



**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**

H.O.P.E. Group 6-8 p.m. at the Roberts' House: 1506 E. Pine

Leave on the float trip

**Upcoming Events**

- July 24-25 – Float Trip
- July 27 – Meal: Pizza, Salad, Cookies
- July 31 – Potluck & Youth Silent Auction
- Aug 5 – Youth Lock-In
- Aug 13 – Back to School Bash: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Ages PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Aug 14 - H.O.P.E. Group: 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 31 – Stamp Out Starvation
- Sept 10 – Men's Breakfast
- Sept 17 – Women's Breakfast

**Birthdays:**

- 25<sup>th</sup>..... Danny Powers
- 28<sup>th</sup>..... Darlene Shepard
- 29<sup>th</sup>..... David Meek
- 30<sup>th</sup>..... Jo Ann Buxton
- ..... Wayne Schoeling

**Anniversaries:**

27<sup>th</sup>..... Leland & Cheryl McNabb

**July Pantry:**

households served..... 182  
new patrons ..... 28

**Order of Worship**

Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading .....	Erik Granberg
Pilgrim's Praise .....	Derek Tinius
Song Leader .....	Danny Powers
#797.....	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
#881.....	Mansions Over the Hilltop
Prayer.....	Derek Tinius
#332.....	Lead Me to Calvary
Communion Talk.....	Cole Roberts
#957.....	This World is Not My Home
#560.....	Living by Faith
Sermon: Walking Through Acts: Their Number Grows .....	Erik Granberg
#943.....	Do You Know My Jesus
Shepherd's Prayer .....	Pat Meek
Nursery .....	Jeanita Meek; Beverly Carroll
Sound Booth/Slides.....	Dudley Darrow

**Sermon Scripture:** Acts 3-6:7

**Sermon Thought:**

A healthy Christian community attracts people to Jesus. The Jerusalem church's zeal for worship and brotherly love was contagious. We also should be contagious Christians.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What is the stereotype of "evangelizing"?
2. In what ways is that stereotype correct and in what ways is it incorrect?
3. What do you find most uplifting about the message of the gospel?

### Next Week's (7/31/22) Servants:

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Dee Plummer
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bruce Swart
<b>Communion Talk:</b>	Roger Unruh
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	Terry Sherrill
<b>Sound Booth/ Slides:</b>	Robb Mills
<b>Nursery:</b>	Megan Darrow

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Bob Willett** – has had another stroke; in St. Mary's room #400

**Darlene Keeton Family** – she passed away this week

**Rustin Osburn** – battling cancer

### Pilgrim's Praise Memory Assignment:

1 John 3:8

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. (NASB)

### Items to be collecting for future outreaches:

- Money to help Stamp Out Starvation (Aug)
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Gently used backpacks, duffel bags, rolling children's suitcases (Nov)
- Toiletries from hotels or travel sized (March)

## Prayer

The prayer vigil we had for Rustin Osburn Wednesday evening reminded me of the importance and power of prayer in our life's journey. It is our direct connection to the living God. Every moment we spend in prayer fills our hearts with faith and hope; it strengthens our trust in God's promises. A powerful connection between humanity and God lies in the simple avenue of prayer. "*The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effect*" (James 5:16). Our spirits are lifted every time we lift our voices to God because we know and believe that he hears us. "*And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him*" (1 John 4:14-15). What a wonderful blessing it is to know that God hears our voices and answers our prayers.

The assurance we have is that he will always respond to our request in the way that is best for our spiritual lives. Even when we don't know how to ask for what we need, even when our requests become selfish, even when we aren't sure that God still cares for us, he sends his Spirit to help us with this eternal connection. "*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God*" (Romans 8:26-27). That is a very comforting aspect of the prayer connection, knowing that no matter what we ask for, God's Spirit knows what is in our hearts and minds, and is providing what we need to remain faithful to him and be a beacon of light to the world around us. Thank God for the avenue of prayer.

*Gordon Jantz*

## Lock-In Chaperones

August 5<sup>th</sup> is our youth group lock-in! We are in need of a few chaperones. If you are available, please sign up on the welcome center.

## 5th Wednesday Outreach

For our August 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Outreach, we are setting a goal of \$1500 to be given as a donation to Stamp Out Starvation. We need your prayers, your manpower, and your monetary donations. Please be inviting your friends and family to join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m.