

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

Order of Worship

Upcoming Events	Children's Worship Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoln Stephen Lincoln
Jan. 23 – Youth Group Trip to the Jenk's Aquarium	Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Opening Prayer	Stephen Lincoln Roger Owen
March 17 – Blood Drive 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Song Leader	Praise Him! Praise Him!
	#450 #361	Nailed to the Cross
	Communion Talk	Dismiss Children
Birthdays:	#429 #570	A Beautiful Life
January:	Sermon: "Thrive Through Humility" #555	Seek Ye First
17 th George Gordon	Shepherd's Prayer	Terry Sherrill
22 nd Lorie Manly	Children's Worship Nursery Sound Booth	Jeanita Meek
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Record for 1-10-21

Morning Worship	127
Contribution	. \$8,040.00
Budget	. \$6,634.62
Total People Served at Pantry 312	
Households Served at Par	ntry 100

#570	A Beautiful Life
Sermon: "Thrive Through Humility"	Erik Granberg
#555	
Shepherd's Prayer	
Children's Worship Nursery Sound Booth Slides	Jeanita Meek Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2

Sermon Thought:

Everybody likes receiving compliments. They just make a person feel good. It is amazing how a good compliment can make a bad day turn good instantly. A dark side of compliments is that people can desire them so much that they "go fishing" for compliments. Our sermon today talked about how we ought to seek pleasing God with our lives...not people.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a memorable compliment you received and why did it stand out?

2. Why do you think compliments are so powerful?

3. Why do you think it is so important to seek to please God rather than people?

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19 Brad Goodwin – Carol & JR Baxter's son-in-law; recovering from Covid Verda Haltom – Jeanita Meek's mom; put on hospice care Demsey Chesser – Kent Chesser's dad; in congestive heart failure Spencer Hayes – cousin of Susan Oldham; has a mass in the lower lobe of his left lung with treatment being decided Debbie Martin & Merik Solis – both ill with a stomach virus Family of Merlene Emerson – Patrece Allen's sister; passed away from Covid Loretta Ball – life changes

Next Week's (1/24/21) Servants:

Song Leader:	Jim Coker
Opening Prayer:	Cory Moore
Communion Talk:	Bill Oldham
Shepherd's Prayer:	John Wright
Sound Booth:	Jim Coker
Slides:	Dudley Darrow
Nursery:	Mandy Coker
Children's Worship:	Carrie Mills

Doctor Delirium

I have chronic medical problems. They are not something that I often reveal to many people or allude to their actual severity. Lately, I have been spending quite a lot of time with doctors. From breaking my ankle twice in two months, to getting COVID-19, to trying to find a fix for my ever-changing medical situation, I feel like I exist in a fog of new symptoms and unsure ideas of what might happen next. Major surgery always looms overhead and sometimes it feels easier to bury my head in the sand and pretend that things will get better on their own. Coming to the realization recently that I could be accruing damage of the permanent sort has sent a jolt of fear and unease through my body. I am fully awake to my reality and things need to change.

This all got me thinking: do the people of God do the same thing with their spiritual health? I think it's a bigger problem than many would like to admit. Things always start off so great. We get a good feeling, we get involved in church, and things are going well so we start to slow down. Once a little problem begins, we turn a blind eye to it because "it's probably nothing" or "I'm just going through a phase. It's fine". Before we know it, we have a serious problem looming in the distance. The dam walls are holding it at bay, but we can just barely make out cracks in the concrete. When we reach this point, and we all will, we have two choices. Bury our head in the sand and let the waves take us when the dam breaks, or we can build a boat and rise above the waves. Hey! I think there is a story about that! Everyone will go through a trial. It may be related to health, it may be related to money, it may be related to our spirit, or it may be all three! As followers of Christ, we do not just lay down and take it. God has promised us that there is always a better way. Always be building your escape route, so you don't get lost when the walls come down. As long as your foundation is in God, the supports will hold.

1st Corinthians 10:12-13 "12 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. 13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure."

Stephen Lincoln

Prayer & Praise Service

Please join us tonight for our prayer & praise service in the auditorium. It will be from 6 - 6:45 p.m.

2021 Life Groups - Call for Leaders.

Have you ever given thought to being a life group leader? 2021 is a great year to step-up and thrive by staying engaged and encouraged with a Life Group. For those interested in being a leader, a sign-up sheet is on the welcome center table. This will help us take a pulse on what Life Groups will be forming for 2021. For more info or questions, contact Chris Taylor.

Youth Group Trip to the Aquarium

Saturday the 23rd, we will be taking the youth group on a trip to the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks, Oklahoma. We will be leaving the church building at 10:00 a.m. and will get back approximately at 7:30 p.m. Masks are mandatory to enter the aquarium. Kids 12 and below are \$14 dollars and 13 and above are \$18. Please bring money for lunch and dinner plus any extra to feed stingrays or play any games. **Chaperones are still needed for this trip.** Contact Stephen Lincoln with any questions or if you are available to come help.