



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:

New Sermon Series: A prisoner awaiting news that could result in his death writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, rejoice!" These words were written by Paul to the church in Philippi. Paul's message was simple, a life lived for the glory of God will overflow with joy.

Upcoming Events

- June 13 – Jesse Elledge Wedding Shower: 2:00 p.m. at N. Garland
- June 13-19 - LCCC Junior Session (5th-7th grade)
- June 20 – Area Wide at Newalla CoC
- June 25-26 – Float Trip
- June 27 – Area Wide at Lindsey CoC
- July 3 – Youth Group Independence Day Party
- July 11-17 – LCCC Extreme Week (8th-12th grade)
- July 12-18 – Camp Pettijohn Session 8 (Grades 4-12)
- July 18-21 – Vacation Bible School
- July 23rd – Family Fun Night/Lock-In
- July 25th – Promotion of 5th graders into the youth group
- Aug. 1 – New Quarter

Birthdays:

9th Gene Denney

Anniversaries:

8th..... Trey & Nicole Johnson

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading	TBD
Opening Prayer	Bruce Swart
Song Leader	Dee Plummer
Song	TBD
Communion Talk.....	Robb Mills
Dismiss Children.....	
Song	TBD
Sermon: Philippians: "Rejoice in Community"	Erik Granberg
Song	TBD
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Children's Worship.....	Derek, Kim, Nate Tinius
Nursery	Beverly Carroll; Jeanita Meek
Sound Booth	Matt Nichols
Slides	Jim Coker

Sermon Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon Thought: In Philippians Paul frequently called the believers brothers and sisters. He also talks about the partnership they have together. As followers of God, we are part of a community of believers.

Sermon questions:

1. What do you enjoy about being a part of the community of believers?
2. What difficulties come with being a part of the community of believers?
3. How can we help new people become active parts of the community of believers rather than just staying on the outside?

New Prayer Concerns:

Willie Russell – having severe knee pain; will see dr next month

Bill Spencer – recovering from prostate surgery

Joe Denney – Gene Denney's brother; has end stage COPD

Merick Solis – Debbie Martin's grandson; having stomach & bowel problems. May have surgery

Brent Hughs – Brenda Wright's brother; recovering from open heart surgery

Rustin Osburn – cancer still left in his colon, will have it the rest of his life & be on chemo to keep it under control

Next Week's (6/13/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Jim Coker

Opening Prayer: Bryce Thornton

Communion

Talk: Danny Powers

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth: Dudley Darrow

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Megan Darrow

Children's

Worship: Tania Unruh

Sign up for VBS on the welcome center!

Study and Meditation

A Spiritual Doctorate

I have often thought about all the Bible classes and sermons I have been part of over my life. It is overwhelming to realize that we have been exposed to countless hours of biblical knowledge and spiritual nourishment. Then we add to that our own Bible study and preparation for classes we have taught, and we stand before God "*complete, equipped for every good work*" (2 Tim. 3:16). My assessment is that we have received a **spiritual doctorate** degree through all of our study and meditation. The question to us is, what have we done with all this knowledge and spiritual insight? Has it transformed us into the likeness of Christ? Are we using it to "*let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*"? (Matt. 5:16). Having a **spiritual doctorate** means that we have the ability to make a difference in the lives of others and prepare them for their spiritual journey.

We are all valuable instruments in God's eternal plan for mankind. We are his hands and feet; his eyes and ears; his love and presence to carry out the work he's given us to do. That is why the apostle Paul encourages us to "*Do our best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth*" (2 Tim. 2:15). Our daily study and meditation continue to extend our knowledge and spiritual insight we have in a **spiritual doctorate**. It results in a wonderful blessing of being approved by God, and gives us confidence in handling the word of truth. We are powerful servants in the Lord's Kingdom. Paul writes, "*The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ*" (1 Cor. 2:15-16). Savor your **spiritual doctorate!**

Gordon Jantz

New Sunday Class

Erik has a new class starting today in the fellowship hall on 1 Corinthians. The church at Corinth had lots of issues and the letters written to address those problems continue to be timely for the church today, both to instruct and to inspire. Christians are powerfully influenced by their cultural environment, and most of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still very much with us—immaturity, instability, divisions, jealousy, lawsuits, immorality and more.

Young Professional Class

Starting today and running through July there will be a Bible class beginning at 9:00 for young professionals and taught by Robb Mills. Come join us as we dive into the book *The Prodigal God*, "Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith." We will be discovering many aspects of the nature of God and his relationship with his children through the story of the Prodigal Son. Here is a quote from the book, "Religious people will find—perhaps for the first time—insights into themselves and the love of God that just might shatter any outward shell of mere religiosity on which they are depending and draw them into the presence of real light, glory, and salvation—into the presence of Jesus Christ, the Prodigal God Himself."

New Wednesday Class

Erik's new Wednesday Class is called "Jesus the Reason" and will be in the fellowship hall. The best reason for believing Christianity is Jesus the Christ himself. As we meet him in key Bible passages, we'll find out what his life was about and be reminded what place he should have in our lives.

Thank You

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, calls, texts, and concern for J.R. during his surgery and recovery. He is doing well, and we are thankful to God for another blessing.

Thanks,

J.R. & Carol Baxter