



As Christians we will continue to lead as many children to the Lord by taking one small step at a time. It is through our Lord's example that we will show others how to Love, Trust, Respect, Care, Honor, Communicate, and Build friendships.

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Sunday Morning

Sunday mornings at DWM's Ikce Oyate Christian Center have looked a little different but the main thing has stayed the same: Jesus being praised. Breakfast is still being served and people are still growing in their faith.



However, our system of picking up community members isn't currently taking place. That means all who attend our breakfast and services come on their own or catch a ride from a friend or relative. While this may have lowered our numbers some, it has actually strengthened the commitment of many who personally make sure they are present come Sunday Morning.



Now children coming on Sundays are with a friend or family member, so they sit as a family in the Sanctuary. Each week Cricket Vaughn provides a time of learning and interaction, through the "Children's Moment" before the sermon. She always explains "it's a time of learning for the young...or young at heart." Often, kid volunteers come to the stage to act out the day's Bible Story, or an interactive song or object lesson is shared. Truth be told, the adults enjoy the lighthearted lesson just as much as the youth attending.



Our time together on Sundays is special: eating a hot breakfast together before the service, getting a time to encourage one another, and then going upstairs for music and hearing the sermon. Andrew Thomas facilitates our service through leading music (usually with 1-4 community singers with him) and Biblical teaching through his sermon. Sunday mornings are a beautiful time of encouragement with the family of believers, and we are thankful God has provided ways we can learn, pray, and worship together in a way that works best for our community right now.



Teen Night at the Tokata Youth Center

Wednesday night Bible Study for teenagers and young adults has been moved to the Tokata Youth Center. In order to better serve that age group we made adjustments to the programming schedule at the youth center. We have shortened the time frame by thirty minutes for the younger groups each day, allowing us to expand our time with the teens of the community. We are now seeing youth who have attended the youth center weekly grow up and become teenagers and young adults. Since moving teen Bible Study into town at the youth center we are able to serve teenagers who are returning to the TYC, to continue to develop their leadership skills, have a safe place to come, and learn more about Jesus. Together they are learning ways to serve the youth and give back to our community



We need your prayers

As we progress into 2022, there is a significant need for spiritual, emotional, and mental aftercare in the wake of the ongoing pandemic. The staff has put into place strategies and programming to meet the unique and critical needs here and we continue to reach out to individuals on a daily basis, encouraging and counseling them. Our community has seen an inordinate amount of sickness and death due to COVID-19 and the process of healing and grieving is moving slowly due to the lingering impacts of the pandemic. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we share the hope we have in Christ with our community. We praise God that He is faithful through it all.



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