



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

Youth Group Trip to Pops
Leaving at 3:30 p.m.
Returning at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 25 – No Class
- 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. 13 – Children's Christmas Program: at the beginning of worship
- 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 11-15-20

Morning Worship..... 135
Contribution \$2,575.00
Budget \$6,634.62
Households served at Pantry..... 95
Total people served at Pantry..... 299

Birthdays:

November:

- 22nd** Kira Granberg
Allie Lincoln
- 23rd** Ramona Buxton
- 26th** Leland McNabb

Order of Worship

Children's Worship	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Scripture: Romans 15:1-7.....	Stephen Lincoln
Opening Prayer	Gordon Jantz
Song Leader	Danny Powers
#797.....	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
#415.....	Each Step I Take
.....	Where Could I Go?
.....	When We Meet in Sweet Communion
Communion Talk	George Gordon
.....	Dismiss Children
.....	Ye Are the Light of the World
#514.....	Redeemed
Sermon: Count Your Blessings.....	Erik Granberg
#683.....	I Am Mine No More
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright
Children's Worship	Cassie & Jamie Barr
Nursery	Reeta Williams
Sound Booth	Dee Plummer
Slides	Chris Taylor

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 103:1-2

Sermon Thought: It is easy to lose track of the positive among the negative. For whatever reason, the negative just seems to consume more of our brain power. So much so, that people often exasperatedly exclaim, "NOTHING is going right!" The reality is that there probably is plenty of good if we are willing to pay attention. Today's scripture speaks to that, "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS...."

Sermon Questions:

1. Why is it that the negative so easily taints the positive?
2. What leads to you losing track of the good in your life?
3. What can we do to keep the blessings of God in mind more?

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

Rosalie Stetnish – recovering from the loss of her husband

Beverly Carroll – having more shots in her back tomorrow

Dennis Porter – passed away last week, services at a later date

Cletus Waller Family – passed-away from COVID-19, a memorial service will be at a later date

Patty Moore – Cory Moore's mom; tested positive for COVID-19

DiAnn Readnour – Dawn Webb's mother; in the hospital with pneumonia & COVID-19.

Jesse Elledge – having mild symptoms of COVID-19; is quarantined on campus

Phyllis Haws – recovering from COVID-19

Darlend Shephard – fell & broke her wrist

Loretta Ball – recovering from kneecap surgery & Covid-19

Family of Cindy Geitzenauer – her aunt & her granny passed-away. Her grandpa is in rehab.

Karen Manley – recovering from the loss of her mother

Terry Gordon – recovering from the loss of her father

Next Week's (11/29/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Stephen Lincoln

Opening Prayer: Jim Osburn

Communion Talk: Dee Plummer

Shepherd's Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Brenda Wright

Children's Worship: Brigitte Elledge

Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-34

Being Thankful

Thanksgiving is always a special time of year as we gather together as families and reflect on all the things we are thankful for. Living in America certainly gives us an abundance of things for **being thankful**. Our basic freedom is priceless – being able to pursue our dreams – having the opportunity to be successful and care for our precious families – and living in the bond of all the brave men and women who have given their lives and sacrificed so much leads us in a time of **being thankful**. So, as you spend time with your family and friends this Thanksgiving, search your hearts for the things that give you reason to be thankful.

As God's people, our list of the blessings we have adds an additional dimension of reasons for **being thankful**. I believe Jesus' parable of the tiny mustard seed that grows into the greatest of shrubs gives us insight into this season of Thanksgiving. You see, the birds of the air are certainly thankful that a tiny seed became a place where they could build their nests and find shade. Knowing God takes care of the birds in this way gives us full assurance he is also providing for our physical and spiritual needs. The psalmist was indeed moved by this aspect of our creator and wrote, *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!"* (Ps. 100:4). Our **being thankful** begins with God and his love for us, followed by his Son giving his life to redeem us, and his Spirit to guide us and direct our steps. He holds our life in his loving hands, and lifts us up in our hour of weakness. He loves us for who we are, and so *"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"* (Col. 2:17). Thank you God for this season of **being thankful**.

Gordon

Thank You

Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and texts during JR's recovery. We truly appreciate each one of you and your kindness.

Love, JR & Carol Baxter

Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, texts, all the food, and most of all the prayers when my dad passed-away. We are truly blessed to belong to this church family.

Terry & George Gordon

Honoring military veterans is very much appreciated. I loved my time in the Air Force. I had the honor to go to Turkey and Greece in 1981/82. During my time there, I got to walk the path the Apostle Paul walked. I got to visit some of the towns mentioned by Paul. It was an awesome spiritual feeling. Thanks again for thinking of the Veterans.

In Christian Love, Harold Johnson

Care Packages

As finals approach, we will be making care packages for our college students. There is a table set up in the foyer with boxes for you to help fill up. Snacks (pretzels, gum, cookies, pop-tarts, crackers, popcorn, granola bars, etc.), travel sized toiletries, and notes of encouragement are all appreciated. If you would like to donate money, please give to any of the office staff and we will do the shopping for you. Boxes will be out thru Nov. 29. If you haven't given your student's address to the office, please let Mandy know ASAP.

T-Shirts

If you ordered youth group t-shirts, please give your money to Mandy Coker or Cory Moore ASAP. They are \$10.

Tis The Season of Giving

Tis the season to give a wonderful blessing from God for some of our precious members. This coronavirus has impaired life for all of us, but especially those who are in different facets of life. Our members in nursing homes, independent living, those who are shut-in and have limited movement, and others who have had to be very protective and cautious about being out in public have been greatly impacted by not having family, friends, and ministers to care for their personal and emotional needs. So, this holiday season, the North Garland family would like to give these precious saints a gift of our love and appreciation for their work in the Lord's Kingdom.

We give each of you an opportunity to participate in "Tis the Season of Giving" by bringing prepackaged cookies & snacks, crossword puzzles, books, socks, and other things you would like to share with our extended church family. If you would like to just give a donation, we can purchase items for you. We are planning on having approximately 40 gift bags.

Please have your donations to the church office by Sunday, December 5th. The other items need to be in by Friday, December 11th. Our Life Groups will take care of getting the gift bags, assembling the gifts, and delivering the gifts to those we love and care about. If you would also like to help with any of the Life Group activities, let Pam Denney or Gordon Jantz know. May God richly bless you as we give them a gift from God.

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Christmas Movie Night

Please come join us December 5th for our Christmas Movie Night! It will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will be having popcorn, candy, and drinks. Invite your family and friends for this wonderful event!

If you would like to help at our concession stand, please let Mandy know.

