



**We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.**

**Today's Events**

**Apr. 22** -Goodman/Cripe Bridal Shower; 2:00 at JoAnn Roger's House

**Upcoming Events**

- Apr. 26**-Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- Apr. 29-5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday singing at Garriott Road. 5 p.m.
- May 2**-Wednesday Meal-Chicken, Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert
- May 3**-National Day of Prayer
- May 9**-Wednesday Meal-Baked Potatoes, Fixins, Salad, Dessert
- May 13**-Mother's Day
- May 13**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
- May 16**-Wednesday Meal-Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert
- May 20**-Senior Sunday
- May 23**-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- May 23**-Blood Drive
- June 1-2**-LCCC Beginner Session (Grades 3-4)
- June 10-16**-LCCC Junior Session (Grades 5-7)
- June 24-30**-LCCC Oasis Session (Grades 4-12)
- July 8-14**-LCCC Xtreme Week (Grades 8-12)
- July 15-21**-LCCC Senior Session (Grades 8-12)

**Order of Worship**

**Song Leader** ..... **Sean Sellers**  
 ..... Sanctuary  
 #484 ..... You Are My All in All  
 #113 ..... His Grace Reaches Me  
**Welcome/Scripture: Revelation 21:1-5** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
**Opening Prayer** ..... **Jeff Owen**  
 #870 ..... Beyond This Land of Parting  
 #406 ..... Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
**Communion Talk** ..... **Joe Steffens**  
**Curtis Diel** ..... **Zach Guymon** ..... **Butch McComas**  
**Wayne Williams** ..... **Dennis Hartman** ..... **Jerod Burford**  
 #539 ..... Higher Ground  
 ..... **Dismiss Children**  
 #712 ..... Jesus is Coming Soon  
**Sermon** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
 #909 ..... There's A Fountain Free  
**Welcome/Announcements** ..... **Gordon Jantz**  
**Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **Dan Kent**

**Children's Worship** ..... **Dena Fair**  
**Nursery** ..... **Brenda Wright; Krystal Wright**  
**Sound Booth** ..... **Daylon Roitsch**  
**Slides** ..... **Terry Sherrill**  
**Lock Up** ..... **Bill Oldham, Terry Sherrill**

**Sermon Scripture:** James 1:1-18

**Sermon Thought:** Everyone faces suffering. This suffering can come as drought, disease, violence, or as James mentions, the rich dragging the poor to court. James begins his letter by unexpectedly encouraging his brothers to respond with joy to their various trials. Not to enjoy suffering in some masochist way, but understanding that faith can be strengthened through: accidents, poverty, sickness, prosperity, knowledge, position in life or anything else that may come our way.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What is a trial? What kinds of trials have you experienced?
2. How would you describe the difference between a trial and a temptation?
3. Trials can come from both a lack of or an overabundance of something. Sometimes our faith is tested by loss of health, at other times having too much money or time. How have you experienced these and what have you learned about yourself and faith?

## Prayer List

### Those affected by the wildfires.

**Irene Harguess**-St. Mary's Room #409 with a blocked esophagus

**Margaret Jenkinson**-St. Mary's Rehab #587; has a blood clot

**Debbie Martin**-recovering from eye surgery

**Pat Meek**-brother, Michael Meek, passed away

**Roy Ball**- Leonard Ball's brother; multiple health issues

**Buddy Bugg**- Jovita Lang's friend, in hospital

**Barbara Weese**-sore from a fall. Karen Manley's mom

**Lorie Manly**-Waiting results from heart test

**Jan Petrik**-is having knee problems. Will have an MRI soon.

**Joe William's father**-being treated for pneumonia.

### Record for 4-15-18

Bible Class.....	117
Morning Worship .....	186
Life Groups .....	NC
Contribution .....	\$5,122.90
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$86,295.15
2018 YTD Bdgt.....	\$99,519.30

### Birthdays

#### April:

23<sup>rd</sup> Julie McComas

24<sup>th</sup> Trenn Watson

### Bridal Shower

For Micah Goodman & Trista Cripe.  
Sunday, April 22 from 2-4 p.m. at JoAnn Roger's home. Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillard's, & Walmart.

## Compassion

### *"Feeling What Others Feel"*

Our journey of discipleship has been a very enlightening one for me. As the Spirit guides my thoughts to write each article, I gain a new insight into what being a disciple of Christ is all about. As I deal with various situations in life, I find myself reflecting on how Christ deals with me as one of his disciples. It changes my response because I am more sensitive to **how the people feel** I am dealing with. The things I read each day seem to open my eyes to a greater height of spiritual formation. You see, **feeling what others feel** is an essential part of discipleship because that is what God does for us.

*"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (Jn. 3:16). That means that God put himself in human flesh so he could **feel what we feel**. His Son, *"though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men"* (Phil. 2:6-7). The Hebrew writer tells us that while Jesus was in human flesh, *"he in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin"* (Heb. 4:15). As disciples of Christ, we have the same sense for **feeling what others feel** because *"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness"* (2 Pet. 1:3). When we give our lives to Christ, we become one with him and have access to his divine power to overcome sin as we mature in our spiritual formation. We then have the ability to see others as Christ sees us. He guides us in caring for others so we can encourage their spiritual growth instead of tearing it down. It is only through his divine power that we can **feel what others feel** and guide them on their spiritual journey. What a glorious day it will be **feeling what others feel** through our eternal victory. *Gordon*

### Lariat Creek Christian Camp

The camp sessions for the summer at Lariat Creek Christian Camp are now on their website: [www.lariatcreek.org](http://www.lariatcreek.org). If interested, please check out all the sessions available. The first session is Beginners Session and it will be June 1st and 2nd.

### Manuelito Children's Home Supply Drive

Manuelito Children's Home is in need of the following items: liquid laundry detergent (high-efficiency), cleaning supplies (pine sol, bleach, multipurpose cleaners, etc.), paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper. Food will be collected until April 29. Alan Lindsay can take funds and purchase the items for you.

### Westview Boy's Home

Westview Boy's Home mission trip is planned for May 31-June 3. This trip is for anyone who would like to go, with no out of pocket cost. Please sign up by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Let Michael Manley know if you are interested in going or have questions about it. Michael's number is (580)542-1981.

### Wildfire Disaster Relief

If anyone would like to donate to wildfire disaster relief, please see Gordon Jantz after services. Also, let us know if anyone has family or friends affected by the wildfires or has knowledge of specific personal needs that we can help with.