



**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**

Youth Group Parent Meeting:  
Meet down front after worship

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 6** – Office Closed for Labor Day
- 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 2:00 p.m.
- 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:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Jan Petrik
- 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Stephen Lincoln

**Anniversaries:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Bryce & Gina Thornton

**Record for 8-29-21**

Morning Worship.....	179
Contribution .....	\$3,296.00
Budget .....	\$6,642.00

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Stephen Lincoln</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
<b>#31</b> .....	<i>Be Still and Know</i>
<b>#100,101</b> .....	<i>Holy Ground Medley</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>
<b>#376</b> .....	<i>He Paid a Debt</i>
<b>Song</b> .....	<i>Wonderful Merciful Savior</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Chris Taylor</b>
<b>Dismiss Children</b> .....	
<b>Song</b> .....	<i>Hide Me Away O Lord</i>
<b>Song</b> .....	<i>My Only Hope</i>
<b>Sermon: Love Them Anyway</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>#662</b> .....	<i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Carrie Mills</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Mandy Coker</b>
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** 1 John 4:8

**Sermon Thought:** Unconditional love. This is the kind of love that holds together our families, friendships, churches, and communities. I can disagree with someone or disapprove of their actions, and I can let them know my views and where I stand. But I do not have to withhold my love. I can love people even when they are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. In fact, if I do not love, scripture says I do not know God.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Which of these 3 do you find the most difficult to deal with and why: illogical, unreasonable, self-centered?
2. Consider these phrases, "You're dancing on my last nerve!" or "The straw that broke the camel's back." What do you find helpful when you find yourself in that moment?
3. How does your faith help you live the commandment to love?

### New Prayer Concerns:

The country of Afghanistan.

The Ramstein Air Force Base in

Germany as they take in refugees.

Bob Adamson – Jan Meadows' brother-in-law; health issues

Adeline Young – prayers as she starts her journey as a Christian

The Zidor Family and all affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Z's grandfather also passed away this week

Geneva Osburn – recovering from knee surgery

George & Terry Gordon – their grandson passed away

Kent Chesser – his father passed away

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

Lori Manly – recovering from eye surgery

### Next Week's (9/12/21) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Dee Plummer

**Opening Prayer:** Dudley Darrow

**Communion**

**Talk:** Hal Johnson

**Shepherd's**

**Prayer:** John Wright

**Sound Booth:** Terry Sherrill

**Slides:** Terry Sherrill

**Nursery:** Cheryl Kent

**Children's**

**Worship:** Mandy Coker

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### Locked Doors and Annoying Crows

Tap, tap, tap. "Someone must be at the door," I think to myself. Peck, peck, peck. Squawk, squawk, squawk. Nope, just a crow attacking its reflection in the door...and losing I might add. Three or four feathers were on the ground, and I could see an outline where it had smacked the glass door a few times. I chased it away, but the next day...the same thing happened all over again. The crow just wouldn't seem give it up. This went on for a month or so before the bird quit coming. Maybe it learned, maybe it found another reflection or maybe it knocked itself loony. Who knows? All I care about is that the incessant noise it gone.

I can't help but think that we are just like that dumb bird when we try to control our own lives. It is easy when WE think WE know best, WE know the right way, or WE know the thing to do to find ourselves encountering closed doors. Revelation 3:7, talking about Jesus as being holy and true, says that, "What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open." How many of us have spent days, months, years trying to pry open doors that may be closed to us.

Here is another thing, when we are so focused on trying to force open one door, there is a good chance we miss a nearby door that is open. All it is waiting for is for us to stop and consider what God might have in store. Generally, if we lay out our plans and desires before God, then spend time asking what God would want us to do, we will find an answer. And often times, his answer will be a whole lot less painful and aggravating than what we had in mind.

So, the next time you see a bird attacking its reflection looking all disheveled and annoyed, let it be a reminder to look for God's ways. Consider Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

**-Erik Granberg**

### 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 texts and cards that were received this week:

What!!!! A \$100 Amazon gift card! That will buy a lot for my classroom. This year, no agency adopted our school, so we've been scrounging for supplies left over from last year. Thank you! **Tammi Long**

Thanks so much for the card and money. It means the world to me to be noticed and I have just the use for it. A good friend of mine is starting a homeschool outreach program providing theatre, newspaper, PE, art, and foreign language classes for the homeschool community. Their supply needs are great, and many families struggle to even pay the minimal class costs. This money will greatly help them get their classrooms ready and extend their reach to all students who want to participate. Thanks a ton! **Kayla Nichols**

Dear North Garland Family,

Thank you so much for the generous gifts of Amazon cards for Scott and I! We were so surprised to receive it and so blessed by this growing church family's kindness and generosity! We will be able to purchase some great supplies for our classrooms! Thank you so much again and we pray for blessings to be returned to you!

**Love, Scott & Jeri Mick**

### Baby Girl Shower

Come join us in honoring Nicole Johnson next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the children's church room. Nicole is registered at Target.