

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

## **Today's Events**

Elders/Deacons Meeting-8:00 a.m.

HOPE Group-6-8 p.m. (Eat before you come)

## **Upcoming Events**

**Sept. 30** – Bedlam Blood Drive **Oct. 5** – Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck

#### **Record for 9-06-20**

Morning Worship	N/A
Contribution	\$2,175.00
Budget	\$6,634.62
Households served at	
Total people served at	•

## Birthdays:

## September:

14th Jayden Lawrence
15th Carrie Mills
17th Cheila Armour Modena Zidor
19th Geneva Osburn

#### **Anniversaries:**

### September:

13th Alan & Heather Lawrence

# **Order of Worship**

Children's Worship	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Scripture: John 15:1-11	Stephen Lincoln
Opening Prayer	
Song Leader	
#167	Hosanna
	You're Worthy of My Praise
#701	My Jesus, I Love Thee
#683	
Communion Talk	
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	Servant Song
Sermon: The Imitation of Christ: Humility	
#745	
Closing/Announcements	
Shepherd's Prayer	Terry Sherrill
Children's Worship	Mandy Coker
Nursery	Gina Thornton
Sound Booth	
Slides	Dee Plummer

**Sermon Scripture**: Philippians 2:1-4

**Sermon Thought**: Today's sermon talked about imitating Christ's humility. Jesus Christ, even though he was God, chose to live a human life. Not only that, but he also lived a humble human life: humble birth, normal family, subjected himself to physical hunger, sadness, and pain, and even gave himself over to death.

# **Sermon Questions:**

- 1. How can you tell when a person struggles with humility?
- 2. What trouble does not being humble bring?
- 3. Humbleness isn't something we can just check off like buying someone groceries. How can believers put humbleness into practice?

# **New Prayer Concerns:**

All those affected with COVID-19

Barbara Weise – Karen Manley's mom; in the hospital with kidney failure <u>Carolyn Reith</u> – recovering from a kidney infection

Dawn Webb – waiting on results from a large nodule on her thyroid Jim Diel – recovering from a fall & broken back

**Chuck Haws** – being tested for autoimmune diseases

JoAnn Buxton – recovering from a fall &

The Janice Ciarla Family – prayers as they recover from her passing

### Next Week's (9/20/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Beau Brownell

Opening Prayer: Sean Sellers

Communion

Talk: Robb Mills

Shepherd's

TBD Prayer:

Sound Booth: **Dudley Darrow** 

Slides: Chris Taylor

Nursery: Reeta Williams

Children's

Worship: Mandy Coker

Tammi Long



Congratulations to proud grandparents Bill and Kim Spencer! Winslow (Winnie) Jane Spencer was born 9/9/20 at 12:43 p.m. She was 7lbs 12 oz. and 21 in. long.

## **Getting Closer to The Unseen God**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 16 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

God is always with us, even though we are not always aware of it. He can't be seen in the same way we see the things of this world. This makes it easy for us to focus on the temporary concerns of this world. The more important spiritual concerns can get left behind. Directing our energies toward what we can see and feel leads to a deeper involvement in the worldly and the temporary. It also drives us farther away from God.

God's blessings and the evidence of his unstoppable love surround us, but we must train ourselves to be aware of it. The way to get closer to God is to practice love for others. When we focus on self, we think why does God let this happen to me? Why can't I have what I want? When we focus on others, we learn to love them as God loves us. Putting the needs and concerns of others above our own leads us to a deeper understanding of God. God is love. Loving others will make us aware of the presence and nature of our God who is all around us. Loving us. God will become real to us and we will see his blessings and love in all that surrounds us.

1 John 4: 7-8 7 "Beloved, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

# Terry Sherrill

### Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers and support while being treated for cancer. Rustin Osburn



It's officially #BEDLAM at Oklahoma Blood Insitute, and blood donors are needed to help rebuild the blood supply in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Donors will receive a free t-shirt of their choice, OU or OSU. Oklahoma Blood Institute supports the inventory for patients in more than 160 hospitals, medical facilities and air ambulances statewide. All donations for donors 18+ will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors.

The North Garland Blood Drive will be **Wednesday**, **September 30**, from 5-7:30 p.m. in the foyer. Sign up for a time on the welcome center.