



**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**

Elders/Deacons Meeting: After Worship

Art of Parenting Class #5: 6:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 20** – Art of Parenting Class #6

**Feb. 27** – Art of Parenting Class #7

**March 5** – Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

**March 6** – Art of Parenting Class #8

**June 19-25** – Youth Group Mission Trip

**Birthdays:**

15<sup>th</sup>.....Bryce Thornton

**Record for 2-6-22**

Morning Worship..... 151

Contribution ..... \$3,752.00

Budget ..... \$6,642.00

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>
<b>Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
<b>#31</b> .....	<i>Be Still and Know</i>
.....	<i>Awesome God</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>Matt Nichols</b>
<b>#77</b> .....	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>
<b>#332</b> .....	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Bill Oldham</b>
<b>Dismiss Children</b> .....	.....
.....	<i>Days of Elijah</i>
<b>#794</b> .....	<i>Unto Thee, O Lord</i>
<b>#749</b> .....	<i>The Battle Belongs to the Lord</i>
<b>Sermon: Jesus the Messiah-A Different Way of Life</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>#902</b> .....	<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>

<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Geneva Osburn</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Mandy Coker</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Jim Coker</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 18-20

**Sermon Thought:**

A life following God is a life that looks different from the world around us. It is one that stands out and goes by a different set of rules.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Everyone has problems with rules now and again. What makes us deem certain rules "unfair"?
2. What makes God's rules or standards seem so backwards to many?
3. What are the benefits to God's different way of living?

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Tom Large Family** – cousin of Jovita Lang; passed away from a spinal infection

**Diana Russell** – has an upper respiratory infection

**Willie Russell** – having knee pain

**Carol Jantz** – recovering from shoulder surgery

**Dawn Webb** – having a hard time recovering from covid & has been in the hospital

### Next Week's (2/20/22) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Jim Coker

**Opening Prayer:** Nate Tinius

**Communion Talk:** Chris Taylor

**Shepherd's Prayer:** John Wright

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** Robb Mills

**Nursery:** Patrece Allen

**Children's Worship:** Lisa Granberg

### Taking Time to Dwell Upon the Lord

There are a handful of Psalms that I find bring peace to my mind. One is Psalm 63 and the other is Psalm 121. I connect with these two because each one speaks of a moment when I find myself thinking about the Lord.

Like most people, there are nights when I am not able to sleep. Often during these times, I end up lying on my bed thinking about God. These times tend to be a lot of asking questions and thinking of possible answers. When I say asking questions what I mean is wondering about the unknown aspects of God. How does he know all? What does he think of humanity? What does he think of me? Is there something that God has in mind for me to do? What is eternity like? The answers to these questions cannot be found in scripture or through reasoning. Some of the answers may be known after the fact because "hindsight is 20/20." Others I may find out on the other side of this life, and I may never have answers to other questions. Because of these moments, Psalm 63 has stood out with these words from verse 6, "On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."

Another type of situation I find myself drawn to God is when I am at a vantage point where I can see a long way into the distance. Something about being able to see great distances makes me reflect upon God's greatness, his majesty, and omnipotence. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade I went to a boarding school on the escarpments of the Great Rift Valley in Kenya, Africa. There I would climb up a tree and see for miles across the valley. Another time I was framing a house. While putting the trusses up (roof supports) I paused and realized I could see for miles in every direction around me. This Psalm came to my mind, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth," Psalm 121:1-2.

In our day and age, with everything so go, go, go, it is hard to slow down. For me, I don't know when the last time was that I climbed a tree. I'm an adult now after all...more important things to do right? I encourage you to find time to have those contemplative moments with God. It is very soothing and nourishing to the soul.

**Erik Granberg**

### Pilgrim's Praise Memory Assignment:



### Life of Jesus (Geography)

- 1.) Bethlehem - Birth place
- 2.) Egypt - Called out of Egypt
- 3.) Nazareth – Home
- 4.) Jerusalem - Temple