



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

- Aug. 24** - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m.
- Aug. 25** – Wednesday Night Meal: Baked chicken, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, French Bread, & Dessert
- Aug. 25** – Broken & Mended Meeting: During Class in children's church room
- Aug. 29** – Church Wide Potluck: Day of Thanksgiving
- Aug. 31** - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m.
- Sept. 5** – Youth Group Parent Meeting after worship
- Sept. 12** – Youth Group trip to OKC (Ice Skating Rink with Clinton Church of Christ) Leave at 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11** – Youth Group Firemen & Paramedic Appreciation
- Sept. 12** – Johnson Baby Shower
- Sept. 18** – Church Wide Fish Fry
- Oct. 2** – Church Clean Up Day
- Oct. 4** – Westview Grocery Truck
- Oct. 9** – Girls' & Women's Brunch 8-10 a.m.

Birthdays:

- 24th..... Duane Owen
- 27th..... Ally Coker
- 28th..... Connie Johnson

Anniversaries:

- 23rd..... Bill & Susan Oldham
- 25th..... Roger & Charlotte Owen
- 27th..... Landis & Renee Fuksa
- 28th..... Stephen & Jadey Lincoln

Record for 8-15-21

Morning Worship..... 149
 Contribution \$7,625.00
 Budget \$6,642.00
 Total Pantry Patrons for Aug. 129

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 4:10-26	TBD
Song Leader	Jim Coker
..... <i>How Majestic is Your Name</i>	
..... <i>I Sing Praises</i>	
..... <i>Be unto Your Name</i>	
Opening Prayer	George Gordon
..... <i>As the Deer Thirsts</i>	
..... <i>Cornerstone</i>	
..... <i>Come to the Table</i>	
Communion Talk	Bruce Swart
Dismiss Children	
..... <i>The Greatest Commands</i>	
..... <i>Lord, Reign in Me</i>	
Sermon: "O Brother Where Art Thou?" Mutual Edification	Erik Granberg
..... <i>Bind Us Together</i>	
Shepherd's Prayer	Gordon Jantz
Children's Worship	Mandy Coker; Tammi Long
Nursery	Kim Burford
Sound Booth	Robb Mills
Slides	Trey Johnson

Sermon Scripture: Romans 14:19

Sermon Thought: As members of God's church, we are part of a living, interconnected community. As God's kingdom people, we must not let scruples or convictions that Scripture doesn't require cause contention. As we seek God's kingdom priorities we will build good relationships with others, seek unity in the faith, and find the joy given by the Holy Spirit with such an attitude, we will please God and promote harmony.

Sermon Questions:

1. What are the best parts and then biggest difficulties in belonging to a group of people?
2. Why is community such an important part of the Christian faith?
3. How can we go about better mutually edifying one another?

New Prayer Concerns:

The country of Afghanistan.

The Zidor Family and all affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

Geneva Osburn – having knee surgery Aug. 31

Madison Solis – Debbie Martin's daughter; having back surgery Sept. 8
Jessica Martin – Jadey Lincoln's sister; is going through a messy divorce

Lexi & Josh Farmer – their newborn son, Beckett, was Medi flighted to OU Children's Hospital with erratic breathing & low oxygen; Susan Oldham keeps their oldest son, Beau

Jan Petrik – in stage 3 kidney failure along with liver failure & a swollen spleen

Dianna Simmons – 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 (8/29/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Danny Powers

Opening Prayer: Chris Taylor

Communion

Talk: Gordon Jantz

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Dudley Darrow

Slides: Matt Nichols

Nursery: Lisa, Kira, Amarah Granberg

Children's

Worship: Derek, Kim, Nate Tinius

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Prayer

A Spiritual Power

The essence of power has its genesis at the beginning of creation. When "God said..." things began to happen (Genesis 1). It was through the power of his word that all things on earth and in the heavens took form and became what they are today. Power is an essential element for our existence, and it comes from God our creator. Peter writes, "His divine power has granted us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:3-4). Guess what? It is "in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

We are eternally connected to this divine power through our prayers. Our fervent prayers are a spiritual power that makes things happen just as they did when "God said..." in the beginning of creation. That is why Jesus went to a solitude place to pray so he could talk to the Father and listen to his spiritual guidance. "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise" (Jn. 5:19). When we humble ourselves in prayer, we are engaging a spiritual power that will make a difference in our lives as we have a heartfelt dialogue with our heavenly Father. He listens to us, and he responds. We are blessed beyond measure as we strive to live in harmony with the will of the Father, just as Jesus did. I once had a gentleman who wasn't a member of the church I was preaching for who wanted to be on our prayer list because he knew we were a praying church and wanted the Lord's blessing. That is a true testimony for prayer as a spiritual power.

Gordon

Broken and Mended Meeting

This Wednesday night, David Heflin, the preaching minister at the Woodward Church of Christ, will be here to talk about starting a branch of the support group he has started for people with chronic illnesses and chronic pain here at North Garland. Many congregations develop support groups for people struggling with addiction, grief, or divorce recovery. However, there are few ministries designed for those who are in pain or are sick everyday of their lives. Jesus loves them as much as the most productive members of your congregation. Yet, they are often isolated by their illness and often struggling to make it to congregational worship services.

Broken and Mended, Inc., is a Christian nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect hurting people to Jesus and each other. We believe the local church provides the best vehicle for this outreach. There are many people hurting in your congregation, and the group can also function as an outreach program in your community. Imagine those who hurt too much to come to a church service on a regular basis learning about Jesus from a community of people who can relate to their experiences in an intimate way! Imagine this kind of ministry going on for years and the impact you will make in your community in the name of Jesus!

If you or someone you love is hurting and looking for support from people who understand and can provide guidance and encouragement, please join us Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in the children's church classroom.

The name for Broken and Mended was inspired by the Japanese art form, *Kintsugi*, which uses precious metals (usually gold) to mend broken pottery. The beautiful seams in the clay make it even more valuable. In a similar way, hurting people who fill their emptiness with God's promises can let their faith shine brighter through their pain.