



**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**

Area Wide in Ponca City

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 6 – Broken & Mended: 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11 – Pantry Christmas Dinner: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11 – Youth Group Christmas Party at the Darrow's
- Dec. 12 – Youth Lead Service
- Dec. 12 – Youth Group Ice Skating
- Dec. 15 – Mid-Month Respite: come join us at 5:30 p.m. for an array of hors d'oeuvres before class
- Dec. 18 – Garland Girls: 1-3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 – Christmas Program Rehearsal: 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18 – Youth Group Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 19 – Christmas Program
- Dec. 20 – Broken & Mended 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22 – No Wednesday Service
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candle Lit Vigil

**Birthdays:**

- 6<sup>th</sup>..... Brett Thornton
- 10<sup>th</sup>..... Steve Long
- ..... Terry Sherrill
- 11<sup>th</sup>..... Naomi Goodridge

**Anniversaries:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Bryan & Kendra Brownell
- ..... Terry & Mary Sherrill
- 29<sup>th</sup>..... Bruce & Linda Swart

**Record for 11-28-21**

Morning Worship..... 143  
 Contribution ..... \$3,243.00  
 Budget ..... \$6,642.00

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>
<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
779.....	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
47.....	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b> .....	
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>Cory Moore</b>
683.....	<i>I Am Mine No More</i>
353.....	<i>One Day</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Roger Owen</b>
53.....	<i>Father, I Adore You</i>
<b>Dismiss Children</b> .....	
148.....	<i>I Keep Falling in Love With Him</i>
<b>Sermon: Jesus the Messiah: The One Who Was Promised</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
1001.....	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>
1018.....	<i>Joy To The World</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>John Wright</b>

<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Lisa Granberg</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Geneva Osburn</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 1:1-17

**Sermon Thought:**

The genealogy introduces a major theme in this bee: since Jesus was considered a descendant of both David and Abraham, Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecies and of the covenants God had made with them. Jesus' titles of Messiah or Christ mean "the anointed one" and refer to the special one sent by God to save his people.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. How much of your family genealogy do you know? Do you feel a special connection with your past family?
2. Jesus' genealogy is filled with people who were heroes of faith, and some were very ordinary. Is there anything we can take away from this?
3. Why did Israel need a Messiah? Why do we need a Messiah?

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Steve Long** – recovering from back surgery

**Wayne Williams** – recovering from knee surgery; pray for a speedy recovery

**Brent Hughes Family** – Brenda Wright's brother; passed away

**Becky Tyree** – Jay Tyree's (the minister at the Alva CoC) wife; been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer

**Willie Russell** – having back and knee pain

**Jaqueline Anderson's sister** – recovering from wrist surgery

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

**Song Leader:** Jim Coker

**Opening Prayer:** Youth

**Communion Talk:** Youth

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Brent Dittmeyer

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** Robb Mills

**Nursery:** Wendy Taylor

**Children's Worship:** Dee & Alyssa Plummer

## Why Did Jesus Come?

At Christmas, some will think of the birth of Jesus. Although we don't know the exact date of His birth, it's most important to understand WHY Jesus came from heaven and was born as a baby. If you want to know why Jesus came, search for His "**I have come**" statements in Scripture (see Luke 19:10; John 6:38; 9:39; 10:10; 12:46; 18:37).

Here are a few reasons that Jesus came:

**To show us God.** "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known." (John 1:14, 18). If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

**To demonstrate God's love.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9). In order that we might live, Christ had to die for our sins (Romans 5:8).

**To provide God's greatest gifts.** Jesus came to give us salvation (Matthew 1:21) and eternal life (John 3:16). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

At Christmas, some may acknowledge that Christ was born into the world. May the world know WHY He came: to show us God, to show us how much God loves us, and to show what God wants to give us.

I hope that all of us will remember Jesus and why he came to this earth throughout all times of the year and not just at Christmas time.

*Dan Kent*

## Communication Directories

Updated communication directories are ready! Paper copies are available on the welcome center. If you would like a pdf version emailed to you, please put your email on your attendance card and Mandy will get those out. Due to ongoing problems with spam calls/texts/emails, the directory will not be available online.

## Broken and Mended

We have started North Garland's branch of the Broken & Mended support group! If you are struggling with chronic health issues and would like to be encouraged by people who understand, join us Monday at 6:00 p.m. here at the church building.

## Art of Parenting Sign-Up

There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for the Art of Parenting class. We are asking that people sign up by December 12<sup>th</sup> to guarantee a workbook for each parent by the start of the class. \$20 will cover the cost of two workbooks. You can give your money to Chris Taylor, Cory Moore, or Mandy Coker. Each parent will need a workbook. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Taylor.