



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

VBS Starts!

VBS dinner is 5-5:45 p.m. Helpers please be here by 5:30 p.m. VBS is 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- July 18-21** – Vacation Bible School
- July 20** – Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m.
- July 23rd** – Family Fun Night/Lock-In
- July 24th** – Young Adult Game Night: 5:00 p.m. at the Sherrill's
- July 25th** – Promotion of 5th graders into the youth group
- July 25th** – Prayer & Praise Service 6:00 p.m.
- July 27** - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m.
- Aug. 1** – New Quarter
- Aug. 6** – Pool Party
- Aug. 29** – Church Wide Cook Out: Day of Thanksgiving

Birthdays:

- 18th..... Varna Nolen
- 19th..... Brenda Wright
- 23rd..... Baylor Burford

Anniversaries:

- 20th..... Dudley & Megan Darrow
- 23rd..... Robb & Carrie Mills

Record for 7-11-21

Morning Worship.....	147
Contribution	\$6,445.00
Budget	\$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading:	TBD
Song Leader	Jim Coker
.....	Here I Am to Worship
.....	I Love You, Lord
.....	I Stand in Awe
Opening Prayer	Bill Oldham
.....	Lord, Take Control
.....	Lord, I Give You My Heart
.....	Just As I Am – I Come Broken
Communion Talk	Z. Zedor
Dismiss Children
.....	Open My Heart
.....	Open the Eyes of My Heart
Sermon: Philippians: "Rejoice in What is Excellent"	Erik Granberg
.....	Purer in Heart, O God
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Children's Worship	Chris & Wendy Taylor
Nursery	Kim Spencer
Sound Booth	Dee Plummer
Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture: Philippians 4:4-10

Sermon Thought: What we put into our minds determines what comes out in our words, desires, and actions. Paul tells us to train our minds to focus on everything that is excellent or praiseworthy. We ought to examine what we are putting into our minds through screens, media, news, or interactions with those around us and replace harmful input with wholesome material.

Sermon questions:

1. Stress has been identified as one of the great killers of our day. What causes you stress and why?
2. How can rejoicing help to defuse a stressful situation?
3. How can thoughts that are excellent and praiseworthy help cleanse our minds and restore our tranquility?
4. What helps you control your thoughts?

New Prayer Concerns:

Mary Owen – fell and broke her hip this week & had surgery

Krese Smith – prayers as he begins his journey as a new Christian

Chuck Haws – having custody issues

Chery Siders – having health problems; her great-granddaughter was injured & is having a lot of CT scans & tears; her sister is in the hospital having tests done for health problems, she also fell at the hospital & now needs surgery

Tom Raloff – dealing with kidney stones

Fuksa Family – Shala Fuksa (Landis & Renee's daughter-in-law) passed away last week

Lori Manly – prayers for good stress test results

Next Week's (7/25/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Beau Brownell

Opening Prayer: David Granberg

Communion Talk: Stephen Lincoln

Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth: Jim Coker

Slides: Matt Nichols

Nursery: Wendy Taylor

Children's Worship: Megan Darrow

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Whatever is Excellent

"Shut the door!" is a phrase I find myself using more and more as fall approaches. That is because as summer turns to fall the bugs come out: June bugs, flies and those terrible mosquitos! As it gets dark outside, those bugs incessantly pound into the windows and doors because they are drawn to the lights inside the house. It isn't good for the bugs. Spiders often build their webs near the doors to catch the bugs. I also notice a frog or toad at the door gorging on the bugs.

Ever notice that people are drawn to drama like a moth towards light? There is something about chaos that we find exhilarating and interesting. Don't believe me? Just look at social media, or gossip, or have you ever noticed how traffic slows down on the freeway when there was a wreck on the opposite side of a divided highway? All of that is because people are interested in drama. It is exciting. It is different. And it is terrible for physical, spiritual and relational health!

In **Philippians 4:4-9** Paul tells the believers how to lead a life of "peace" and "tranquility." He says that **WHATEVER** we put into our minds (that means EVERYTHING) should be described by words like: **true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy**. Doing so leads to a life of peace, tranquility and joy. Do this, Paul says, "*And the God of peace will be with you.*"

Don't allow yourself to be drawn towards chaos. Can it be exciting? Sure, but I guarantee it will end up filling your life with turmoil. Instead, focus on "*whatever...is excellent or praiseworthy...And the God of peace will be with you.*"

Erik Granberg

Teachers

We are needing teachers for August and September. Please let Robb Mills know if you are able to help in this essential ministry.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who have donated blood over the past 20 years. You have saved many, many lives. If someone is interested in being the blood drive coordinator, please visit with me and I will point you in the right direction.

Judy Watson