



**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.  
Pumpkin Carving  
(Eat before you come.)

**Upcoming Events**

**Nov. 1** – Daylight Savings: Fall Back  
**Nov. 8** – Youth Area Wide in Moore  
**Nov. 8** – Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.  
**Nov. 26** – Thanksgiving! Office Closed  
**Nov. 27** – Office Closed

**Record for 10-18-20**

Morning Worship..... 112  
Contribution ..... \$3,245.00  
Budget ..... \$6,634.62  
Households served at Pantry..... 30  
Total people served at Pantry..... 85

**Birthdays:**

**October:**

**28<sup>th</sup>** Kim Spencer  
Cletus Waller  
  
**31<sup>st</sup>** Renee Fuksa

**Order of Worship**

**Children's Worship**..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Welcome/Scripture:**..... **Stephen Lincoln**  
**Opening Prayer**..... **Cooper Thornton**  
**Song Leader**..... **Jim Coker**  
#97..... I Sing Praises  
#167..... Hosanna  
..... Shout to the Lord  
..... In Christ Alone  
**Communion Talk**..... **David Granberg**  
..... **Dismiss Children**  
#290..... Shine Jesus Shine  
#691..... Make Me New  
#693..... Heart of a Servant  
**Sermon: Imitation of Christ - Servant**..... **Erik Granberg**  
#694..... Servant Song  
**Closing/Announcements**..... **Erik Granberg**  
**Shepherd's Prayer**..... **John Wright**  
  
**Children's Worship**..... **Carrie Mills**  
**Nursery**..... **TBD**  
**Sound Booth**..... **Robb Mills**  
**Slides**..... **Dee Plummer**

**Sermon Scripture:** Isaiah 52:13

**Sermon Thought:** The prophecy passage from Isaiah 52:13 leads many to describe Jesus as the, "suffering servant." While in the end he did indeed suffer much, he led a life of service to others. In so doing he set the example that the greatest among us should lead lives dedicated to serving others.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Sure there are a few jobs that are considered "service" and upheld, but by and large service jobs are considered "low position" jobs. Why is that?
2. Why is it so important for those who lead to be people of service?
3. How does being a servant make us better followers of God?

## New Prayer Concerns:

### All those affected with COVID-19

**Debbie Martin** – needs prayers for several life issues

**Merick Solis** – Debbie Martin's grandson; has a severely sprained ankle

**Rustin Osburn** – pray that the chemo keeps working; his is almost to the point of getting his mass out

**Diana Russell** – several health issues

**JR Baxter** – having hip replacement surgery Tuesday

**Michael Manley** – suffering from kidney stones; stent procedure went well

**Herb Martin** – Terry Gordon's dad; is back in the hospital testing positive for Covid-19

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

**Joe Williams** – recovering from the passing of his father

**Cheryl Siders** – at home recovering from a "watchman" heart implant. Please pray for a quick recovery

**Lorie Manly** – at home recovering from knee surgery

**Susan Oldham** – at home recovering from Covid/Pneumonia.

**Brad Goodwin** – Carol Baxter's son-in-law; recovering from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns. Is doing much better.

### Next Week's (11/01/20) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Dee Plummer

**Opening Prayer:** Shannon Elledge

### Communion

**Talk:** Roger Owen

### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Dan Kent

**Sound Booth:** Dudley Darrow

**Slides:** Jim Coker

**Nursery:** Wendy Taylor

### Children's

**Worship:** Megan Darrow

## Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

### Called According to Our Ability

When we begin our life's journey, how do we know what our abilities are? How do we know what kind of things we will be good at? In the beginning, we learn by doing. Someone shows us how, and we give it our best shot. But I wasn't as wise as my older brother. He taught me how to milk cows, then he quit. We may not be very good at first, but the more we work at it, the better we become. There are times in life that we may not know what our abilities are until someone tells us what they see in us and the things we do. Then as we mature, we are **called according to our abilities** to do special jobs.

The same principles apply to our spiritual lives. Jesus teaches that in the parable of the talents. When a man went on a journey, he invested in his servants according to their ability (Matt. 25:15). Each of three servants were given a different amount of talents. Two of them went to work using their talents and were able to double what they were given. When we put to work in the Kingdom of Heaven the abilities God has given us for our spiritual lives great things happen. Things begin to change – we make a difference in the world and people's lives around us. We have a testimony of this in Paul's missionary journey at Thessalonica. As Paul and Silas went about using their abilities to share the gospel, a multitude of lives were touched. Luke records that some of the Jews complained saying, "*These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also*" (Acts 17:6). That is good news, but sadly, when we don't use our God given abilities, we don't grow or accomplish anything for the Lord. We will then be cast out into "*outer darkness*" (Matt. 25:30). Therefore, brethren, never forget that we are **called according to our abilities** and the Lord will be with us in everything we do. He will be glorified!

*Gordon Jantz*

## Update

Gordon Jantz will be taking proton radiation treatments for prostate cancer in November. He plans to self-isolate the next two weeks and will continue his Family Life Ministry from home as he did during the Covid-19 shutdown in April. Please let him know if there is anything he can do for you.

## Media Help

We are in urgent need of people to help run the soundboard and slideshow on Sunday mornings. Please let Mandy (541-9699) or Jim Coker (542-6023) know if you can help.