

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**

Elders/Deacons Meeting 1-4 pm

## **Upcoming Events**

**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

Oct. 10-Blood Drive

Oct. 14-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00

Oct. 29- Alva Bible Chair Lunch

Congratulations to Curtis & Sue Diel on the arrival of a new grandson! Lawrence (Wren) Poland was born 9/4/18 weighing in at 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Congratulations also to Dudley and Megan Darrow who are the aunt and uncle of this much prayed for baby.

Order of Worship				
Song Leader			Glenn Walker	
#31				
#242				
Welcome/Scripture: Habakkuk 2:18-20				
Opening Prayer				
#381				
#383				
Communion Talk				
Shawn Tuohy		Pat Meek		
Wayne Williams	Jerod Burford		•	
#83				
#676				
#679			•	
Sermon				
#662				
Welcome/Announcements				
Shepherd's Prayer				
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Children's Worship			Brigitte Elledge	
Nursery				
Sound Booth				

Sermon Scripture: Luke 5:13-15

**Sermon Thought**: The final phrase of these verses say, "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayer." Those lonely places would have been places that were quiet. No people to ask questions, seek miracles or press in to touch Jesus. Trying to find peace and quiet is something that many of us can probably relate to. But while we may use a quiet place to take a nap, Jesus chose to talk to the father at these times.

## **Sermon Questions:**

- 1. On a scale of 1-10, how good are you at being quiet?
- 2. When you find a quiet place what do you do?
- 3. Later in this series we will talk about resting; what might be some differences between being quiet and resting?
- 4. What thoughts did you have today about our topic?

## **New Prayer Concerns**

Youth and Family Minister Search
Emperados-pray for a smooth
transition to life with all their children in
college

<u>Philipines</u>-pray for newly planted & young churches

<u>Maddox Allison</u>-Krystal Wright's cousin; suffering from PANDAS or Pediatric Autoimmune

Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus Infection

<u>Carolyn Reith</u>-suffering from a UTI, in St. Mary's #318

<u>Joe Duarte</u>-recovering from triple bypass surgery

Debbie Martin-health issues Irene Harguess-back at home

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

#### **Record for 9-02-18**

Bible Class	78
Morning Worship	170
Life Groups	14
Contribution	\$6,343.45
Budget	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont	
2018 YTD Bdgt	\$232,211.70

## **Birthdays**

#### September:

9th Jan Petrik

12<sup>th</sup> Patrece Allen Eleanor Taylor Tania Unruh

14th Lawson King

15th Carrie Mills

#### **Anniversaries**

#### September:

5th Bryce & Gina Thornton-20 Years!

22<sup>nd</sup> Jim & Mandy Coker JR & Carol Baxter

27th Don & Cheryl Siders

#### Two in One

Coins have two sides, and each of us has two natures, the nature of the **flesh** and the nature of the spirit. The scriptures talk about these two sides quite frequently: Mark 14:38, "The **spirit** is willing, but the **flesh** is weak," Romans 8:6, "The mind governed by the **flesh** is death, but the mind governed by the **Spirit** is life and peace," and Galatians 5:17, "For the **flesh** desires what is contrary to the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** what is contrary to the **flesh**." While these two are different in several ways, seen vs. unseen, eternal vs. temporary, they constantly interact with one another.

God, as our maker, knows how much these two work together, and as such gives us physical actions that shape our spiritual selves. A couple of examples would be communion and baptism. The physical act of communion is not much more that eating some crackers and "fruit of the vine." The spiritual side is so much more when believers gather together, take the sacraments, and in doing so participate together in remembrance of what Jesus did for mankind in his death. Baptism physically is not much more than what children do when playing at a local pool, dunking one another. But the physical act of baptism has a deep spiritual impact for us as we die to self, are buried, and raised to new life, just as Jesus died, was buried, and raised to new life.

Recently I have been thinking a lot about other actions that shape the lives of people who want to be disciples of Jesus. These actions are incredibly powerful. They shape the spiritual side and mold us more into the image of Jesus Christ. Consider this list of actions and which might you need to incorporate into your life so that you might be a better disciple: worship, service, confession, prayer, giving, fasting, silence, scripture reading, forgiveness, and community.

I close with this verse from Galatians 2:20, "...the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Erik Granberg

# Fifth Sunday Fish Fry

Sunday September 30th, for our 5th Sunday fellowship, there will be a Fish Fry at the Burford farm beginning at 5:00 PM. Fish, hush puppies, and tator tots will be provided, but bring a side or dessert if desired. Other items you may want to bring: lawn chairs, footballs, frisbees, clothes for children to play in the river. Directions from Atwoods: head west on 412 for 2 miles, turn south (left) on Imo Rd., drive until the black top ends, turn west (right) on Woods Rd, drive for 1 mile and turn South (left) on Boomer Rd., drive 3/4 mile then turn left into the farm. David will mark the way with white streamers. Contact Jerry Rogers with any questions.

# **Pantry Help**

If you are available Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30, we would love your help with the pantry! We have started getting ready for our Thanksgiving dinner so extra hands would be a blessing. Please call David Burford at (580)548-7090 if this is something you can do so he can get you scheduled.