
Sat	Men's Prayer	8:00 am	Rm 101

Coming in December

Dec 1 - Service of The Longest Night
Dec 4 - Family Christmas Movie Night
Dec 11 - Family Dessert Night
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service

Church Office Hours

Mondays - Thursdays 8:00am - 4:00pm
Coffee Break - 10:00am Doors Locked during Lunch 12-1pm
(Nov 11 - Church Office closed for Remembrance Day)

Financial Update

Cheerful sacrificial giving is part of our life in Christ, an act of worship to the living God and an expression of trust in Him. Your generosity helps us fulfill our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.

As of October 11, 2026
Year-to-Date General Fund Income

Actual Income:	$515,045.23
Required Per Budget:	$612,505.75
Deficit:	$ 97,460.52

Options for Giving

For those who worship with us in person on Sunday mornings, offering boxes can be found in the Chapel lobby and at the Information Centre.

To learn about secure options for giving online, come and speak to us in the Information Centre or visit our website.

www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give

December Giving Deadlines

The following dates are the dealines for giving in December, if you give through:

- Dec 16 - Tithely
- Dec 28 - Credit Card
- Dec 31 - Cash

Any questions, please call the church office.

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