



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

June 21-24 – VBS
June 14-20 – LCCC Junior Session
July 5-11 – LCCC Xtreme Session

*Jacqueline Anderson's baby shower has been postponed. We will have a "Sip 'N See once the sweet baby is here."

Record for 4-12-20

Contribution\$8,100.00
 Budget\$6,634.62

Birthdays

April:

- 20th** Rosalie Stetnish
- 21st** Cory Moore
Linzie Nichols
- 24th** Trenn Watson

Anniversaries

April:

- 20th** Eugene & Rosalie Stetnish
- 23rd** Cory & Kelli Moore

Virtual Worship

At the beginning of the book of Acts, Jesus meets with the disciples one last time before ascending to heaven in the clouds. During this meeting, Jesus tells the disciples they will be his witnesses to the ends of the world. He then ascends into the heavens.

After a few days, the Spirit of God came upon the disciples during a time called Pentecost and they miraculously begin speaking to people from other nations in their own languages. On that day scripture says over 3,000 were baptized! The rest of Acts 2 tells about what these early Christians did, and it sounds like the moment at the end of fairy tales, "and they lived happily ever after," but that is not how it goes.

First, Peter and John get put on trial before the religious leaders, then a couple Christians are struck down when they lie about their money. Next, believers quarrel about how food is being distributed to widows in need, and finally Stephen is stoned in Acts 7 and becomes the first Christian martyr.

It is sad that these first 4 recorded instances of conflict are all between believers. Unfortunately, it is still the case in our time. The majority of church conflict is just that, CHURCH conflict...or conflict between believers.

On one hand it is easy to see how this is possible when the church is for all people: young/old, affluent/not, all nations, languages, colors, guys/gals. People generally find it more difficult to get along with people who are very different from themselves. That being said, selflessness was an important characteristic of Jesus and should be in us also.

Sermon Scripture: Acts 2

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon looked at the two months right after Jesus' resurrection. During this time, a day called, "Pentecost," was the launch of what we now call the, "church," when the disciples miraculously preached to people in many different languages. God's church, or as we sometimes call it the body of Christ, is open to all people.

Sermon Questions:

1. Describe a time when you worshipped with people in a very different format from what you are used to.
2. In what ways has worshipping in different ways encouraged you?
3. Why does the church struggle to include faithful believers who are different?
4. How can churches better reflect the openness to all people of God's kingdom?

Community

New Prayer Concerns:

- **The Frech Family** – Ron passed away last week. Ron and Mary were former members
- **Les Swart** – pray that his pain is relieved from his falls. (Pam Denney's dad)
- **Trey Johnson** – (Roger Unruh's son-in-law) Trey's dad, Jeffery Smith, is unresponsive in the hospital
- **Bryan Tepe** – Joe Tepe's (a friend of Jamie Barr) brother; tested positive for Covid-19 in Lincoln, Nebraska
- **Carl & Christel Dowell** – recovering from the loss of their 21-year-old grandson who was killed in Lawton.
- **Shala Fuksa** – Landis & Renee's daughter-in-law; completed the clinical trial for her brain tumor at MD Anderson. She is now at home.

Jerry & Jo Ann Rogers' New Address:

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Collinsville, OK 74021

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A community is a unified body of individuals- a group of people brought together by common interests. Being a part of a community can provide so many things: safety, companionship, love, friendship, people looking out for you. Recently, we have not been able to come together as a community. I don't just mean the community of Enid itself, but specifically our church community. We can't meet, share in worship, or spend that important time loving and caring for each other. This time is difficult for everyone and for a variety of reasons. However, if I had to take an educated guess at who is struggling the most in our community it would be those who can easily be overlooked like people who are single, people who are on the fringe of our community, or people who maybe have been visiting but are not really connected yet.

Being a part of the same family means looking out for each other. **Hebrews 10:24-25 says "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up the meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the day approaching."** While we may not be able to meet together right now as the verse says, the sentiment, the heart of the verse remains the same. We need to try and be active in each other's lives still. Call, text, email. Check on people. Have a Bible study. Be an encourager. We might not be able to physically be together right now; but we can still operate as a community. We can still grow as a family, and spiritually strengthen one another. There have been some awesome things happening with people giving each other gifts, small group in-home Bible studies, and more. We are having our faith tested, but we know that the testing of our faith produces endurance. Continue to call, continue to visit when it's safe, continue to leave gifts, and check up on people. There is a day approaching where we will all be together again. What a day of rejoicing that will be.

God bless you. Go with God.

Stephen Lincoln

