



**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 8:00 am

Teacher's Lunch/Meeting  
(After Services)

**Upcoming Events**

- 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, Coleslaw, Dessert
- Feb. 6-Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Pasta Salad, Jello Salad, Dessert
- Feb. 10-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- Feb. 13-Blood Drive
- Feb. 13-Wed. Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad
- Feb. 16-Mercy House
- Mar. 10-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- April 14-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- April 15-Alva Bible Chair Lunch

**Record for 1-13-19**

Bible Class.....	88
Morning Worship.....	187
Contribution .....	\$4,655.68
Served at Pantry .....	65 families
.....	198 people

**Order of Worship**

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>		
#435 .....	Come into His Presence		
.....	Shout Hallelujah		
.....	Mighty to Save		
<b>Welcome/Scripture:</b> Philippians 4:6-7 .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Jerry Rogers</b>		
#718 .....	We Shall Assemble		
#810 .....	Listen to Our Hearts		
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Roger Owen</b>		
Roger Owen	Bryce Thornton	Brett Thornton	Shannon Elledge
Clay Calfee	Landon Geitzenauer	Bill Oldham	Shawn Tuohy
#538 .....	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less		
.....	<b>Dismiss Children</b>		
#23 .....	Our God, He Is Alive		
<b>Sermon: "Beyond the Comfort of Rules"</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>		
#993 .....	What a Mighty God We Serve		
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>		
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Pat Meek</b>		
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Cassie Barr</b>		
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Mandy Coker; Kelli Moore</b>		
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>		
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>		
<b>Lock Up</b> .....	<b>Dudley Darrow; Michael Manley</b>		

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Sermon Thought:** Behind every "letter of the law" there is a "spirit of the law." Jesus constantly condemned putting the letter above the spirit. The scripture above is one example. Peter wanted to make forgiveness about number of times. Jesus made it a heart issue.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Take a few moments and consider some of the laws the United States has. What is the spirit behind the laws?
2. What are some examples of Jesus criticizing people holding to the letter of laws?
3. Why do people find comfort in having so many laws?
4. The scriptures hold to deep truths of faith throughout. What are they?

### Next Week's (1/27) Servants:

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Danny Powers
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Gordon Jantz
<b>Communion Talk:</b>	Gene Denney
<b>Lead Servant:</b>	Dee Plummer
<b>Servers:</b>	Joe Williams Chris Taylor Jim Long David Granberg Brent Dittmeyer Zach Guymon
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	John Wright
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Robb Mills
<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Luann Burford Jamie Barr
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Cassie Barr

Thank you to North Garland for the pretty dark green plant you sent me at the hospital. Thanks to all the members who came to see me while I was in the hospital, and at Green Briar Rehab. Your visits made my time go faster.  
Love,  
Loretta Ball

### Coexisted with God "Before there was Time"

One of my favorite movies over the years is "Back to the Future." Being able to go back in time is an intriguing thought. I would dearly love to walk back through some of my childhood memories from where I am today. To watch a little boy as he moves through the crowded streets darting in and out of the stores of my home town on Saturday night. I am also touched to see pictures of things and events before my time. It is proof that time existed even before my life began.

What I would like to do by going "Back to the Future," Jesus is able to do because he coexisted with God **before there was time**. As he prayed before being crucified, "*Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made*" (Jn. 17:5). That means he can view everything that has occurred even **before there was time** as well as everything that lies ahead through time eternal. He can see the little boy dashing through the crowds – he can see the Israelites crossing the Red Sea – he can see the walls of Jericho come tumbling down – he can see the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Because of the great plan Jesus and the Father made **before there was time**, he can see each one of us as we surrender our lives to him and take hold of the salvation he made possible on the cross. He can see our spiritual bodies, clothed in righteousness, entering the gates of that glorious city – heaven. No human being can fathom what it was like **before there was time**, but our friend Jesus can. May I suggest that we spend this year walking with him and listening to all his stories about **before there was time**. He will take us through some of our favorite memories in life telling us how he was there keeping watch over our precious souls. Even **before there was time** Jesus loved us and made our salvation possible.

*Gordon*

### Fall Ladies' Day Planning Meeting

We need volunteers to help host a Ladies' Day this fall. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in helping in any way. The meeting will be after morning services, February 3rd, in the children's church room.

### Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boys' Home grocery truck will be here the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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:

- **Carol Baxter**-having stomach issues
- **Steve Long**-recovering from back surgeries
- **Cledus Waddle Family**-passed away 1/11
- **Pat Ayers**-Jan Petrik's brother-in-law; in renal failure
- **Youth and Family Minister Search**