



**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**

- Jan. 8-**Ladies' Class 10:00 am: re-watching video from previous lesson
- Jan. 9-**Wed. Meal: Breakfast Casserole, Hash-Browns, Fruit
- Jan. 11-**Logan Hackworth YM Try-Out "Fear Factor" Activity, Time TBD
- Jan. 12-**Men's Breakfast with Logan Hackworth 7:30 am
- Jan. 13-**Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 am
- 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 12-30-18**

Bible Class.....	89
Morning Worship.....	146
Contribution .....	\$3,601.14
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$279,292.43
2018 YTD Bdgt .....	\$345,000.24
Served at Pantry .....	N/A

**Life Group sign up sheets are on the Welcome Center. There are three to choose from.**

**Order of Worship**

- Song Leader** ..... **Dee Plummer**
- #794** ..... Unto Thee, O Lord
- ..... Don't Be Afraid
- ..... You're Worthy of My Praise
- Welcome/Scripture: Psalm 23** ..... **Erik Granberg**
- Opening Prayer** ..... **Bill Oldham**
- ..... Open the Eyes of My Heart
- ..... Hosanna, You're My King
- Communion Talk** ..... **John Wright**
- John Wright ..... Robb Mills ..... Curtis Diel ..... Jim Coker
- Bill Spencer ..... Kevin Hurt ..... David Burford ..... Todd Anderson
- ..... Your Loving Kindness
- ..... **Dismiss Children**
- #458** ..... Redeemed
- Sermon: "Beyond Tradition"** ..... **Erik Granberg**
- #940** ..... Only a Step
- Welcome/Announcements** ..... **Gordon Jantz**
- Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **Brent Dittmeyer**
- Children's Worship** ..... **Cassie Barr**
- Nursery** ..... **Chery Kent; Gina Thornton**
- Sound Booth** ..... **Dudley Darrow**
- Slides** ..... **Terry Sherrill**
- Lock Up** ..... **Dudley Darrow; Michael Manley**

**Sermon Scripture:** Romans 12:1-2

**Sermon Thought:**

Last week's sermon talked about "cultural Christianity," the idea that Christians can become too comfortable in their culture and end up looking more like the culture than Jesus. This week built on that idea with how believers can move from comfort to discomfort so that they can grow.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What traditions do you find valuable to your faith?
2. When had tradition become a hindrance to your faith?
3. What idea in the sermon caused a bit of discomfort and why?

## “A God-Shaped Vacuum”

“So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that this pleasure is from the hand of God. For who can eat or enjoy anything apart from him?” Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

Purpose, meaning, a reason for living—these things are all things we desire and search for in life. But despite our search, we still feel empty and unfulfilled. We each have an empty place in our heart, a spiritual void, a “God-shaped vacuum.” Possessions won’t fill it, nor will success, relationships, or even religion. Only through a vibrant relationship with God can this void be filled. Before such a relationship can be established, however, we need to face a serious problem; SIN. God understood this problem of sin and knew we could not defeat it alone. So he lovingly sent his own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the chasm of sin that separates us from God.

To know Jesus Christ personally and have our sins forgiven, we must believe, confess, and be baptized for the remission of our sins and welcome Jesus Christ into our lives as Lord and Savior. May God bless each and everyone of us in the New Year!!

*John Wright; Wado*

### Birthdays

#### January:

9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Willett
10 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Darrow Leta Glessner
11 <sup>th</sup>	Guin Williams

### Anniversaries

#### January:

15 <sup>th</sup>	Clay & Sarah Calfee (8 years)
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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!)

### Next Week's (1/13) Servants:

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Robb Mills
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Gordon Jantz
<b>Communion Talk:</b>	Jim Osburn
<b>Lead Servant:</b>	Cory Moore
<b>Servers:</b>	Cooper Thornton Jeff Owen Carl Dowell Michael Manley Trenn Watson Dan Kent
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	Dan Kent
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Dudley Darrow
<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Brenda Wright
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Cassie Barr

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Steve Long at his retirement party and who sent their love and well wishes. The surprise went off perfectly! We appreciate every person for making it an extremely special day.

Love,  
The Long Family

### Meal Group

As the need arises in 2019, we are needing volunteers to cook meals for members of our church family. Whether it be a loss of life, a new life, or an illness, this is a ministry that makes a huge impact. If you would like to be involved, please text or call Mandy Coker at 580-541-9699, or call the office from 8 am to 12 pm at 580-237-4658. *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”* 1 Corinthians 12:4-5.

### Youth Minister Weekend

Next weekend, Logan Hackworth, will be coming to North Garland to try out for the Youth and Family Minister position. Logan is from Moore, Oklahoma and a 2018 graduate from Freed-Hardeman University. We will be getting to know Logan starting Friday evening, by having a youth and family “Fear Factor” activity. All families with children and youth are invited. (Time to be announced later.) Saturday morning, there will be a Men’s Breakfast at 7:30 in the fellowship building, all men are welcome. Logan will then be teaching the youth class Sunday morning.

#### New Prayer Concerns:

- **Steve Long**—having back surgery to fix a ruptured disk tomorrow
- **Terry Gordon**—recovering from shoulder scope surgery
- **Cledus Waddle**—in St. Mary’s ICU with Pneumonia
- **Rustin Osburn**—searching for a new job
- **Pat Ayers**—Jan Petrik’s brother-in-law; in renal failure
- **Youth and Family Minister Search**