



**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**

Fall Quarter Begins

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 3-** Youth Group Back to School Pool Party
- Sept. 3-** Labor Day; Office Closed
- Sept. 5-** Wed. Meal: Tator-Tot Casserole, Salad, Bread, Dessert
- Sept.9-**Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 am
- Sept. 11-**Tuesday Ladies Class 10:00 am
- Sept. 12-** Wed. Meal; Baked Potatoes; Salad, Dessert
- Sept. 15-** Mercy House
- Sept. 19-** Wed. Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas, Coleslaw, Hot Rolls, Dessert
- Sept. 26-** Wed. Meal: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Dessert
- Sept. 30-** Fish Fry at the Burford Farm
- Sept.30-5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Fellowship
- Sept. 30-** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing in Hennessy
- Oct. 10-**Blood Drive
- Oct. 14-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 am
- Oct. 29-** Alva Bible Chair Lunch

**Order of Worship**

<b>Song Leader</b> .....				<b>Robb Mills</b>
#167 .....				Hosanna
#103 .....				He Has Made Me Glad
<b>Welcome/Scripture: Psalm 89:1-8</b> .....				<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....				<b>Michael Manley</b>
#479 .....				Peace, Perfect Peace
#96 .....				I Stand in Awe
#213 .....				He Is Able
#176 .....				Lamb of God
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....				<b>Shannon Elledge</b>
Shannon Elledge	Dudley Darrow	Bill Spencer	Brent Dittmeyer	
Bill Oldham	Todd Anderson	Curtis Diel	David Burford	
#453 .....				Love Lifted Me
.....				<b>Dismiss Children</b>
#791 .....				On Bended Knee
<b>Sermon</b> .....				<b>Erik Granberg</b>
#794 .....				Unto Thee, O Lord
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....				<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....				<b>Pat Meek</b>
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....				<b>Mary Raloff</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....				<b>Brigitte Elledge; Kelsey Sellers</b>
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....				<b>Brian Wright</b>
<b>Slides</b> .....				<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
<b>Lock Up</b> .....				<b>Terry Sherrill; Wayne Williams</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** James 5:16

**Sermon Thought:** Something in each of us strongly resists admitting we are wrong. Christ has made it possible for us to go directly to God for forgiveness. But confessing our sins to each other still has an important place in the life of the church.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What are the benefits of confessing our sin to each other, whether it is a close confidant, mentor, or the church?
2. How does a church navigate forgiveness and consequences for sin?
3. What stood out to you from today's message?

## New Prayer Concerns

### Youth and Family Minister Search

**Joe Duarte**-in OK Heart Hospital for a quadruple bypass scheduled today

**Hartsell & Lois Johnson**-declining health

**Irene Harguess**-back in St. Mary's

**Beverly Carroll**-praise for her recovery and being back home

**Cissy Duarte**-in St. Mary's Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) #4211 No visitors at this time

### Record for 8-26-18

Bible Class.....	90
Morning Worship .....	180
Life Groups .....	66
Contribution .....	\$4,414.98
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$199,822.54
2018 YTD Bdgt.....	\$225,577.08

### Birthdays

#### September:

4<sup>th</sup> Michael Armour

### Anniversaries

#### September:

5<sup>th</sup> Bryce & Gina Thornton-**20 Years!**

Hartsell & Lois Johnson will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They are not up to visitors, so the family has asked for friends to send them cards. Their address is:

1828 Maple  
Alva, OK 73717

## Tight Rings

Do you love trees? Yes, me too. Growing up in this part of Oklahoma, we really appreciate them. There are very few native trees in this part of the state. Most pictures of the early settlers show no trees at all. So, if you found a tree it was very special. Some of my relative's land abstracts even included certain trees in them.

I recently heard of a couple who wanted to build their dream home in northern California. They bought this piece of property with a fabulous view. The only problem was a lone tree where they wanted to construct their new home. To solve this problem, they would use the wood from this tree to build their new home. So, they contacted a local saw mill to take the massive tree down. Problem solved.

Construction began on the new house. But, when it came time to use this tree wood for the build, the couple got a call from the local saw mill owner. "I'm sorry, that tree you wanted to use for your new house wasn't safe to use for construction." After he cut the tree down, the builder noticed the tree did not have tight rings, making the lumber too weak for construction. Apparently, the tree never went through any droughts or other stress in its life that would have given tight rings. (FYI, each ring of a tree equals a year of growing.)

We live in a culture that rewards everything. Everyone gets a trophy, fast food, drive through everything, shopping with just a few keyboard clicks. According to one of the latest polls, 86% of Americans believe in God but only 37% attend a local church. Some would say our church is suffering from the above, lack of attendance. Ears not being tickled enough with their own thoughts, so they go elsewhere or not at all. But what would Jesus say to all of this? John 14 is very comforting to me. Some of the highlights are: John 14:1, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God, trust also in me," John 14:9, "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it," John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jesus says, "I got this, do not worry," twice in this short interaction with his disciples. Yes, I wish all times were great! But, as Christians we go through tough times and it builds our rings tight. We just have to go through each season of our life. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "There is a time for everything and a season for everything under heaven." If you were alive in 1967, there was a song by the Byrds called "Turn, turn, turn." Let's all get some tight rings this season!

*Brent*

## Back to School Pool Party!!

There will be a pool party tomorrow for all youth, 6th to 12th grades, at the Plummer's house, from 6-8 pm. Come have a fun time and help welcome the new youth group members.

## New Fall Quarter Classes

Some may say there are no "minor figures" in the New Testament, but a good many men and women are lesser-known individuals. Despite an immediate recognition of these characters, each one has a vital role in the ministry of Jesus and the early history of the church. The part each played and the lessons learned from the appearance and participation of each provide ample opportunity to learn from them as examples of how one should live today in service to the Master. Join Erik Granberg each Sunday morning this fall, to learn more about these New Testament characters.

Each Wednesday, starting September 5<sup>th</sup>, two classes will be offered: Extra! Extra! Read all about it- A Christian response to current events, taught by Erik Granberg, and a ladies class, exploring the Beatitudes, taught by Pam Denney. The ladies class will meet in the children's church room.

