



**We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.**

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 31 – Office Closed
- Jan. 2 – Prayer & Praise: 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 3 – Broken & Mended: 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8 – Youth Group Service Project
- Jan. 9 – Elders/Deacons Meeting after service
- Jan. 9 – Area Wide in Waynoka
- Jan. 9 – Art of Parenting: Class 1
- Jan. 15-16 – Winterfest
- Jan. 16 – Art of Parenting: Class 2
- Jan. 17 – Broken & Mended: 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 23 – Digital Parenting Workshop
- Jan. 30 – Art of Parenting: Class 3

**Birthdays:**

- 28<sup>th</sup>..... Erik Granberg
- ..... Bill Spencer
- 29<sup>th</sup>..... Tammi Long
  
- Jan.
  
- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Patty Long

**Anniversaries:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Bryan & Kendra Brownell
- ..... Terry & Mary Sherrill
- 29<sup>th</sup>..... Bruce & Linda Swart
- ..... John & Brenda Wright
- 31<sup>st</sup>..... Matt & Kayla Nichols

**Record for 12-19-21**

Morning Worship..... 146  
 Contribution ..... \$3,870.00  
 Budget ..... \$6,642.00

Families served at pantry in Dec: 175

**Order of Worship**

**Pilgrim's Praise** ..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Song Leader** ..... **Jim Coker**  
 202..... *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
 1002..... *Angels We Have Heard On High*  
**Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
**Prayer**..... **Dallas Darrow**  
 167..... *Hosanna*  
 155..... *Highest Place*  
**Communion Talk**..... **Bill Oldham**  
**Dismiss Children**.....  
 ..... *My Only Hope Is You*  
 538..... *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*  
  
**Sermon: Jesus the Messiah: Ministry Begins** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
 947..... *Jesus Is Tenderly Calling*  
**Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **Dan Kent**

**Children's Worship** ..... **Megan Darrow**  
**Nursery** ..... **Kim Tinius**  
**Sound Booth/Slides** ..... **Robb Mills**

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 3-4

**Sermon Thought:**

John the Baptist's ministry began before Jesus'. He was pointing the way to Jesus. In chapters 3 and 4 both John and Jesus had the same message, "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is near." Jesus then called his first disciples, and the same call is open to all, "Come, follow me."

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What was a winnowing fork (Mt. 3:12)?
2. In this portion of scripture, how is Jesus' humanity on display?
3. What does it mean to follow Jesus?

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Kegan Entwistle Family** – Carol Baxter's niece's husband 29 years old & passed away from cancer

**Chuck Craig Family** – friend of Jovita Lang; passed away from covid

**Tom Raloff** – recovering from another stroke

**Kyle Whitehead** – former member; has stage 4 esophageal cancer & is getting treatment at MD Anderson

**Delina Hayes** – Susan Oldham's aunt; has covid along with other health issues

**Angelique Hendrickson** – Susan Oldham's cousin; has covid

**Leo Jantz** – Gordon & Carol's grandson; recovering from covid

**Kylen Arter** – David Petrik's nephew; diagnosed with colon cancer

**Tom Washburn** – former minister; diagnosed with multiple myeloma and will start chemo and radiation soon

### Text to Give:

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### Next Week's (1/2/21) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Dee Plummer

**Opening Prayer:** Danny Powers

### Communion

**Talk:** I. Zedor

### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Pat Meek

### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Dudley Darrow

### Nursery:

Reeta Williams

### Children's

**Worship:** Chris & Wendy Taylor

**Cissy Duarte New Phone Number:**  
765-808-9308

## It is Finished!

### Blessings Beyond Measure

Those heart piercing words of our Lord and Savior, "**It is finished!**" opened heaven's gates of God's heavenly blessings. As Paul writes, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him*" (Eph. 1:3-4). We are truly blessed as we give our life to Christ and begin our spiritual journey.

I have always cherished the idea that there is this big warehouse in heaven that is filled with God's blessings just waiting to be poured out upon us. As we serve a risen Savior, and as we are faithful to his teachings, we are truly filled with **blessings beyond measure!** They are there every day. They are part of our every heartbeat. They are the foundation of our steps and thoughts. Open your spiritual eyes so you can see them – so you can feel them – so you can be touched by them. Then, as disciples of Jesus, we will be able to say with the apostle Paul, "*I know that when I come to you I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ*" (Rom. 15:29). We then become part of God's plan to give others **blessings beyond measure**, just as he has us. Listen to the heart of King David as he reflects on these powerful blessings. "*In thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord; and in thy help how greatly he exults! Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and has not withheld the request of his lips. For thou dost meet him with rich blessings; thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head*" (Ps. 21:1-3). That gives a pretty good vision of the **blessings beyond measure** God will give us as we serve him in his spiritual kingdom. We are filled with joy and the fulness of God as we journey toward the greatest blessing of all – eternal life in heaven!

*Gordon Jantz*

## Childcare Help

We are seeking adults to help with childcare during the Art of Parenting. Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 starting Jan 9th in the Fellowship Hall. There will be sign-up sheets on the booth in the foyer. Sign up for a single session, or the whole seminar. Various activities, snacks and entertainment will be planned to help keep the caretakers and keep the kids engaged. Ages will be from toddlers to 5th grade. Erik or Chris can provide more details. Thank you for helping!