

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



# **Upcoming Events**

Nov. 28-Wed. Meal: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Veggie Cups, Sopapilla Cheesecake Dec. 2-Winter Quarter Begins Dec. 9-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 Dec. 10-Golden Gals Lunch & Gift Exchange at Patty Long's House 11:30 am Dec. 12-Blood Drive Dec. 15-Mercy House Dec. 16-Cole Steffens Wedding Shower 2-4 pm at JoAnn Roger's House Dec. 23-Candlelight Vigil Dec. 24,25-Office Closed Dec. 26-No Wednesday night class

**Dec. 30**-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship **Jan. 1**-Office Closed **Jan. 5**-Wed. Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert



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		Jesus, Let L	
		Erik GranbergSteve Long	
		Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	
Communion Talk	(		
<b>v</b>		Zach Guymon	•
Joe Williams		Wayne Williams	
		You Are the Song That I Sing	
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		All to Jesus I Surrender	
		John Wright	
Children's Worsl	hip		Alvssa Plummer
		Brigitte Elledge; Kelsey Sellers	
Sound Booth			
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Lock Up		Cory	/ Moore; Bill Oldham

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# Sermon Scripture: John 14:5-6

**Sermon Thought**: A common claim today is that truth is relative. What is true for one person might not be true for another person and neither has the right to criticize the other. Ironically, turn to any news source and there is no end of people claiming to be right and that others are wrong, especially in the recent election season. As Christians, we believe there is eternal truth, and that the claim of Jesus as, "the way and the truth and the life," is true.

# Sermon Questions:

1. In what ways have you seen pushing or living as though there is no truth?

2. Do you think people ultimately want there to be a solid truth or no truth?

3. How can we as Christians shed light on this matter in a dark world?

# **New Prayer Concerns**

Tyler & Emma Holland-prayers as they begin their new walk with Christ Youth and Family Minister Search Les Swart-has moved to Greenbrier Skilled Nursing #92

<u>Sydney Reigh</u>-friend of Seth & Cassie Barr; will have her 16<sup>th</sup> brain surgery Nov. 30

#### **Record for 11-18-18**

Bible Class	
Morning Worship	121
Life Groups	
Contribution	
Budget	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont	\$252,152.76
2018 YTD Bdgt	\$305,192.52
Served at Pantry	N/A

### **Birthdays**

#### November:

- 26<sup>th</sup> Leland McNabb
- 27th Macie Holderly
- 28<sup>th</sup> Krystal Wright
- 30<sup>th</sup> Alyssa Plummer

# Intentional

# "Making Every Effort"

My dad gave me some valuable advice at a pivotal point in my life. I was telling him about my disappointment in the inspection results we had received in my squadron. We had worked hard to overcome some operational deficiencies, and we felt good about the progress we had made. Dad then told me it wasn't about the grade but knowing we had done the best we could. There are few things in life we have control over, but one thing that is in our power is the **effort we make**. When we give our very best to doing things, good things will normally happen. And even if they don't, we still have the satisfaction of having done what we could.

Just like my dad did for me, our heavenly Father also gives us some valuable advice for our spiritual lives. He gives us *"His divine power that grants to us all things that pertain to life and godliness"* (2 Pet. 1:3). He wants us to succeed in our spiritual battle with Satan's evil forces, so he did his part by sending his Son in human flesh to show us how to live a spiritual life. It is through our *"knowledge of Jesus, who called us to his own glory and excellence, ...so we can escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion and become partakers of the divine nature"* (2 Pet. 1:3-4). Because of what our heavenly Father has done for us, our task is to be about **making every effort** to follow his advice and do what Jesus taught so can receive a good inspection report – a Crown of Righteousness! We will be blessed with great joy and satisfaction by **making every effort** as disciples of Christ serving in the Lord's kingdom. As Paul tells us, *"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men"* (Col. 3:23). We praise God for the wonderful life he has given us in Christ, and we glorify him by **making every effort** to remain faithful until he calls us home.

# **Thank You**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving dinner for the pantry patrons such a huge success! Giving donations, picking up groceries, making phone calls and spreading the word, cooking, cleaning, greeting, serving, the list goes on and on of things that helped make the dinner a special evening. We gave 76 people a warm place to go to fill their hearts and stomachs. What a great example of what our church can achieve when we work together.

# Winter Quarter Bible Class

Gordon will be teaching a Bible class on our **Spiritual Formation into Christlikeness**. When we fully come to grasp with what Christ has done for us – it must move us to a life of learning from him as his disciples and doing what he commands us to do. He has paid the debt for our sins and provided a way for our salvation and eternal home in heaven. Our task as Christians is to be transformed by the spiritual life Christ has given us and to become like Him.

# Life Groups

Life groups will be on break from now through the end of the year. During this time there will be a sign-up list in the lobby for those who want to participate in life groups during 2019.