

# 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**

LCCC Oasis Session Begins

### **Upcoming Events**

June 27-Wednesday Meal-Poppy Seed Chicken, Green Beans, Rolls, Strawberry Dessert July 4-Office Closed; No Wednesday night class July 8-14-LCCC Xtreme Week (Grades 8-12) July 10-Summer Ladies Class July 11-Wednesday Meal-Lasagna, Salad, French Bread, Pudding July 15-21-LCCC Senior Session (Grades 8-12) July 18-Wednesday Meal-Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips, Brownies July 21-Mercy House; 4-8pm July 22-25-VBS Aug. 1- Blood Drive Aug. 14-Summer Ladies Class Aug. 18-Mercy House; 4-8pm

	Order of	Worship		
<b>Song Leader</b> #779				
#768				
Welcome/Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21				
Opening Prayer				
		Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross		
	Cory Moore			
Jeff Owen	David Granberg	0		
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Sermon		•		
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Welcome/Announcements		•		
Shepherd's Praye	۲		John Wright	
Children's Worship				
Nursery		Michelle Pettus; Beverly Carroll		
Sound Booth				
			Brian Wright	
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Scripture: Ephesians 4:14-20

**Comments**: As disciples of Christ, we live in a divine world and a divine life in the "kingdom of heaven." It is only when we give ourselves to spiritual formation can be begin to understand what this life in Christ is all about. That is what Paul is telling us about how to *"know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God… by the power at work within us, that is able to accomplish abundantly more than all we can ask or imagine"* (Eph. 4:19-20). Our individual spiritual formation is an orderly process where we humble ourselves to accept the ways he has chosen to work with us and through us. This will give us rest for our souls and enable us to walk increasingly in the wholeness, holiness, and power of the kingdom of heaven.

# Questions:

**1.** What are the things you do for your personal spiritual formation so you can "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)?

2. Where do you find peace and rest for your soul as you go about your daily life?

3. Do you feel God's presence in your life and that Christ truly lives in you?

### **Prayer List**

Verda Lee Haltom-Jeanita Meek's mother; multiple fractures of her pelvis Patrece Allen-shingles Shannon Elledge Family-father, Ed Elledge, passed away Geneva Sheffield-Greenbrier Nursing Home #19; having multiple health issues Margaret Jenkinson- Is in Golden Oaks Skilled Nursing #144 Debbie Martin-severe strain of right hamstring

#### Record for 6-17-18

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\$5,121.10
\$6,634.62
\$125,941.74
\$159,230.88

#### **Birthdays**

June:

25th Glenn Walker

28th Loretta Ball

29th Michelle Pettus

30th David Granberg Clayton Nolen

VBS registration forms are in the lobby. Please fill one out and return to the office.

# Prepared "Trimming Your Lamp"

One of my shortfalls in life is that I seem to never allow enough time to do the things I plan to do. My heart is big and the needs of humanity are plentiful. I strive to be efficient on managing my time, but the tasks I engage in always take more time than I allow. On a good and normal day it takes a certain amount of time to get from one place to another. However, when was the last time we saw a "good and normal day"? It seems I keep forgetting that! During my years of traveling in the Air Force, the airplane door was shut behind me on several occasions when I boarded. That my friends is cutting it close, and it is very dangerous to put ourselves at risk by not allowing enough time.

Jesus teaches us a powerful lesson about being prepared in his parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all trimmed their lamps to conserve oil. Jesus says five of them were wise and planned ahead by taking extra oil and were able to go into the marriage feast. Then there were five foolish virgins who did not take extra oil and were shut out of the marriage feast. You see, they did not prepare for the bridegroom's delay and were found wanting. We live in a hectic and fast paced world, and as I am guilty of, it is easy to take on too much and lose out on the blessings of life. We need to do some spiritual reflections on life and plan for trimming our lamp so it does not get snuffed out prematurely. Paul gives us some good guidance on taking time for ourselves in Galatians 6:9. He says, "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." Folks, we do not want to get shut out of our entry into heaven due to getting caught up in things of this world, and not being prepared when the Lord returns to receive his own. Spend time trimming your lamp!!! Gordon

#### **Baby Shower**

The North Garland family is invited to a baby shower for Christian and Madison Solis (she is Debbie Martin's daughter) at the **Eat It Up! Banquet Hall** (110 North Main Street) in Hennessey, Oklahoma on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. The family would prefer a signed kids book in lieu of cards so "Baby Merick" will have a lot to read as he grows. They are registered at Wal-Mart & Amazon (under the name Christian Solis). Diapers are welcome and appreciated (newborn to size 4). We will plan to take the church van and car pool for those planning to attend (leaving North Garland by 2:20). If you would just like to drop off a gift at the church, it will be taken to the shower. Let Carol Jantz know if you plan to go.



God is always with us! Bring a picture to put on the bulletin board by the cradle roll classroom, of you and your kids traveling this summer. Please give to Carrie Mills or Alyssa Plummer.