



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

Area Wide at Southwest Church of Christ in OKC
Leaving at 3:00 p.m.
Be back around 9:00 p.m.
Dinner Provided.

Prayer & Praise Service – 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- March 14** – Youth Group Parent Meeting after church
- March 17** – Blood Drive 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- March 21** – Elders/Deacons Meeting 11:45
- March 28** – Congregational Meeting
- April 10** – Spring Cleaning Day
- April 24** – Kite Flying Day
- May 29** – Float Trip
- June 5** – Reclaiming Education for Christ Conference

Birthdays:

March:

- 5th..... Lisa Granberg
- 10th..... Brent Dittmeyer
- Kayden Lawrence
- 11th..... Meredith Plummer
- 12th..... Emily Moore

Anniversaries:

- 1st..... Joy & Aleta Koon
- 2nd..... Duane & Mary Owen
- 5th..... Kent & Deanna Chesser

Record for 2-28-21

Morning Worship..... 161
Contribution \$3,907.00
Budget \$6,634.62
Families Served at pantry N/A

Order of Worship

Children's Worship..... Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements..... Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:23-24 TBD
Opening Prayer..... Todd Anderson
Song Leader..... Danny Powers
#450..... Give Me the Bible
#652..... We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
#386..... He Love Me
Communion Talk..... Matt Nichols
..... **Dismiss Children**
#770..... Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
..... Watch and Pray
Sermon: "Thrive by Working" Erik Granberg
#904..... Have You Been to Jesus?
Shepherd's Prayer..... Gordon Jantz

Children's Worship..... Brigitte Elledge
Nursery..... Wendy Taylor
Sound Booth..... Todd Anderson
Slides..... Dee Plummer

Sermon Scripture: 2 Thess. 3:6-15

Sermon Thought:

One of the tasks God created humanity to do is to work. Paul stresses this point to the Thessalonians even saying not to associate with those who do not work! Those are strong words, and we don't often talk about the importance of being workers for the Lord.

Sermon questions:

1. Do you think Christians put enough emphasis on people being workers? Why or why not?
2. What scriptures can you think of with this topic in mind?
3. Thinking of the thrive sermon series as a whole, what stands out to you the most and why?

New Prayer Concerns:

Tammi Long – recovering from neck surgery

Loretta Ball – in GB Skilled Nursing with health issues

Raymie Holland – her dad passed away last week

Carol Jantz – having groin pain; will be having therapy & pain management

Rosealie Stetnish – recovering from the loss of her husband

Renny Hartman – recovering from the loss of her sister

Next Week's (3/14/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Dee Plummer

Opening Prayer: George Gordon

Communion Talk: Bruce Swart

Shepherd's Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery: Gina Thornton

Children's Worship: Derek, Kim, Nate TInius

God's Commandments Teaching Our Children

Erik presented a powerful spiritual message last Sunday on holding to the Lord's teaching. God has set before us his commandments to regulate our lives and keep them in harmony with his will. He wants us to be able to walk with him in the spirit of holiness. We then can be all he created us to be.

I was so blessed growing up having a loving father and mother who taught me the enduring values of life. Their teaching began with being obedient, respectful, courteous, and caring for others. Granted, my learning was not always in sync with their teaching, so I had to learn a few things through their discipline. One of my frequently told stories is when I told my dad to "shut up!" and the consequences I suffered. Dad also taught me the value of hard and honest work, doing my best in everything I did. Their combined teaching enabled me to accomplish a lot of amazing things in life.

God understood the value of **teaching our children**, and he guided Moses to emphasize this divine aspect to the Israelites. Moses reminded the people of the law's twofold purpose: to bring them into a proper relationship with God, and to regulate their conduct toward orderly and beneficial living. As God told Moses, "*Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever*" (Deut. 5:33). Each of us as parents want our children to do well in life, just as my parents did me. So, we must take to heart the words God gave Moses to encourage us in **teaching our children**. "*And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise*" (Deut. 6:6-7). When we do, we have the assurance that God will walk with them and bless them, and they will have success in life. Then they will also make a difference in the world. Lives will be touched, and souls will be saved. Then we will all be able to spend eternity with God. Let us remain obedient to **teaching our children!**

Gordon Jantz

Congregational Meeting

It has been a wild and crazy 12 months hasn't it? There has been a pandemic, new leadership at church, broken pipes, new ministries, new auditorium chairs, and much more. With all these things going on we want to have open communication as much as possible. As such, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday March 28th immediately after worship services. When services end, we will have a short 5-minute break, then begin with the meeting and will hopefully be done around noon.

Parent Meeting

We will be having a meeting after church next week for all the youth group parents. Please meet down front in the auditorium so we can discuss upcoming events and get medical and liability waivers signed.

Blood Drive

Please come join us Wednesday, March 17, for our North Garland Blood Drive. It will be in the foyer, from 5-7:30 p.m. All donors will receive the shirt below and one free adult admission to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome center.

Thank You

Thank you, church family, for the beautiful flowers that were sent after my surgery. Thank you also for all the prayers and cards, I am slowly recovering.
Love, **Tammi Long**