



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

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 9-20-20

Morning Worship..... 126
Contribution \$6,185.00
Budget \$6,634.62
Households served at Pantry..... 48
Total people served at Pantry..... 137

Birthdays:

September:

27th Barbara Holland
28th Keith Reynolds
Roger Unruh

October:

1st Susan Oldham

Anniversaries:

September:

27th Don & Cheryl Siders

October:

1st Dustin & Sara Williams

Order of Worship

Children's Worship..... **Derek Tinius**
Welcome/Scripture **Stephen Lincoln**
Opening Prayer **Dudley Darrow**
Song Leader **Jim Coker**
#121 Come Let Us All Unite to Sing
#72 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
..... Here I Am to Worship
..... And Can It Be
Communion Talk..... **Marion Howell**
..... **Dismiss Children**
#410 He Leadeth Me
#429 O to Be Like Thee
Sermon **Erik Granberg**
#904 Have You Been to Jesus
Closing/Announcements..... **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Terry Sherrill**

Children's Worship..... **Derek, Kim, Nate Tinius**
Nursery **Mandy Coker**
Sound Booth **Jim Coker**
Slides **Chris Taylor**

Sermon Scripture: Luke 23:34

Sermon Thought: As Christ walked and taught upon this earth he routinely displayed his forgiving character: he often forgave sins of those he healed, he told Peter to forgive 77 times, he even asked the father to forgive those who took his life.

Sermon Questions:

1. What do you think some common misunderstandings about forgiveness are?
2. What makes forgiveness difficult for many?
3. True forgiveness brings great peace and healing, how so?

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

Susan Oldham – in critical condition in Integris Baptist in OKC with COVID-19 (Please call Bill if you need something. Susan is not accepting calls at this time.)

Barbara Weise – Karen Manley's mom; in skilled nursing recovering from kidney failure

Dawn Webb – waiting on thyroid nodule biopsy results

Nancy Crow – friend of Jacqueline Anderson; her mother passed-away

Jacqueline Anderson – recovering from the loss her step-dad

Next Week's (10/4/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Sean Sellers

Opening Prayer: Steve Long

Communion Talk: Gene Denney

Shepherd's Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Dee Plummer

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Cheryl Kent

Children's Worship: Geneva Osburn

Please let Robb Mills know if you can teach any Wednesday night classes coming up.

Sowing Seed

Mark 4:26-29

A Plentiful Harvest

When God created us from *"the dust of the earth, and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life; we became a living being"* (Gen. 2:7). That means our individual lives are the soil where he plants the seeds of spiritual gifts to carry out his divine plan. Paul explains the value of these gifts: *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them"* (Rom. 12:6). That is our task in life, to use the gifts God has given us to bring about a **plentiful harvest** in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is amazing to think about the spiritual seeds that are growing in our earthen vessels. We too don't know how they sprout and grow; they just do. Each day we wake up there is new growth, and it continues until we become the special vessels God has molded us to be (Rom. 9:19ff). That is how God brings about a **plentiful harvest** of human souls he planned. Jesus tells his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"* (Matt. 9:37).

This aspect of our spiritual lives is clearly illustrated in Jesus comparing *"The Kingdom of God to the man scattering seed upon the ground"* (Mk. 4:26). Just as we witness in our lives, *"The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come"* (Mr. 4:28-29). That means we can go forth in our daily lives with full confidence that God is working in us to bring about a **plentiful harvest** in the work he created us to do. I pray our lives will be filled with joy knowing that God has planted his divine seeds in our earthen bodies, and that he is anxiously waiting for our spiritual lives to become ripe so he can harvest us into his glorious presence. Praise God for a **plentiful harvest!**

Gordon Jantz



It's officially #BEDLAM at Oklahoma Blood Institute, 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 **this Wednesday, September 30, from 5-7:30 p.m.** in the foyer. Sign up for a time on the welcome center.

Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boys' Home truck will be here October 5th! Let's help fill up the truck! Here is our list of food we need to donate: tuna, white sugar, vegetable oil, Vienna sausage, mandarin oranges, assorted box Jell-O, beef/chicken broth, powdered Gatorade, baked/refried beans, crunchy peanut butter, powdered/brown sugar, 16 oz./24 oz. Picante sauce, evaporated/sweetened condensed milk, and 100% fruit juice. **Please drop food off in the corner box by the kitchen.**