

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 7:30 a.m.

Area Wide in Moore Leave at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14 - Youth Group Bonfire & Cookout at the Lincolns 4-9 p.m. Nov. 22 – Youth Group trip to Pops Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving! Office Closed Nov. 27 – Office Closed Nov. 28 - Youth Group Ice Skating at the Stride Center **Dec. 5** – Family Movie Night 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Dec. 6** – Chickasha Youth Rally Dec. 19 – Youth Group trip to the Chickasha Lights Dec. 20 – Youth Group Christmas Party at the Thornton's House Dec. 25 - Christmas-Office Close Dec. 26 – Office Closed

Record for 11-1-20

Morning Worship	138
Contribution	
Budget	\$6,634.62
Households served at Pantry N/A	
Total people served at Pantry N/A	

Birthdays:

November:

9 th	Dallas Darrow Kelli Moore
13 th	Mary Owen
14 th	Phyllis Haws

Order of Worship

Children's Worship Welcome/Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 Opening Prayer Song Leader	Stephen Lincoln Cory Moore Robb Mills
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#718	We Shall Assemble Listen to Our Hearts
Communion Talk	Dan Kent
#63	
Sermon: Imitation of Christ - Divisiveness	Erik Granberg
Veterans Presentation	
Closing/Announcements Shepherd's Prayer	Gordon Jantz Pat Meek
Children's Worship Nursery Sound Booth Slides	Gina Thornton Jim Coker

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 10:34; Rev. 3:16

Sermon Thought: Generally, we talk about unity in Christ or his peace, his love and his willingness to cross cultural lines. However, today's sermon was about Christ's divisiveness. Jesus did indeed have a polarizing effect on many. It is important for his followers to remember that Revelation talks about lukewarm followers will be thrown out.

Sermon Questions:

1. With so much divisiveness going on in the world, why is it important to remember that Jesus had a divisive characteristic?

2. How can Jesus be so polarizing and yet so unifying at the same time?

3. What other thoughts do you have that are important on this topic?

Reminder

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

<u>Gordon Jantz</u> – prayers as he starts proton radiation therapy tomorrow <u>Karen Manley</u> – recovering from the loss of her mother

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

 $\underline{\text{Terry Gordon}} - \text{recovering from the loss}$ of her father

<u>Annie Sheets</u> – Jovita Lang's grandson's mother; In the hospital with a perforated colon <u>Cheryl Criner</u> – former member; recovering from knee surgery

Next Week's (11/15/20) Servants:

Song Leader:	Beau Brownell
Opening Prayer:	Chris Taylor
Communion Talk:	Stephen Lincoln
Shepherd's Prayer:	Terry Sherrill
Sound Booth:	Robb Mills
Slides:	Chris Taylor
Nursery:	Kim Tinius
Children's Worship:	Mary Raloff

I read through the first chapters of the Bible again this week. It is amazing how many simple and profound truths of reality are found there. I thought I would share those truths here today. I suppose this is less of an article and more of a reminder.

"In the beginning God...." The first four words of the Bible do not try to explain any of the many reasons for believing in God. Rather, they simply start with the reassuring premise of his existence. God simply is.

"God created the heavens and the earth." Next, we are reminded that our existence is no accident. God had a grand design that brought everything together. In addition to that, at the end of the creation story we read that God created humanity by creating male and female, "in his own image." Not only was humanity intentionally created but God shared himself with us.

"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." Part of God's design in creation was for it to continue on for generations. Here we find the family unit in which sons and daughters would in turn become fathers and mothers, then grandfathers and grandmothers. With each generation passing faith on to the next.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." As humanity increased on earth, they had a responsibility...to work. Ephesians 2:10 reemphasizes this by saying that humanity is, "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

Finally, "you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...." Here we first read that there is right and wrong way to live as we go about fulfilling our purpose. That standard is not left up to randomness but is found in God.

Erik Granberg

Youth Group Area Wide

Come join us this afternoon 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!



Care Packages

As finals approach, we will be making care packages for our college students. If you have a student in college, please write their current address on your attendance card or email Mandy at <u>northgarland@gmail.com</u> so we can make sure they receive one.