



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

5th Sunday Fellowship

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 1-Office Closed
- Jan. 2-Wed. Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
- Jan. 8-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Jan. 9-Wed. Meal: Breakfast Casserole, Hash-Browns, Fruit, Dessert
- Jan. 15-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Jan. 12,13-Logan Hackworth Youth Minister Try Out
- Jan. 13-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 am
- Jan. 16-Wed. Meal-Pizza, Fruit Salad, Green Salad, Dessert
- Jan. 19-Mercy House 4-8 pm
- Jan. 19-Sew-In 9 am to 12 pm
- Jan. 20-Teachers Lunch & Meeting-After Services
- Jan. 22- Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Jan. 29- Ladies' Class 10:00 am

Life Group sign-up are on the welcome center. There are three to choose from.

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Glenn Walker
#221	Jesus, Name Above All Names
#222	There's Something About That Name
Welcome/Scripture: Psalm 46:1-3	Erik Granberg
Opening Prayer	Marion Howell
#691	Make Me New
#683	I Am Mine No More
.....	Break My Heart
Communion Talk	Gordon Jantz
Gordon Jantz	Shawn Tuohy
Landon Geitzenauer	Jerod Burford
.....	Bill Oldham
.....	Carl Dowell
.....	David Granberg
.....	Dismiss Children
#155	Highest Place
#794	Unto Thee, O Lord
.....	Make A Joyful Noise
.....	Hard Fighting Soldier
Sermon	Erik Granberg
#789	Father
#790	Lord, Take Control
#791	On Bended Knee
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright
Children's Worship	Geneva Osburn
Nursery	Mary Sherrill; Kim Spencer
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow
Slides	Terry Sherrill
Lock Up	Terry Sherrill; Wayne Williams

Sermon Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon wrestled with an idea called, "cultural Christianity." This is when Christians end up looking more like what their culture wants than what God wants. While culture itself isn't bad necessarily, it does have the ability to greatly pull a follower off base.

Sermon Questions:

1. In what ways do you see cultural Christianity growing?
2. The sermon mentioned the parable of the good Samaritan. What other ways did Jesus address culture?
3. How does cultural Christianity pull at you? How can you combat that?

New Prayer Concerns

Terry Gordon-recovering from shoulder scope surgery
Cledus Waddle-in St. Mary's ICU with Pneumonia
Dawn Webb & family-aunt passed away
Tom Raloff-pray for resolution of his left arm issues
Debbie Martin-sinus infection & ongoing knee problems
Rustin Osburn-searching for a new job
Youth and Family Minister Search

Record for 12-23-18

Bible Class..... N/C
Morning Worship144
Contribution\$4,117.41
Budget\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....\$275,691.29
2018 YTD Bdgt\$338,365.62
Served at Pantry..... 7 families
..... 33 total people

Birthdays

January:

1st Patty Long
2nd Jim Osburn
Kelly Ward

Anniversaries

January:

15th Clay & Sarah Calfee
(8 years)

Please add your anniversary to your attendance card so we can celebrate you this upcoming year! (If the office does not have your birthday, please add it too!)

Pleasing God

“Rewarded for Faithful Service”

Throughout my military career, I was rewarded in many different ways for the service I had rendered to our country. These rewards came in good job performance reports, promotions, and a number of medals and honors. When you serve the best you can, in whatever capacity you are doing, it is recognized and you are rewarded for it.

As we live our Christian lives, we too are rewarded for our faithful service in the Kingdom of Heaven. These rewards also come in many different forms and ways. We are blessed each day to be a child of God, to have a constantly renewing spiritual life through Jesus Christ. He is our mediator, our guide, and our friend who is letting the Father know that we are doing good. We hear these precious words, *“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master”* (Matt. 26:21). As we continue our spiritual journey toward our heavenly home, we must keep in mind what Paul encourages us to do. *“Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men”* (Col. 3:23). Even though the spiritual path we are on is narrow and often difficult, we have assurance that God is with us. As Jesus tells us, *“I am with you always, to the close of the age”* (Matt. 28:20). That should give us the courage and strength we need to remain true to our calling, so we can be **rewarded for faithful service**. We are rewarded by the spiritual family we are part of – we are rewarded to be in God’s presence as we worship him – we are rewarded by making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. **God is pleased** when he sees us engaged in our faithful service because he knows the joy that awaits us. *“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life”* (Rev. 2:10). That is the greatest **reward for faithful service!**

Gordon

