

# We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

## **Order of Worship**

## **Today's Events**

Youth Group Devo & Dinner 6:00 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Nov. 19 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m. Nov. 20 – Meal: Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon, Fruit Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Dinner for Pantry Patrons: 5:30 p.m. Nov. 27 – No Services Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving (Office Closed) Nov. 29 – Office Closed

#### **Record for 11-10-19**

Bible Class	104
Morning Worship	204
Life Groups	44
Contribution \$6,	531.91
Budget \$6,0	634.62
Families served at pantry	192
Total people served at pantry.	587

## **Birthdays**

#### November

17 <sup>th</sup>	Gina Thornton
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jasmine Granberg
19 <sup>th</sup>	Darrel Simmons
20 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon Elledge
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kira Granberg
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ramona Buxton Pat Hart

#221 #242 Welcome/Scripture: L Opening Prayer #123 #383	amentations 3:22-24	Jesus, Nam Sing Ha 	e Above All Names allelujah to the Lord Stephen Lincoln Stephen Lincoln st Love of the Lord Me Near the Cross
		When I Survey the Wondrous Cross John Wright	
John Wright David Granberg	Shawn Tuohy Brent Dittmeyer	Cooper Thornton Roger Owen	Jeff Owen Michael Manley
#583 #851		My Hope Is Bu	ilt on Nothing Less I'll Fly Away
#123	-	led People" The Steadfa	ist Love of the Lord
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Nursery		Jamie Ro	ogers; Kelli Moore

Sermon Scripture: Lamentations 3:19-24 from ESV

**Sermon Thought**: Lamentations is a sad funeral song for the great capital city of the Jews. The temple has been destroyed, the king is gone, and the people are in exile. God had warned that he would destroy them if they abandoned him. Now, afterward, the people realize their condition and confess their sin.

## Sermon Questions:

1. What were the circumstances surrounding the last time you cried? What kind of tears were they: joy, sadness, pride, etc.?

2. The laments acknowledgement that the downfall of Jerusalem was because of the sin of its inhabitants. Why is this an important point?

3. What different ways does God give us hope?

## **New Prayer Concerns:**

- <u>Theodore Spencer</u> Bill & Kim Spencer's grandson; recovering from having a shunt put in to remove fluid off his brain
- <u>Ken Edwards</u> recovering from surgery Friday to remove thyroid cancer
- Jo Edwards will need 3 heart stents soon

#### Next Week's (11/24) Servants:

Song Leader:	Stephen Lincoln		
Opening Prayer:	Chris Taylor		
Communion Talk:	Landon Gitzenauer		
Lead Servant:	Roger Unruh		
Servers:	Danny Powers Dennis Hartman Jerod Burford Brett Thornton Kevin Hurt Trenn Watson		
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek		
Sound Booth:	Dudley Darrow		
Slides:	Terry Sherrill		
Nursery Attendants:	Charlotte Owen Patrece Allen		
Children's Worship:	Megan Darrow		
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# New Members:

Ignace "Z" & Vista Zidor 2702 McGill Dr. Enid, OK 73703

# **Comforts us Through His Spirit**

# "A Touch of the Father's Hand"

A gentle and loving touch always brings us great comfort. When we are sick, the touch of our mother's hand assures us we are going to get better. The touch of a friend when we are troubled and down-trodden lifts us up and allows us to go on with life. Holding hands signifies a loving and caring spirit between two individuals. A simple touch connects us to the world around us in so many ways. It makes us a valued part of what God created us to be. Our gentle and loving touch is powerful. It provides an eternal connection between us and God.

Psalms 139 testifies to this spiritual aspect of our relationship with God. His loving and skillful hands "*knit us together in our mother's womb*" (vs 13). As we go through life we often veer off course and God is there to gentle guide us back on the path of righteousness. The psalmist tells us that God "*hems us in behind and before, and he lays his hand upon us*" (vs 5). A touch of the Father's hand is so precious for our eternal lives. It lets us know he is there watching over us. His touch communicates that he loves us and cares for our souls. He lifts us up when we are cast down in our battle with Satan and the temptation of evil. The nail scared hands of his only Son let us know that our sin sick lives will be healed. "*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed*" (1 Pet. 2:24). I believe the gentle and loving touches we receive in life are indeed a touch of the Father's hand. His Spirit is in us, and that is what comforts us and touches the lives of those we have contact with. Jesus reaches out his hand to lift us from the stormy sea, just as he did Peter, so we can continue our work in the Lord's kingdom (Matt. 14:31). Pause from your busy schedules and take time to feel a touch of the Father's hand!

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## **Pictures**

**Today is the last day** to get your picture made for our new 2020 Communication Directory! Make sure you stop by the foyer so we can update your picture and information.

## Welcome Center Info!!

This time of year is BUSY! Make sure you take time to check out the Welcome Center every week and see what's happening and what you can sign up for. We have several upcoming things to be aware of.

1. <u>Pies</u> – Please sign up to make/buy a pie for the Thanksgiving dinner for our pantry patrons.

2. <u>Volunteer</u> – The Thanksgiving dinner for our pantry patrons takes a lot of help and organization. Please look over the sign-up sheet and see where you would like to serve and sign up!

# Colorado Christian Services 25th Annual Fundraising Campaign

We have extended taking contributions for Colorado Christian Services through today. Please give donations to Jim Long or an elder. Over its 56 years of service, CCS has helped birth mothers lovingly place their babies into stable Christian homes through adoption. In addition, for the past decade CCS has been able to offer affordable, faith-based counseling to married couples, families, and individuals though their Biblically-sound counseling program. Each donation allows them to continue to offer these services. Thank you for your generosity!