

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**

Nov. 8 – Youth Area Wide in Moore Nov. 8 – Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a m

**Nov. 14** – Youth Group Bonfire & Cookout at the Lincolns 4-9 p.m.

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving: Office Closed

Nov. 27 – Office Closed

#### Record for 10-25-20

Morning Worship	119
Contribution \$	32,220.00
Budget \$	6,634.62
Households served at Pantr	
Total people served at Pantr	y N/A

# Birthdays:

### November:

1st

2nd Larry Cochran Vickie Tuohy
 4th Braden Meek Gordon Jantz
 5th Pat Meek Houston Moore Sara Williams
 7th Krosbi Smith Jace Williams

Keisha Ott

### **Anniversaries:**

5th Roger & Tania Unruh 15 Years!!

## **Order of Worship**

Children's Worship	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16	Stephen Lincoln
Opening Prayer	Shannon Elledge
Song Leader	Dee Plummer
	Break My Heart
	Hosanna, You're My King
Communion Talk	Roger Owen
#615	
	Dismiss Children
#528	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Sermon: Imitation of Christ - Simple	Erik Granberg
#428	
Closing/Announcements	Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright
Children's Worship	Megan Darrow
Nursery	Wendy Taylor
Sound Booth	
Slides	Jim Coker

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42; Matthew 23:1-4

**Sermon Thought**: Why does it seem like people tend to make things complicated. Take the process of making a purchase: self-check/cashier, paper/plastic, debit/credit, cash back? make a donation? receipt? Sometimes we do the same thing in faith. But if you look at Jesus and his teachings, they were incredibly simple.

# **Sermon Questions:**

1. What examples from life in general do you see people making life too complicated?

Sunday: 9:00 Class, 10:00 Worship

- 2. Why do people tend to make life complicated?
- 3. How does this happen in churches?
- 4. What problems does this cause?

## **New Prayer Concerns:**

## All those affected with COVID-19

<u>Karen Manley</u> – recovering from the loss of her mother

<u>Rustin Osburn</u> – pray that the chemo keeps working; his is almost to the point of getting his mass out

<u>JR Baxter</u> – recovering from hip replacement surgery

Herb Martin Family – Terry Gordon's dad; passed away Thursday

Annie Sheets – Jovita Lang's grandson's mother; Needs surgery to fix a perforated colon. She is doing better and off the respirator.

### Next Week's (11/8/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Robb Mills

Opening Prayer: Cory Moore

Communion

Talk: Dan Kent

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth: Jim Coker

Slides: Mandy Coker

**Nursery:** Gina Thornton

Children's

Worship: Chris & Wendy

Taylor

#### **Peace Perfect Peace**

First, I wanted to thank everyone in the church who called, text, checked on my wife, brought food or snacks by, & most importantly PRAYED for me and Kathy during our Covid-19 illness. Thanks, from my family to yours.

All the events that have happened this year are just unbelievable. A worldwide pandemic, social unrest & riots, a continuous presidential campaign, a record number of hurricanes hitting the mainland of the United States, & now a historic ice storm in Oklahoma. Why am I writing about peace? To appreciate peace (we all pray for it and John Lennon asked us to give peace a chance) we get a year like 2020.

I do not truly remember experiencing the kind of peace before that is talked about in several verses in the Bible, especially Philippians 4:6-7, until I got sick. Maybe it was because I was sicker from Covid-19 than I thought, because I had a lot of time to think about it, or most likely because several people were praying for me and my health. When you are lying in a hospital bed for a few days and struggling to change O2 to CO2, you get a sense of what is really important. I thought of my wife & her welfare, my family, & my grandkids. I wondered if I would get to see them grow up. I was anxious.

My oxygen level started dropping on my second night in the hospital. The medical staff were running around giving me oxygen & trying to bring my numbers up. My heart started beating weird & one of the nurses did an EKG. Trying to sleep during all these "fun" activities was not very peaceful. I must have nodded off to sleep before they came in at 4 a.m. to draw blood. It was then I had a short dream or vision & to me it was as real as it gets. I noticed a faint light in the background like a candlelight & the more I focused on it the brighter it got. Through the haze I saw a familiar face. It was my mom's face. She passed over 2 years ago. What was she doing I my room? I was not fearful or alarmed. She had a concerned look on her face that I had seen before. Then she leaned in close, gave me a kiss on my right cheek, & said "it's going to be okay."

Then she was gone. Before I could process my thoughts, the nurses came in to draw blood. I had an indescribable sense of well-being & was not anxious anymore. I later told Kathy that it would all be okay, one way or another. When I was home recovering, I told my story to a good friend and neighbor & she said I had been kissed by an angel and needed to tell my story. Now I have.

"Don't be anxious about anything; rather bring up all your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. THEN the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 Thanks for your prayers,

### **Brent Dittmeyer**

## **Youth Group Area Wide**

Come join us November 8<sup>th</sup> for an Area Wide Youth Event at the Central Church of Christ. We will be leaving at 2:30 p.m. and will arrive back no later than 9:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided.



## **Youth Group T-Shirt**

There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center to order Youth Group t-shirts. Anyone can order, they are just \$10! 100% ring spun cotton gives this shirt its soft, buttery feel. These are just barely tapered and have a tear away label to make them even more comfortable. They also glow in the dark!

580-237-4658 www.northgarlandchurch.org Sunday: 9:00 Class, 10:00 Worship Wednesday: 6:15 Class