



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

- March 19**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- March 20**-Meal: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Baked Beans, Coke/Root Beer Floats
- March 26**-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
- March 27**-Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Strawberries & Blueberries, Chocolate Trifle
- April 3**-Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
- April 7**-100% Participation Day
- April 13**-Spring Cleaning Day
- April 14**-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- April 15**-Alva Bible Chair Lunch

Record for 3-10-19

Bible Class.....	92
Morning Worship.....	180
Contribution	\$8,127.31
Life Groups	47
Families Served at Pantry.....	75
Total People Served at Pantry....	220

Birthdays:

March

- 17th John Granberg
Michael Granberg
Tanner Parker
- 18th Wendy Taylor
- 22nd Mayson Pettus

Anniversaries:

- 18th **Wayne & Reeta Williams**
42 Years!!
- 22nd **George & Terry Gordon**
22 Years!!

Order of Worship

- Song Leader**..... **Glenn Walker**
- #242..... Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
- #238..... You Are the Song That I Sing
- Welcome/Scripture:** Romans 15:13..... **Erik Granberg**
- Opening Prayer**..... **Dudley Darrow**
- #332..... Lead Me to Calvary
- Pierce My Ear
- Communion Talk**..... **David Granberg**
- David Granberg Wayne Williams Cooper Thornton Clay Calfee
- Kaiser Webb Shannon Elledge Jeff Owen Brent Dittmeyer
- **Dismiss Children**
- Lord, Be Glorified
- #779..... I Love You, Lord
- #53..... Father, I Adore You
- Sermon:** Daniel 4 "Pride Before the Fall"..... **Erik Granberg**
- #745..... Humble Yourself
- Welcome/Announcements**..... **Gordon Jantz**
- Shepherd's Prayer**..... **Pat Meek**
- Children's Worship**..... **Wendy Taylor**
- Nursery**..... **Jamie Rogers; Jo Ann Rogers**
- Sound Booth**..... **Jim Coker**
- Slides**..... **Terry Sherrill**
- Lock Up**..... **Bill Oldham; Terry Sherrill**

Sermon Scripture: Daniel 4

Sermon Thought: When Daniel discovered the meaning King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he gave the king an option, humble yourself or be humbled. Most of us would have had problems with humility if we were in King Nebuchadnezzar. He had the mightiest kingdom in the world at the time. He even built one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world, Babylon's Hanging Gardens. Humility is an important characteristic for every follower of God to develop. Jesus put it this way, "The last will be first and the first will be last."

Sermon Questions:

1. I have never met a person that thinks they are a prideful person, why do you think that is?
2. What characteristics indicate a person who struggles with pride?
3. It is good to take pride in one's work. It is also okay to take person pride in achieving a goal set out to accomplish. How would you describe the difference between acceptable pride and sinful pride?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Youth and Family Minister search**
- **Irene Harguess**-evaluating heart issues
- **Bill Lang Family**-Jovita Lang's brother-in-law passed away unexpectedly 3/12
- **Dawn Webb**-having issues with low blood pressure
- **Wyatt Unruh**-had his tendons stretched last week
- **Carolyn Reith**-broke her tibia & fibula
- **Debbie Martin**-figuring out next steps in treatment of skin cancer
- **Jan Petrik**-recovering from back surgery
- **Colin McPherson**-Gordon & Carol's grandson; showing signs of improvement in liver function

Next Week's (3/24) Servants:

Song Leader:	Danny Powers
Opening Prayer:	Bryce Thornton
Communion Talk:	Sean Sellers
Lead Servant:	Michael Manley
Servers:	John Wright Brett Thornton Gene Denney Zach Guymon Curtis Diel Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer:	John Wright
Sound Booth:	Robb Mills
Nursery Attendants:	Mary Sherrill Kim Spencer
Children's Worship:	Alyssa Plummer

Came from Heaven to Earth "Left the Glory of Heaven"

It is hard for us to comprehend the depth of love the Father showed us when **Christ came from Heaven to earth**. He came from the very place we are trying to get to. When you have the best of all creation, why would you give it up. There are two places in my life I find it difficult to leave – the beauty of the Hawaiian Islands and the majesty of the mountains. They are both inspiring and create in me a feeling of being closer to God. As hard as it is to leave these places, I must so God's will can be done in my life – just as it was in Christ.

John tells us that "*God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*" (Jn. 3:16). Paul opens our eyes to the love of the Son too. "*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men*" (Phil. 2:5-7). I can't begin to imagine how hard it was for Christ when he **left the glory of Heaven** and came to earth – the beauty – the peace – the perfect harmony manifested in all things. But he did, so we can also enjoy the awesome grandeur of the Father's glory. Jesus said, "*My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work*" (Jn. 4:14). If he had not **left the glory of Heaven**, we would be without hope of eternal life with the Father. Jesus came to earth so we can see the Father. As Jesus told Philip "*He who has seen me has seen the Father*" (Jn. 14:9). That means he **came from Heaven to earth** so we can be inspired by all the beauty and majesty we behold in those places that are near and dear to our hearts. May our spiritual lives be nourished in his glory with each and every breath we take. *Gordon*

