



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

H.O.P.E Group 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12 – Young Adult Dinner
 Feb. 14 – Prayer & Praise Service
 Feb. 21 – Prayer & Praise Service
March 17 – Blood Drive 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
April 10 – Spring Cleaning Day

Birthdays:

February:

7th Beverly Carroll
 11th Johnna Wright

Record for 1-31-21

Morning Worship 134
 Contribution \$2,750.00
 Budget \$6,634.62

Order of Worship

Children's Worship **Derek Tinius**
Welcome/Announcements **Stephen Lincoln**
Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1
Opening Prayer **Bryce Thornton**
Song Leader **Beau Brownell**
 #712 Jesus is Coming Soon
 #988 I'll Be Listening
 #851 I'll Fly Away
 #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth
Communion Talk **Roger Owen**
 **Dismiss Children**
 #346 He Lives
Sermon: "Thrive in Expectation" **Stephen Lincoln**
 # I Am Resolved
Shepherd's Prayer **Pat Meek**

Children's Worship **Chris & Wendy Taylor**
Nursery **Brigitte Elledge**
Sound Booth **Jim Coker**
Slides **Dee Plummer**

Sermon Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon talked about death and dying. Specifically, the idea that death, in this physical world, is not the end. Rather, it is just the beginning. Because of Jesus we have hope in eternity. As such, when people we love die, it is okay to mourn, however, we do not mourn like those who have no hope.

Sermon questions:

1. Why do you think people fear death so much?
2. How can Christians do a better job preparing for death?
3. What difference does an anticipation of what is next make in how we ought to view death?

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

Demsey Chesser – Kent Chesser's dad; in congestive heart failure

Caleb Morris – prayers of thanks for his baptism

Family of Ken Skaggs – Doug & Kaelynn Skaggs' father, passed away

Spencer Hayes – Cousin of Susan Oldham; has a mass on his lung, will have a bronchial sleeve resection at the end of the semester

Henry Redman – Alyssa Plummer's father; recovering from a heart cath this week

Rene Eggers Family – close friend of Jovita Lang; passed-away from Covid this week

Next Week's (2/14/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Dee Plummer

Opening Prayer: Ignace Zedor

Communion Talk: Bruce Swart

Shepherd's Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth: Dudley Darrow

Slides: Mandy Coker

Nursery: Susan Oldham

Children's Worship: Jaqueline Anderson

Time is Short

Romans 13: 11 "And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

The early Christians believed that Jesus was coming soon. By soon, I mean tomorrow or maybe next Tuesday. They lived their lives like he was coming, and they were out of time to prepare for it. They prioritized their lives around doing God's will. A few thousand years later, we tend to live our lives like he might come in 2092. I'll study my bible right after I finish binge watching a couple of seasons on Netflix. I'll help someone in need tomorrow or maybe next month. I want to make myself a better person, but I will start later. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 "Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

As Christians we are called on to be prepared for the second coming. It can seem like an overwhelming task. The bible is thousands of pages long and filled with complex themes. The world is filled with evil and suffering. I have a lot of room for self-improvement. Start small. Prioritize the things that are important. Watch Netflix after you have studied your bible. Find ways you can help others right now. Set small goals for yourself and then follow them. You won't regret not seeing episode 452 of your show. Be happy and share God's love with others. Time on earth may be short, but God's love for us lasts forever.

1 John 2:17 "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

Terry Sherrill

New Member

Please welcome Barbara Simmons and her granddaughter Sofia to our church family! Here is her info: 325 OldTrail (580)747-3748
Enid, OK 73703

Vaccination Help

Do you need help getting an appointment for a COVID vaccination? We will have some people available to sign you up after services this morning. If you have questions or need help at some other time, call Pam Denney (580-478-4936).

Article Writing

This year we are wanting to mix things up and open up article writing for the bulletin. Anyone is welcome to write an approximate 350-word article of whatever is on your heart. Articles are needed a week in advance and will be proofed and edited for grammar/spelling, so don't worry if that is not your forte. Please let Mandy or Erik know if this is something you are interested in. This will start in February.

Inviting All Young Adults!

This Friday, February 12th all young adults are invited to Terry and Mary Sherrill's house at 6:15 p.m. We will spend time having dinner and fun getting to know each other. Also, because this will serve as the beginning point for young adult ministry at North Garland, bring any ideas and thoughts you think would be beneficial for this group. Can't wait to see you then!