



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**

Worship at the Lake: Prayer & Praise Service at Canton Lake

### **Upcoming Events**

Aug. 17 - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m. Aug. 19 - Pantry 9-11 a.m. Aug. 24 - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m. Aug. 29 – Church Wide Cook Out: Day of Thanksgiving Aug. 31 - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m. Sept. 12 – Johnson Baby Shower Oct. 4 – Westview Grocery Truck Oct. 9 – Girls' & Women's Brunch 8-10 a.m.

### **Birthdays:**

16<sup>th</sup>......Willie Russell

### **Anniversaries:**

15th.....Jim & Geneva Osburn 19th ..... David & Luann Burford

### Record for 8-8-21

Morning Worship	. 159
Contribution \$4,35	
Budget \$6,64	2.00

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Pilgrim's Praise	
Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoin ספד
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:35-39	
Song Leader	
#294	
Song	
Opening Prayer	
#227	
#484	
Song	
Communion Talk	Matt Nichols
#615	
Dismiss Children	
#528	
Sermon: ATTENTION! God at work	
#993	
Shepherd's Prayer	
	Brent Bittinger
Children's Worship	Brigitte Elledge
Nursery	
Sound Booth	
Slides	
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**Order of Worship** 

Sermon Scripture: 2 Kings 6:16-17

Sermon Thought: Elisha's servant was no longer afraid when he saw God's mighty heavenly army. God is doing more for his people that we often realize. It is important to train our eyes of faith. Doing so allows us to become aware of what God is doing more frequently.

# Sermon Questions:

1. Have you experienced times when you were aware of God's work? When?

2. Why do you think you were aware in those moments?

3. What problems do you see getting in our way of seeing God work and how might we get past those problems?

# **Catch Up**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

<u>Geneva Osburn</u> – having knee surgery Aug. 31

<u>Madison Solis</u> – Debbie Martin's daughter; having back surgery Sept. 8 <u>Jessica Martin</u> – Jadey Lincoln's sister; is going through a messy divorce <u>Lexi & Josh Farmer</u> – their newborn son, Beckett, was Medi flighted to OU Children's Hospital with erratic breathing & low oxygen; Susan Oldham keeps their oldest son, Beau

<u>Chery Siders' Family</u> – her sister passed away unexpectedly; Cheryl will also be having a nuclear stress test this week to see what is causing her fatigue & shortness of breath

<u>Jan Petrik</u> – in stage 3 kidney failure along with liver failure & a swollen spleen <u>Dianna Simmons</u> – has been diagnosed with Functional Movement Disorder; this is curable with very intense & specialized physical therapy

Monty Williams Family – Wayne Williams' brother; passed away last week

Next Week's (8/22/21) Servants:

Song Leader:	Jim Coker
Opening Prayer:	George Gordon
Communion Talk:	Bruce Swart
Shepherd's Prayer:	Gordon Jantz
Sound Booth:	Robb Mills
Slides:	Trey Johnson
Nursery:	Kim Burford
Children's Worship:	Mandy Coker Tammi Long

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So, I had surgery on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The surgery went well, there were no complications, and after a two day stay in the hospital, I was able to come home. I am doing well and feeling good. Praise be to God for giving me success. However, I am playing catch up and I am having a hard time defeating that feeling of "what am I forgetting". At home, the yard needs mowed. We need to treat the pool because it's looking a little green. We are a little behind on dishes and laundry. At work, I'm not technically "behind" on anything but I still feel like I'm playing catch up. I have very few things to actually worry about and everything I am behind on is very trivial but still I am stressed and frustrated because I am behind.

Just by spending a little time this weekend I'm going to catch up on everything I need to do. But what happens when people are a little spiritually behind and then they get in a spiritual accident, and then they need to spiritually recover but because they were behind to begin with their spiritual accident left them even further behind? Sometimes we hit a spiritual lull and it feels IMPOSSIBLE to get out of it. So how do we? The answer is simple. Take things one task at a time. If you have a weak prayer life, and weak knowledge of the Bible, and no church attendance, and you practice worldly activities you cannot expect yourself to defeat all your bad habits and develop a bunch of new good ones all in one week. Take things one at a time, challenge yourself but set realistic expectations. The masterpiece of your life with God will take a literal lifetime to finish. So don't get heartbroken and down on yourself when you still struggle. Its normal to feel behind sometimes. God does not expect perfection. He expects the effort to try and be. You don't have to defeat your demons in a day, you just need to try and defeat who you were yesterday.

Galatians 6:9 "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith. This is not from yourself; it is a gift from God."

### Stephen Lincoln

# Worship at the Lake

This afternoon, we will be having our Prayer & Praise Service at Canton Lake. The playing and picnic part of the afternoon will start at 2:00 p.m. with the Prayer & Praise Service starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the beach of the Sandy Cove recreation area. Please bring your own chair, food, and picnic supplies. There is a \$5 parking fee. There is a restroom and shower facilities at the site to clean up. We have invited other churches in the area also!

# Wednesday Meal Ministry

As the 2021 School Year begins, we will be restarting our Wednesday Meal Ministry each Wednesday beginning August 18th at 5:30. We encourage everyone to join us for a delicious meal, a time of fellowship, and our Wednesday evening Bible class.

# **Girls and Women's Brunch**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 9, from 8-10 a.m. All girls and women of our congregation are invited to a brunch and fun activities. You can even wear your pajamas if you want to! More information later.