

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

	Virtual Worship
Upcoming Events	Sermon Scripture: Acts 8-14
June 21-24 – VBS June 14-20 – LCCC Junior Session July 5-11 – LCCC Xtreme Session	Sermon Thought: Have you ever seen someone grab a hose and start spraying everyone around? What happens? People scatter! No one wants to get sprayed, so they take off running in every
Record for 4-19-20 Contribution \$4,210.00 Budget \$6,634.62	<ul><li>direction.</li><li>Persecution against the early church had the same effect to Christians as the hose had, people scattered. The middle portion of the book of Acts contains accounts as these Christians who scattered and took the gospel with them.</li><li>This may not have been the ideal reason to spread the word, but it certainly was affective. There are many ways to spread the message of the gospel. As Christians, we ought to continually seek out ways to carry the message of the gospel wherever we go.</li></ul>
Birthdays	Sermon Questions:
April:	1. What are 3 memorable times that you heard the gospel message?
29 <sup>th</sup> Grayson Bishop	2. What methods do you have available to share the good news with others?
30 <sup>th</sup> Trey Johnson	3. What do you most look forward to when we are able to worship together again?

## **New Prayer Concerns:**

- <u>Les Swart Family</u> he passed away Friday morning
- <u>Jim Osburn</u> will have a stress test next Thursday
- <u>Joyce Ruttledge</u> on hospice care (Gordon ministers to her)
- <u>Jeffery Smith</u> Trey Johnson's dad, is a little responsive now, suffered a heart attack
- <u>Bryan Tepe</u> Joe Tepe's (a friend of Jamie Barr) brother; tested positive for Covid-19 in Lincoln, Nebraska
- <u>Carl & Christel Dowell</u> recovering from the loss of their 21-year-old grandson who was killed in Lawton.
- <u>Shala Fuksa</u> Landis & Renee's daughter-in-law; completed the clinical trial for her brain tumor at MD Anderson. She is now at home now and needs prayers for pain management.

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## Forgiveness

(Matthew 18:21-35) **Debts are Forgiven** 

When Carol and I were married, I believed whatever debts she had became mine. So, I told her dad I would pay her college loan, and he, without hesitation, agreed. Now mind you, it wasn't really that much, but when you are only making \$300 per month it put a strain on our budget. With the Lord's help, I managed to pay off her loan and mine, and even managed to cover the infamous encyclopedia set we bought. Years later when Carol's father passed away, I bought his Datsun pickup truck and made monthly payments to her mother. However, before I could pay it off, her mother told me the **debt was forgiven.** She felt bad that I had to pay for Carol's college loan, so this was her payback to me.

When Jesus left the glory of heaven and took on human form, he also took on the debt of all mankind. He believed it was his duty to pay for the sin debt that each one of us accumulates in life. You see, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). This sin debt he came to pay was indeed one he did not owe, and it was definitely one we could not pay. As Paul writes, "For our sake he [God] made him [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus told the Father that he was going to pay our sin debt, and the Father, without hesitation agreed. This is how Jesus put it: "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (Jn. 10:17,18). We thank God for his love and Jesus' willingness to pay our sin debt. Our lives are changed by it. "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). Praise God **our debts are forgiven**!

## Gordon Jantz

## **Thank You**

To North Garland:

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies and money for the Forgotten Ministries dinner last week. We fixed for 200. They were so grateful for the food as they have been serving that many and sometimes more every day. The need is great and North Garland came thru with flying colors. We really appreciate your generosity. With love.

Jovita Lang