



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

Day of Thanksgiving!
Potluck after worship

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 31** - Ladies' Coffee, Tea & Me: 10-11 a.m.
- Sept. 1** – Wed Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- Sept. 5** – Youth Group Parent Meeting after worship
- Sept. 11** – Youth Group Firemen & Paramedic Appreciation
- Sept. 12** – Youth Group trip to OKC (Ice Skating Rink with Clinton Church of Christ) Leave at 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12** – Johnson Baby Shower
- Sept. 19** – Church Wide Fish Fry
- Oct. 2** – Church Clean Up Day
- Oct. 3** – Area Wide at Stillwater Church of Christ
- Oct. 4** – Westview Grocery Truck
- Oct. 9** – Girls' & Women's Brunch 8-10 a.m.
- Oct. 22-24** – Multi-Church Retreat at Camp Lu-Joe

Birthdays:

31st..... Terry Gordon
.....Kayla Nichols

Record for 8-22-21

Morning Worship..... 158
Contribution \$3,881.00
Budget \$6,642.00
Total Pantry Patrons for Aug. 129

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading	TBD
Song Leader	Danny Powers
#474	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>
Prayer	Chris Taylor
#300	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>
#315	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>
Communion Talk	Gordon Jantz
Dismiss Children	
#514	<i>Redeemed</i>
#508	<i>A Wonderful Savior</i>
Sermon: Give Thanks to the Lord	Erik Granberg
#742	<i>When Upon Life's Billows</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Children's Worship	Derek, Kim, Nate Tinius
Nursery	Lisa, Kira, Amarah Granberg
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow
Slides	Matt Nichols

Sermon Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Sermon Thought: The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God. Most verses go on to list reasons why we should thank Him, such as "His love endures forever," "He is good," and "His mercy is everlasting." Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.

Sermon Questions:

1. What blessings have you received from God?
2. How have you benefited from difficult times in your life?
3. What ways can we give thanks to God and how could we do even a better job?

Does God Allow Evil?

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

George & Terry Gordon – their grandson passed away last week

Kent Chesser – his father passed away last week

Willie Russell – having injections in his lower back; his knee is still bothering him

Lori Manly – having eye surgery Thursday in OKC

Next Week's (9/5/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Glenn Walker

Opening Prayer: Dee Plummer

Communion

Talk: Chris Taylor

Shepherd's

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Mandy Coker

Children's

Worship: Carrie Mills

Text to Give:

Text NGCCGIVE to (833) 703-3754

Text to download church app:

Text NGCCAPP to (833) 703-3754

Kaylynn Brownell's New Address:

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Ft. Leonardwood, MO 65473

Sometimes I have wished we lived in a perfect world! That everybody is honest, fair, and godly. Why is there always good and bad?

When I read my Bible, I found the answer from the mouth of the Lord in Matthew 13:24-30: Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "No," he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let them grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

The reality is in this world there is a contemporaneous existence of good and evil. God created everything good, but the devil sows evil seeds. So, in this present time, during our human existence before the second coming of the Lord, we see the presence of evil along with the good.

Do not be discouraged then, do not stop doing good even if it seems that evil is rampant and seems overwhelming. As children of God, we should not retreat or give up. Paul says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

As we face now this evil- COVID-19 and all the controversies hovering about it, we have to remember that we are designed to be victorious! Paul said, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)

Whatever form of evil we may face, God will give us the confidence and boldness to face it. The battle belongs to the Lord, He is our strength and refuge during these troublesome times. May we all be the light and kindness that this world is needing right now.

Your fellow soldier,
Richard

Haiti Relief

Ignace (Z) Zidor's mother lost her home and everything she owned in the Haiti earthquake. North Garland will be taking donations to help her family survive this disaster and rebuild her home. Z and Vista are sending money right now to pay for things they need to survive like tents, rice, and water. They are also working on getting forms filed and attorneys to get them to the US. The whole family is homeless and has lost everything. Even charging their phone is \$5 per charge! You can make your donation to the church with the memo "Zidor Haiti Earthquake Recovery." Please give your donation to any of the ministers, elders, or Mandy.

Children's Church Teachers

We are in need of people to teach Children's Church. Please let Mandy know if you would be willing to help in this ministry.

Broken and Mended Support Group

Thank you to everyone who came to the Broken and Mended info meeting on Wednesday! If you are interested in coming to biweekly meetings, either in person or via zoom, please let Mandy know what days would work best for your schedule.