



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

April 18 – Garriott Road Ladies’ Day
April 26 – Jacqueline Anderson Baby Boy Shower: 2-4 p.m.

Record for 3-15-20

Bible Class..... 109
Morning Worship..... 136
Contribution \$8,267.50
Budget \$6,634.62

Birthdays

March:

22nd Ben Lawrence
Mayson Pettus

24th Shawn Tuohy

25th John Wright

28th Cooper Thornton
Zach Guymon

Anniversaries

22nd George & Terry Gordon
23 Years!!

Digital Worship

Song: The Joy of the Lord
Song: Reckless Love
Song: Heavenly sunlight

The Bible Project Video

Sermon: Life of Christ - “The Outsiders”

Intro: In the “social pyramid” those at the top are viewed as most important and valuable while those at the bottom have little to offer society. Jesus turned the social pyramid upside down.

A. Luke 7:36-50

- 1. Jesus anointed by a sinful woman
- 2. The woman was remorseful
- 3. The woman showed her great love

B. Romans 12:3

- 1. We should not think of ourselves more highly that we ought.
- 2. We should think of ourselves with sober judgment.

C. Humbleness

- 1. Humbleness makes the social pyramid crumble.
- 2. When people are humble, they don’t think of people in categories.

Conclusion: Jesus’ message to us is to see outsiders as God sees them, as sons and daughters that are lost but now found. The only entry requirement is to humble yourself and recognize your need for God’s mercy.

Song: Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord

Communion

Time of Prayer:

- 1. Be praying that as we go through these times, we can build the family relationship to be strong and loving.
- 2. Pray for the business’ that have to close temporarily during this time, that they will be able to reopen without bankrupting debt.
- 3. Pray for our fellow church family members safety and health. Let’s make it a duty to check on them by phone every week.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. Thinking of the social pyramid, what types of people do you see being placed at the top and bottom? Why?
- 2. What other examples from Jesus’ life show his emphasis on an upside-down kingdom?
- 3. What 3 ways we can try to view “outsiders” as God sees them...sons and daughters who are lost but found?

Forging Faith

New Prayer Concerns:

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- **Janis Higgins** – Diana Simmons cousin; was in a bad car accident that crushed the left side of her body, is in ICU
- **Shala Fuksa** – Landis & Renee's daughter-in-law; found an inoperable brain tumor on her brain stem
- **Dennis & Renny Hartman** – recovering from the loss of their daughter-in-law, Jill Hartman
- **Karen Manley** – at home recovering from pneumonia
- **Pat Hart** – will have a stent put in at OK Heart Hospital in early April

As children, having faith is easy. They will wholeheartedly believe anything you tell them because they don't have enough experience with the world to understand that most things are fake. As we grow older though, we begin to have our faith tested. We get bullied at school, a loved one dies, secular education teaches us that God isn't real, or we go through some sort of major disaster.

The testing of our faith, however, builds our faith stronger. God like a blacksmith is molding us, strengthening us, and forging our faith in the fire of life's trials. There is no question, we are all entering a very hard time. It is difficult all around. The world is hurting. People are without food. People are without toilet paper! Most importantly, people are losing their lives.

James:2-4 says **“Consider it pure joy, my brother and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.**

When the storm is raging, it's hard to stay above the waves. Sometimes it feels like you are not going to make it. You can. When we have God, we have the ability to overcome any obstacle. The next few weeks are no different. Right now, we may be passing through the refiner's fire but one day soon this storm will pass. The world will heal and we will gather together as family again. Until then, I will rejoice in the memories of our family and look forward to seeing you all soon. Most importantly, I will allow God to keep forging my faith.

God Bless you, go with God
Stephen.

Teachers

After we come back from our COVID-19 hiatus, we will be needing teachers! Here is a list of the areas we need help.

Sunday: Birth – 3 Years
Pre K – 1st
2nd & 3rd
4th & 5th

Wednesday: Birth – 3 Years
Pre K – 2nd

If you are available to help, please email northgarland@gmail.com, call the church at 580-237-4658, or let Robb Mills know at 580-231-3556.

Media Help

We are in need of volunteers (men or women) to put together the power point each week, run it during worship, and be in charge of the sound booth. If you are interested in helping in any of these positions, please let the office know. Thank you!