



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

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Jan. 16**-Wed. Meal: Company Casserole, Green Peas, Green Salad, Pudding, Cookies
- 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. 23**-Wed. Meal: Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit, Dessert
- Jan. 29**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Jan.30**-Wed. Meal: Soups, Cornbread/Crackers, Green Salad, Veggies, Dessert
- Feb. 6**-Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Pasta Salad, Jello Salad, Dessert
- Feb. 10**-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00

Record for 1-6-19

Bible Class.....	99
Morning Worship.....	168
Contribution	\$7,473.10
Served at Pantry	69 families
.....	189 people

Thank You

A BIG thank you to the wonderful person who gave me the beautiful music box that plays "Amazing Grace", my favorite song. Thank you so much, it means so much to me. I play it every day and more! Love you whoever you are,
Patrece Allen

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Robb Mills			
.....	Hallelujah			
.....	Clap Your Hands			
Welcome/Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31	Erik Granberg			
Opening Prayer	Gordon Jantz			
.....	Oceans			
.....	Touched by a Fire			
.....	Pierce My Ear			
.....	Cornerstone/Christ Alone			
Communion Talk	Jim Osburn			
Jim Osburn	Cory Moore	Cooper Thornton	Jeff Owen	
Carl Dowell	Michael Manley	Trenn Watson	Dan Kent	
#18.....	Faithful Love			
.....	Dismiss Children			
.....	10,000 Reasons			
Sermon:	Erik Granberg			
#781.....	Thank You, Lord!			
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz			
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent			
Children's Worship	Cassie Barr			
Nursery	Brenda Wright			
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow			
Slides	Terry Sherrill			
Lock Up	Dudley Darrow; Michael Manley			

Sermon Scripture: Luke 14:26-27

Sermon Thought: The verse for the sermon today sounds like a very harsh and un-Jesus like thing to say. Really? Hate my father and mother? It is a really vivid hyperbole, meaning that one must love Jesus even more than one's immediate family. Matthew 10:37 gives the same idea but with gentler words, "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...."

Sermon Questions:

1. Blood is thick, even in families that don't get along well. Why are family connections so strong?
2. Spend a few moments at consider the strengths and weaknesses families can offer?
3. How do you see family causing spiritual problems nowadays?

Birthdays

January:

16th David Petrik

17th George Gordon
Mark Pettus

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, current address, or phone number, please add it too!)

Next Week's (1/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Sean Sellers

Opening Prayer: Jerry Rogers

Communion

Talk: Roger Owen

Lead Servant: Bryce Thornton

Servers: Brett Thornton
Shannon Elledge
Clay Calfee
Landon Geitzenauer
Bill Oldham
Shawn Tuohy

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Nursery

Attendants: Mandy Coker
Kelli Moore

Children's

Worship: Cassie Barr

Growing Spiritual Fruit

I recently had the opportunity to try a new kind of fruit, Dragon Fruit. If you have never seen it, it is about the size of a baked potato, has a red skin with orange flaps, and is white on the inside with small black seeds. It is interesting to look at, but as for taste, I found it to be bland.

God created all kinds of fruit to eat, some are better than others. Scripture commonly used the metaphor of fruit to talk about the contrast between good and evil people. Jesus' words recorded in Luke 6:43 say, *"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit...the good person brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil person brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart."* Also, in John 15:6, Jesus said that branches which don't bear fruit should be, *"picked up, thrown into the fire and burned,"* John 15:6. No one wants bad fruit, it is only good to be tossed out.

I spoke at Hillsdale Christian School's chapel last week on this topic and during the talk, I tossed a rotten banana into the group of students. Most of them flinched and moved away because they didn't want to get it on them. There were a couple who thought it would be fun to grab the disgusting fruit. They had big smiles on their faces until they realized what they had done. Then their noses wrinkled up and looked for something to wipe their hands on.

Galatians chapter 5 lists what are commonly called, "the fruits of the Spirit." Those who follow God and allow his spirit to work in their lives will produce fruit like: patience, joy, peace, gentleness and self-control. However, Galatians also lists what I call, "fruits of the flesh." The fruits of the flesh include things like: hatred, jealousy, anger, and drunkenness. No one wants to be around people who are full of fruits of the flesh, so they move away just like the students moving away from the rotten banana.

Take time this week to examine the kind of spiritual fruit you are producing in your life. Consider other's reactions to you. Do people around you get filled with joy or frustration? Distrust or openness? People tend to move away from bad fruit and towards the good fruit. The way to get to bearing good fruit in your life, is to spend time with Jesus who said, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit..."*, John 15:5.

Erik Granberg

Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boys' Home grocery truck will be here the week of February 4th, to pick up items we have collected for them. Let's fill the truck up! Here are some food and a few nonfood items that are needed: flour, white Karo, white gravy mix, parmesan cheese, 100% orange juice, Spanish/instant rice, miracle whip/mayonnaise, Velveeta cheese & shells, tobacco/Louisiana hot sauce, Nilla wafers/graham crackers, saltine/Ritz crackers/Cheez its, instant vanilla & chocolate pudding, pledge, dryer sheets, and Febreze fabric refresher.

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Steve Long**-recovering from back surgery
- **Cledus Waddle**-at home on Hospice Care
- **Rustin Osburn**-searching for a new job
- **Pat Ayers**-Jan Petrik's brother-in-law; in renal failure
- **Youth and Family Minister Search**