



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

VBS Begins

Upcoming Events

- July 23-** VBS
- July 24-** VBS
- July 25-** VBS
- July 29-** 5th Sunday Fellowship
- Aug. 1-** Blood Drive
- Aug. 1-** Wed. Meal: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Pasta Salad, Dessert
- Aug. 3-4-** Quilt of Valor Sew-In (Fellowship Hall)
- Aug. 5-** Back to School Prayers
- Aug. 12-** Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- Aug. 14-** Summer Ladies Class
- Aug. 15-** Wed. Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert
- Aug. 18-** Mercy House; 4-8pm
- Aug. 19-** Teacher Appreciation Banquet
- Sept. 2-** Fall Quarter Begins
- Sept. 3-** Labor Day; Office Closed
- Sept. 5-** Wed. Meal: Tator-Tot Casserole, Salad, Bread, Dessert
- Sept. 19-** Wed. Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas, Hot Rolls, Dessert

Ten volunteers are needed at Mercy House for Saturday, Aug 18. Contact Terry Gordon if you can help.

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Dee Plummer**
 Come Let Us Sing
 Your Loving Kindness
 As the Deer Thirsts
Welcome/Scripture: Psalm 42:1-5 **Erik Granberg**
Opening Prayer **Danny Powers**
 Break My Heart
 #332 Lead Me to Calvary
Communion Talk **Roger Owen**
 Roger Owen Dee Plummer Daylon Roitsch Jim Osburn
 Steve Long Jeff Owen Robb Mills Rustin Osburn
 Cornerstone
 **Dismiss Children**
 #535 The Glory-Land Way
Sermon **Erik Granberg**
 #909 There's a Fountain Free
Welcome/Announcements **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Dan Kent**

Children's Worship **Cassie Barr**
Nursery **Sue Diel; Megan Darrow**
Sound Booth **Dudley Darrow**
Slides **Terry Sherrill**
Lock Up **Michael Manley; Robb Mills**

Sermon Scripture: John 3:16-18

Sermon Thought: There are many ways that faith can get complicated. There are complex theological questions, issues of faith or works, and trying to understand concepts of grace, sin, or eternity. Add to that church dynamics, and it is easy to see how we can lose focus on the basics of faith. Sometimes it is important to get back to the basics of faith, which is what today's sermon focused on.

Sermon Questions:

1. What ways or topics do you find faith complicated?
2. Put the message of the Bible into one sentence using your own words.
3. Discuss how our own congregation complicates faith.
4. Discuss how our own congregation simplifies faith.

Prayer List

Renee Jantz-Gordon & Carol's daughter-in-law; will have knee surgery 7/27

Cissy Duarte-in St. Mary's, no visitors at this time

Willie Russel-recovering from a severe tendon strain in his right leg

Larry LeCrone-at home, recovering from bypass surgery

Nellie Jo Dittmeyer – struggling with health issues

Link Setser-recovering from knee injury

Shawn Tuohy-mom & dad both having health issues

Verda Lee Haltom-Jeanita Meek's mother; multiple fractures of her pelvis

Patrece Allen-recovering from shingles

Geneva Sheffield-Greenbrier Nursing Home #19; having multiple health issues

Margaret Jenkinson- moved to Greenbrier assisted living; Room 413

Record for 7-15-18

Bible Class.....	87
Morning Worship	157
Life Groups	NC
Contribution	\$4,108.00
Budget	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$174,954.74
2018 YTD Bdgt	\$185,769.36

Birthdays

July:

23rd Baylor Burford

25th Culley Calfee
Danny Powers

28th Darlene Shepard
Les Swart

Love

"Motivated to be Holy"

Motivation is an interesting and important part of life. What is it that motivates us to do the things we do? We are motivated to get something we want or to avoid negative consequences. My parents provided the needed motivation to change my behavior through their discipline. Their heart's desire was for me to have a good life. In my Air Force career, I was motivated to do each job I had the best I could so I would continue to get good performance reports and be promoted. This has all made me into the person I am today.

Our heavenly Father has the same desire for our lives – to make us into the vessels of honor he chooses for each of us (Rom. 9:19-21). He tells us, *"For I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy"* (Lev. 11:44). As Christians, we are **motivated to be holy** because we desire the blessings that come from striving to be like him. He wants the very best for us, and guides us through his love so we can reach our eternal destiny with him in heaven. His love for us and our love for him is what **motivates us to be holy**. The apostle Paul also encourages us when he writes, *"I appeal to you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship"* (Rom. 12:1). When we are **motivated to be holy**, we become more Christ like in every facet of our individual lives. Our spiritual character is formed by God's discipline, just as my physical life was by my parents. The Hebrew writer tells us, *"For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives"* (Heb. 12:6). Being **motivated to be holy** assures us of standing with the multitudes in heaven singing *"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty"* (Rev. 4:8). *Gordon*

School Supply Drive

We are having a school supply drive again this year for Longfellow Middle School until August 13. We will accept monetary donations or school supplies, including pencils, paper, back packs, tissue, and hand sanitizer. Contacts are Dudley Darrow and Robb Mills.

Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will be August 1st from 5-8 pm. Please sign up on the Welcome Center if you are able to donate.

Thank you Judy Watson, and all of the pantry workers for making my 89th birthday such a wonderful day. The refreshments were great. The pantry patrons all wished me a happy birthday as they went through the line. Thanks again.

Loretta Ball