



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Upcoming Events

- 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 11-22-20

Morning Worship.....	124
Contribution	\$1,661.00
Budget	\$6,634.62

Birthdays:

November:

- 29th** Jack Nichols
- 30th** Alyssa Plummer

December:

- 1st** Roger Owen

Order of Worship

Children’s Worship	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Scripture: Psalms 91:14-16	Stephen Lincoln
Opening Prayer	Jim Osburn
Song Leader	Stephen Lincoln
#1018	Joy to the World
.....	Great Are You Lord
.....	Just As I Am – I Come Broken
Communion Talk	Dee Plummer
.....	Dismiss Children
.....	In Moments Like These
#474	Thank You, Lord
Sermon: God Saves.....	Erik Granberg
.....	Mighty to Save
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd’s Prayer	Dan Kent
Children’s Worship	Jamie Barr
Nursery	Brenda Wright
Sound Booth	Robb Mills
Slides	Dudley Darrow

Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 36:14-16

Sermon Thought: Assyria was attacking the Jews and a messenger was sent to try and undermine their confidence in God and their king. The messenger mocked God, he mocked the king and mocked the Jews allies. King Hezekiah then turned to the Lord and God answered in a mighty way.

Sermon Questions:

1. What stood out to you from this account of God delivering his people?
2. How do people, society, or culture try to undermine our faith in God?
3. How can Gods people counter that attack on faith?

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

Chery Criner Family – prayers as they recover from her passing

Jacqueline Anderson – having a CT scan & echocardiogram soon to check her other heart valves

Rosalie Stetnish – recovering from the loss of her husband

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 Family – Dawn Webb's mother; passed away last week

Phyllis Haws – recovering from COVID-19

Loretta Ball – recovering from kneecap surgery & Covid-19

Next Week's (12/6/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Dee Plummer

Opening Prayer: Kent Chesser

Communion Talk: Dudley Darrow

Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth: Jim Coker

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Cheryl Kent

Children's Worship: Derek & Kim Tinius

We are still in need of a Sunday morning PK-1st grade and Wednesday night PK-2nd grade teacher. Please let Robb Mills know if you can help.

Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-34

Understanding the Kingdom

I believe it is important for disciples of Jesus to understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is all about. As we have seen in the topics we have addressed this year, Jesus spent time teaching his disciples about it. We are heirs of the kingdom and we live in it every day. Our basic task should be focused on understanding the kingdom so we can help others understand it as well. If we will take time to reflect on the natural aspect of our lives, we find that we spend a lot of time understanding the world around us. We are constantly engaged in understanding the communities we live in, the states where we reside, and the nation we are citizens of. It is our basic need to understand how all these entities work so we can properly function in them. We also seek to understand the nature of weather, and the things that enhance or distract from our life, our safety, and our health. That is exactly what Jesus wants for us in understanding the kingdom.

As I have said before, Jesus uses the earthly things we are familiar with to teach us about the Kingdom of God. The same abilities and talents he has blessed us with to survive in our earthly life will keep us on the path of righteousness if we apply them to kingdom living. Jesus teaches us in the parable of the tiny mustard seed that God has designed every element of his creation to produce bountiful results as we focus our spiritual lives on him. Each one of us has an important role to play to bring about the fulfillment of God's eternal plan for the redemption of the human race. We are not divided, but eternally unified in him and his Son. I pray we will dedicate our lives to understanding the kingdom and enjoy the fruits of our spiritual labor. He will indeed give us rest for our souls, and the Lord will be glorified through us. *Gordon*

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. **Today is the last day to donate or bring your items.** If you haven't given your student's address to the office, please let Mandy know ASAP.

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.

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. Grab some tickets from the welcome center, share the link from our FaceBook page, and invite your family and friends to this wonderful event!

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

