



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

Church wide fish fry: 6:00 p.m.

Prayer & Praise Service: after fish fry

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 21** – Ladies' Coffee, Tea, & Me 10-11 a.m.
- Sept. 22** – Wednesday Meal: Sour cream chicken tortillas, green beans, lettuce salad, & dessert
- Sept. 28** – Ladies' Coffee, Tea, & Me 10-11 a.m.
- Sept. 29** – Wednesday Meal: Pizza, green salad, fruit salad, dessert
- Oct. 2** – Church Clean Up Day
- Oct. 3** – Area Wide at Stillwater Church of Christ
- Oct. 4** – Westview Grocery Truck
- Oct. 6** – Wednesday Meal: Baked potatoes, salad, brownies
- Oct. 9** – Girls' & Women's Brunch 8-10 a.m.
- Oct. 22-24** – Youth Multi-Church Retreat at Camp Lu-Joe

Birthdays:

- 19th..... Geneva Osburn
- 20th..... Dianna Simmons
- 24th..... Casey Elledge
- 25th..... Alley Cappetti
- Landis Fuksa

Anniversaries:

- 22ndJR & Carol Baxter
- 49 Years!!
- Jim & Mandy Coker
- 14 Years!!

Record for 9-12-21

Morning Worship..... 180
 Contribution \$5,098.00
 Budget \$6,642.00

Served at pantry in Sept..... 155

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading:	TBD
Song Leader	Jim Coker
238.....	<i>You Are the Song That I Sing</i>
533.....	<i>I Am a Sheep</i>
62.....	<i>I Exalt Thee</i>
Prayer	Nate Tinius
.....	<i>Oceans</i>
.....	<i>And Can It Be</i>
Communion Talk	Cory Moore
Dismiss Children	
875.....	<i>Home of the Soul</i>
538.....	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>
Sermon: Do Your Best Anyway	Erik Granberg
396.....	<i>No Not One</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Brent Dittmeyer
Children's Worship	Lisa Granberg
Nursery	Kelli Moore
Sound Booth/Slides	TBD

Sermon Scripture: John 6:66; Col. 3:23

Sermon Thought: When you work hard, are honest, have integrity and use the gifts that God has given you, you may become "successful" in the eyes of the world. One of the ironies of becoming "successful" is that you often become a target. People may try to use you and get close to you for their benefit. Such "friends" leave when things get difficult.

Sermon Questions:

1. Have you ever had a "false friend"? If so, how did it make you feel?
2. How ought we to interact with "false friends"?
3. Share about the strengths of "true friends."
4. Think about your relationship with God. Are you a true friend or false friend of Jesus?

New Prayer Concerns:

Dianna Simmons – going back to the Mayo Clinic next week for some specialized physical therapy for her functional movement disorder

Kent/Thornton Family – their nephew/cousin died of complications from Covid

Anderson Family – Todd's father is in the hospital with Covid & a clot in his lung; Todd's grandfather passed away

Cheryl Siders – released from the hospital, getting better

Madison Solis – Debbie Martin's daughter; recovering from back surgery- has developed some leakage in her back incision

Next Week's (9/26/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Robb Mills

Opening Prayer: David Granberg

Communion

Talk: Bill Oldham

Shepherd's

Prayer: Gordon Jantz

Sound Booth: Dudley Darrow

Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Charlotte Owen

Children's

Worship: Carrie Mills

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Pastoral Care

Providing Encouragement and Comfort

Doing the Lord's work is very rewarding and puts us on an amazing journey. We come to know God in a more intimate way, and we can feel his presence as we reach out to touch the lives of others. I had a very touching moment early in my ministry as I was providing **pastoral care** for a member and his wife. He was in the hospital with a very critical heart condition, and they were losing all hope that he would survive. One time when Carol and I had gone to minister to them, his wife saw us coming down the hallway, and she was overwhelmed with a feeling of peace. She told us that our presence was like a glow, and she knew all would be okay. That is how God works through his faithful servants in **providing encouragement and comfort**.

Jesus is our role model for doing the Lord's work as he gave up his glorified position with the Father and took on human form (Phil. 2:5-8). He well understood what intimacy with God felt like and went about his earthly ministry **providing encouragement and comfort** to the lost sheep of Israel. Jesus was a shining light to those lives he touched, and he brought peace to a troubled world. John writes this about Jesus' work. *"I have said this to you that you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (Jn. 16:33). As we encounter life's challenges, let us remember what Jesus has done for us in **providing encouragement and comfort**. The world needs us to be a Barnabas who was also a model of encouragement like Jesus was (Acts 4:36). It brings comfort and peace to those precious souls Satan is seeking to destroy and gives them the courage to stay strong in the faith. We have a divine mission as God's servants to continue his work by **providing encouragement and comfort** to those Jesus came to give his life for.

Gordon Jantz

Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck will be here October 4th. They are in need of green chilies, flour tortillas, vanilla wafers, Vienna sausage, coffee creamer, ranch/onion/bean dip, pork n beans, graham crackers, parmesan cheese, minced onion flakes, hamburger/tuna helper, ranch & bacon suddenly salad, fabuloso, spray n wash, and paper towels/toilet paper. Please put your groceries in the kitchen.

Girls & Women's Brunch

We will be having a brunch for all girls and women Saturday, October 9th, from 8-10 a.m. If you would like to bring food, please sign up on the welcome center.

Teacher Thanks

With extra funds from the school supply drive and special donations, we were able to give our North Garland teachers \$100 Amazon gift cards. Here are a few cards that were received this week:

Dear North Garland,

Thank you so much for the generous Amazon gift card! I have been eyeing some stools that would be perfect for my small group! Also, thank you for supporting teachers! It means so much to know we have many prayers being lifted up. Love,

Alyssa Plummer

Thank you so very much for the Amazon cards for Trent and I for our classroom supplies! Your generosity was such a blessing and a true surprise! Thank you for the support!
Love, *Raymie Holland*

Thank you for the gift card to buy school supplies. I truly appreciate the love and support from our church family. *Trent Holland*