



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 A.M

Life Groups: See Welcome Center for more information

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 12**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Feb. 13**-Blood Drive 5-8 pm
- Feb. 13**-Wed. Meal: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Veggie Tray, Dessert
- Feb. 16**-Mercy House 4-8 pm
- Feb. 19**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Feb. 20**-Wed. Meal: Mexican Casserole, Chips & Queso, Salad, Sopapilla Cheesecake
- Feb. 26**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- Feb. 27**-Wed. Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Strawberries & Blueberries, Dessert
- Mar. 10**-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- April 14**-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- April 15**-Alva Bible Chair Lunch

Record for 2-4-19

Bible Class.....	91
Morning Worship.....	183
Contribution	\$8,563.33
Life Group	18

The Fall Ladies' Day sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to find a committee you would like to serve in and sign up!

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Jim Coker		
#15.....	Step by Step		
#797	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now		
Welcome/Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-4	Erik Granberg		
Opening Prayer	Jeff Owen		
#242.....	Sing Hallelujah to the Lord		
#266.....	Majesty		
#287	There is a Redeemer		
Communion Talk	George Gordon		
George Gordon	Robb Mills	Joe Williams	David Burford
Mike Armour	Pat Meek	Zach Guymon	Brett Thornton
#63.....	I Will Call upon the Lord		
.....	Dismiss Children		
.....	Break My Heart		
.....	Lord, Reign in Me		
Sermon: "Beyond the Comfort of Sin"	Erik Granberg		
#904.....	Have You Been to Jesus?		
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz		
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent		
Children's Worship	Lisa Granberg		
Nursery	Jeanita Meek; Beverly Carroll		
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow		
Slides	Terry Sherrill		
Lock Up	Robb Mills; Cory Moore		

Sermon Scripture: Romans 6:1-4

Sermon Thought: We get comfortable in our sin. We like how it feels, it's normal we become complacent, and it takes effort to change. Despite all that, if we are true followers, we must live as people who have, "died to sin."

Sermon Questions:

1. Think about some "bad habits" you have that probably need to change but just haven't worked on them yet. How do those compare to when people get comfortable with sin?
2. What differences are there between a surrendered sinner and a striving sinner?
3. Think back over the "Beyond Comfort" series (tradition, family, rules, stuff, sin, sameness), what stood out to you and why?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Dowell Family**-Gary Dowell (Carl Dowell's brother) passed away 2/5
- **Petrik/Ayers Family**-Pat Ayers (Jan Petrik's brother-in-law) passed away 2/6
- **Kelsey Sellers**-currently in the Philippines
- **Ramona Anthony**-Carol Baxter's aunt; in ICU after having a post-surgery heart attack and strokes
- **Link Setser**-recovering from knee surgery
- **Harry Morgaridge**-Link Setser's step-dad; recovering from foot amputation
- **Debbie Martin**- recovering from knee surgery
- **Youth and Family Minister search**

Next Week's (2/17) Servants:

Song Leader:	Dee Plummer
Opening Prayer:	Gene Denney
Communion Talk:	Shannon Elledge
Lead Servant:	Shawn Tuohy
Servers:	Dudley Darrow Chris Taylor Jerod Burford Dan Kent John Wright David Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth:	Robb Mills
Nursery Attendants:	Brigitte Elledge Kelsey Sellers
Children's Worship:	Jacqueline Anderson

Poor Pluto

I have always had an interest in space. From TV shows of my youth, (Lost in Space and the original Star Trek) to a movie my friends took me to in college (Star Wars A New Hope), my imagination has always been sparked by space.

Recently my wife and I watched a show on PBS about NASA's latest exploration of deep space, by the New Horizon spacecraft of Pluto and beyond. The show covered the July 14, 2015 fly-by and the close-up images of the Pluto system captured by man. This data and the brilliant pictures of Pluto and its moons, have transformed our understanding of this mysterious world on the outer edge of our solar system. We learned a few facts from this show. Pluto, which is smaller than Earth's moon, has a heart shaped glacier that is the size of Texas and Oklahoma. Pluto has blue skies and five spinning moons. Pluto has mountains as high as the Rockies and it snows, but the snow is red! Before you change your vacation plans, however, remember that it takes nine years to get to Pluto and the temperature is -378 to -396 degrees Fahrenheit. That is a little too cold for life as we know it! One day there, is equal to 153 hours, or roughly 6 days, on Earth. That is amazing for a planet that was "reclassified" to a dwarf planet in 2006. The thinking then, by the elite scientific community, was that Pluto was too small and the orbit too different, so it couldn't really be a real planet. Poor Pluto.

How many times in our lives do we do the same thing? He or she is so different they can't be a doctor, lawyer, teacher, you fill in the blank. The same for our church lives. He or she can't be a teacher, preacher, deacon, or elder because they are just too different from the others. What if the very few at NASA hadn't pushed so hard to visit Pluto close-up? What if we never take the time and energy to explore or visit something or someone that is foreign to us? How can we be transformed by the renewing of our mind if we never take a chance? Never read new material? If we never listen to a different speaker, sing a new song, or even visit a new member?

I know it is a comfort thing, but I do grow weary of us knowing certain scriptures by heart and ignoring others that make us uncomfortable. If we never explore or visit our "Pluto", we will never grow and get to see the beauty of God's creation. If we take the so called "experts" word for it, we would miss out on what God has made for us. We wouldn't be able to "test and approve what God's will is for us, his good, pleasing, and perfect will," Romans 12:2

Brent Dittmeyer

Blood Drive

This Wednesday is our blood drive! It will be from 5-8 pm in the foyer. Please sign up on the Welcome Center for a time slot if you are able to donate. Each donor will receive a free t-shirt in your choice of these fun spring colors!

