

**Who We Are in Christ**  
**[Ephesians 1:1-23](#)**

Greetings ([1:1-2](#))

God chose the chosen before creation ([1:3-6](#)).

*You were chosen in advance, not as an afterthought.*

God covers the chosen by grace through Christ ([1:7-12](#)).

*In Christ, You are redeemed.*

God certifies the chosen by the Holy Spirit ([1:13-14](#)).

*You are sealed and secure.*

Paul's prayer of thanksgiving and supplication ([1:15-23](#))

***God, in His grace, chose you to be in Christ,  
sealed by the Spirit. Praise God!***

**Next Steps**

- I will spend the week in praise of God for his redemptive work in my life.
- I will use Ephesians 1 as a reminder that I am chosen before creation by the Creator when I experience rejection, being overlooked, and being dismissed this week.
- I will take these truths and share them with a younger in-faith Christian.

**This Week's Growth Guide**

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [2 Peter 2:9-12](#)
- **Tuesday** - [Colossians 3:11-13](#)
- **Wednesday** - [2 Thessalonians 2:12-14](#)
- **Thursday** - [2 Timothy 2:9-11](#)
- **Friday** - [Ephesians 2:1-22](#)

## Home Church

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another. *Home Church helps our body seek God's best for one another.*

## Home Church Questions

- Read [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)
- What word repetition do you see in these verses?
- Share something new, challenging, or encouraging.
- Share a time when you were not chosen or unchosen. What impact did that have on you?
- You were chosen before creation. Explain what that means to you.
- What is one way the foundational truths found in Ephesians 1 will impact your week?

## Mother's Day Baby Dedications - May 14 - Both Services

The dedication of babies is a special time for parents to commit before their family and friends to bring up their children in the ways of the Lord. We will have a special Mother's Day baby dedication on Sunday, May 14 (both services). *Contact*

*Lisa Gerdes at [lgerdes@fellowshipconway.org](mailto:lgerdes@fellowshipconway.org) if you would like to have your baby dedicated during one of the services.*

## New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you joined the Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium; we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

## Summer Kids Volunteer

We are looking for summer session volunteers for Fellowship Kids. This is a great opportunity to invest in the future leaders of the faith as they explore who Jesus is and what that means for their lives. We know summer is full of vacations and traveling and that all volunteers will miss occasionally. That is OK! We have a place for you. The summer session is June 4-Aug 13. Please let Heather know if you are interested in hearing more - [hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org](mailto:hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org).

## Fellowship Kids VBS

We're taking a journey back to ancient Babylon - where you'll talk to Daniel and find out what it was like to be a captive in a strange country. Plan to join us Monday, July 17-Friday, July 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for (current) grades Kindergarten through 4th-grade students. Register at [fellowshipconway.org/register](http://fellowshipconway.org/register). We are also looking for volunteers available for VBS to help point our kids to the Lord in various ways. Please email Heather at [hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org](mailto:hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org) if you are willing to serve.

**Fellowship on the Lawn | April 30 | 4:30 p.m.**

Join us for Fellowship on the Lawn. Bring your camp chairs, blankets, and tents to enjoy time in community with the entire Fellowship Family. The kids will be able to play on the playground, and there will be two different inflatables, one for older elementary kids and one for the younger ones. There will be four food trucks: offering adult meals from \$8-12 and kid meals from \$5-7, complete with a main course, side, and drink. The food trucks will be ready to serve at 4:30 p.m. Grab some friends and join us for Fellowship on the Lawn”

**Fellowship Women’s Brunch**

Ladies, plan to join us April 29, 10:00 a.m. here at Fellowship for the Fellowship Women’s Brunch. Childcare by RSVP to Shanna at 501-336-0332.

**Stoby’s Pancake Breakfast**

Join the Czech Team Sunday, May 21, from 8-1 for unlimited pancakes and sausage. The cost is \$6/person, and carry-out is available. Tickets will be available in the coming weeks. Plan now to join us for breakfast.

**Finances**

Weekly Budget	31,390
Giving For 04/09	37,611
Giving For 04/16	23,950
YTD Budget	1,318,369
Giving	1,358,533
OVER/(UNDER)	40,164