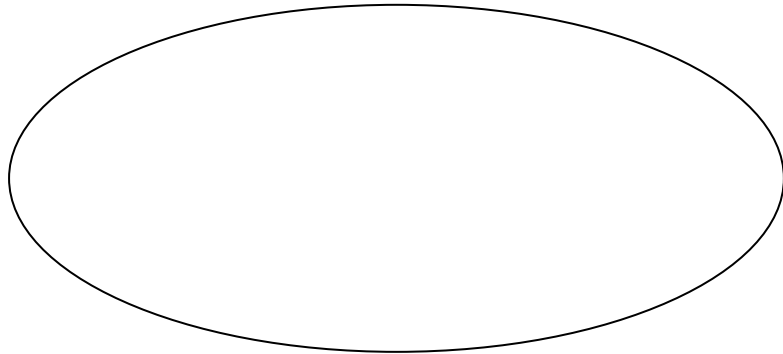


**A Vital Contribution**  
Mark 12:41-44

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My contribution to the \_\_\_\_\_ is vital only when  
the whole of my life is given over to the \_\_\_\_\_.



**A vital contribution to the Kingdom ...**

- ☼ begins with being a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☼ isn't measured by \_\_\_\_\_ but by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☼ isn't measured by relative \_\_\_\_\_ of my contribution, but by its \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☼ isn't measured by what I was once \_\_\_\_\_, but by what I do \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☼ isn't measured by what is \_\_\_\_\_, but by what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☼ isn't measured by what I \_\_\_\_\_, but by what is \_\_\_\_\_ after I give.

For next week: Read Mark 13:1-13



# Sunday Celebration!

**November 26, 2017**

**9:00 & 10:30 am**

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Worship Songs  
*Forever*  
*Grace that is Greater*  
Worship Choir  
*The Blood of Jesus for Me*  
Welcome  
Worship Song  
*Thank You Lord*  
Scripture Reading: Mark 12:41-44  
Offertory  
*Thank You God*  
Message: Pastor Kitchen  
Closing Song  
Benediction  
Postlude

“Oh give thanks to the  
LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love  
endures forever!”  
Psalm 107:1

## Welcome

We're glad you're here to worship with us today! A welcome packet is available for guests at the welcome center in the lobby. Be sure to stop by and pick one up!

Please remember food and beverages should not be brought into the sanctuary.

Please take a moment to  
silence all cell phones!

## SAF Website

Be sure to check out [www.stowalliance.org](http://www.stowalliance.org) for more information about upcoming events and many other resources designed to help keep you up to date with what is going on at SAF.

## Today

No Evening Ministries

## This Week

### MONDAY

7:00 pm Ordinary Guys Bible Study  
7:00 pm Elders Meeting

### TUESDAY

7:00 pm JuBELLation  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

5:00 pm Iron Men Small Group  
6:00 pm Youth Café  
6:30 pm Kid's Choir  
7:00 pm Adult Prayer Meeting  
7:00 pm Worship Choir  
7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 pm Awana  
7:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

### THURSDAY

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

### FRIDAY

7:00 pm LIFE Groups

### SATURDAY

7:30 am Men's Gathering  
9:00 am Men's Basketball  
9:30 am Christmas Choir  
7:00 pm Co-Ed Volleyball

## Announcements

### Share the Harvest Thank You

Thank you SAF! Your generous hearts helped 43 people (14 families) experience the love of Christ this Thanksgiving!

### LIFE 2019 Soup and Salad Dinner Fundraiser

On Saturday, December 9th from 5:00-6:15pm in the gym, the youth group will be serving a soup and salad dinner as a fundraiser for LIFE 2019. Suggested donation is \$10 per person with a \$30 max per family. There will also be a small silent auction with gift baskets. Come ready to get a treat for yourself or use it as a Christmas gift! All proceeds go to LIFE 2019. **Sign up in the lobby TODAY.** Come for dinner and stay for the annual Christmas Choir dramatic musical *Shepherds and Kings* at 7:00pm.

### Men's Gathering

Men of all ages are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30 am in the Seasons Room. Come and bring a friend!

### Haven of Rest Giving Tree

Grab an ornament off the Haven of Rest Christmas Giving Tree located in the lobby and purchase a Christmas gift for a resident of Haven of Rest/Harvest Home! Return the gifts to the tree area *unwrapped* no later than Sunday, December 3rd.

### JuBELLation Ringers Needed

JuBELLation, our handbell choir, is in need of 3 new ringers beginning January 9th. Practices are on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the music room. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact Terese Gavin at 330-926-0329 or Julie Kitchen at 330-688-7433.



### Share the Joy

This outreach is a wonderful opportunity for you to help provide Christmas gifts for children in our church and community whose families are going through hardship. There are several ways you can be involved in this ministry:

- **By nominating a family!** Nomination forms can be obtained in the office and must be submitted **by Sunday, December 3rd.**
- **Contribute financially.** Monetary contributions will be used to purchase gift cards redeemable for families to purchase gifts for children.
- Finally, we need help delivering Christmas cookies, cards, and gift cards to the nominated families! Check **"Share the Joy Delivery Team"** on the Communication Card or call the church office at 330-688-7433 if you are interested in serving in this way.  
 Check Communication Card



### LIFE Group Holiday Schedule

LIFE Groups will be taking a break during the month of December to celebrate the holidays and participate in the many Christmas programs. Our last meeting will be Friday, December 1st for Friday evening groups and Sunday, December 3rd for Sunday evening groups. We will resume on Sunday, January 7th and Friday, January 12th.

### Acme Receipts

Don't forget to turn in your Acme receipts to the designated box at the preschool or church office *through December 30th* to help support SAP!

## Stow Alliance Fellowship Staff

**John Kitchen**, Senior Pastor

**Phil Chapman**, Assistant Pastor

**Don Miller**, Pastor of Discipleship Ministries

**Julie Kitchen**, Director of Worship Ministries

## Kid's Christmas Craft Day

Come make some Christmas gifts for mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa on Saturday, December 16th from 10:30am-12:00pm (right after Kid's Choir practice). Kids Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to a morning of crafts and fun. Please RSVP to Darlene Risjan by Wednesday, December 13th.



## Christmas Parties For Our Remember Nhu Homes

We want to make Christmas a special time for the children of our Remember Nhu homes in Kenya. Because so many of you generously supported our effort to raise money to purchase bicycles for our homes this summer, we will be using the extra funds to provide special food, fun and games for them this Christmas! Thank you!

## Nominating Committee

Please pray for the 2017 Nominating Committee (Pastor Kitchen, Bill Davis, Perry Gopp, Cheryl Parker, and Steve Williams) as they seek to nominate those God would like in positions of elected service in Stow Alliance Fellowship. They also will welcome your questions or input.

## Sound Desk Volunteer

Help is needed at the sound desk! If you are interested in assisting, please contact Jim Adams.

## PRAISE Plan

Thank you for supporting the Praise Plan! Your continued gifts will help us with future projects.

## Our Giving Last Sunday

Tithes & Offerings	\$12,372
Great Commission Fund	\$3,115
Praise Plan Building Fund	\$965

**Darlene Risjan**, Director of Children's Ministries

**Jeanne Crowe**, Preschool Administrator

**Karie Gilley**, Office Administrator

**Michelle Davis**, Financial Administrator

**Bill Azzarello**, Facilities Manager