



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

**Potluck & Youth Silent Auction:
After Worship**

Judy Watson's Birthday!!

Upcoming Events

- Aug 3** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- Aug 5** – Youth Lock-In
- Aug 13** – Back to School Bash: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (**Ages PreK – 12th**)
- Aug 14** - H.O.P.E. Group: 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 24** – Meal: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Relish Tray, Hot Rolls, & Dessert
- Aug 31** – Stamp Out Starvation
- Sept 10** – Men's Breakfast
- Sept 17** – Women's Breakfast

Birthdays:

August:
2nd Bryan Brownell

July Pantry:
households served..... 182
new patrons 28

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements	Erik Granberg
Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Song Leader	Dee Plummer
.....	<i>TBD</i>
.....	<i>TBD</i>
Prayer	Bruce Swart
.....	<i>TBD</i>
.....	<i>TBD</i>
Communion Talk	Roger Unruh
.....	<i>TBD</i>
.....	<i>TBD</i>
Sermon: Walking Through Acts: Persecution Breaks Out	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>TBD</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Terry Sherrill
Nursery	Megan Darrow
Sound Booth/Slides	Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture: Acts 6:8-9:1

Sermon Thought:

Persecution pushed the early Christians beyond Jerusalem and into Judea, Samaria and further. While persecution is viewed negatively, it often has benefits: the gospel spreads and it leads to conviction.

Sermon Questions:

1. What persecutions have you read about Christians facing during your lifetime?
2. Respond to this statement, "If I live a moral life and faithfully serve God, he will protect me from anything really bad."
3. What has stood out to you so far from the "Walking Through Acts," series?

Next Week's (8/7/22) Servants:

Song Leader:	Jim Coker
Welcome:	Dudley Darrow
Opening Prayer:	Dallas Darrow
Communion Talk:	David Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer:	John Wright
Sound Booth/ Slides:	Terry Sherrill
Nursery:	Barbara Holland

New Prayer Concerns:

Bob Willett – in St. Mary's room #400 having tests run
Rustin Osburn – battling cancer
Tom Raloff – health issues

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
- Toiletries from hotels or travel sized (March)

Heroes of Faith

Jonah

There is a striking parallel between the early events of my life and the story of Jonah. The Vietnam War was going on when I finished high school, and I wasn't interested in responding to America's call for fighting men. I found out I could get a deferment while I was in college, and I thought surely the war would be over by then. But it wasn't, so I decided to join the Air Force thinking that would be my best chance of not going to Vietnam. The Lord had other plans for me, and that is the first place I went.

Our **hero of faith** took the same course I did when the Lord called him to "*go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me*" (Jonah 1:2). However, Jonah decided to flee to Tarshish where he caught a ship to evade the presence of the Lord (vs. 3). Well guess what? After a turbulent voyage where he was thrown overboard, he ended up in the belly of a big fish for three days (vs. 1:17). After a repentant heart, "*the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land*" (vs. 2:10). That is not a very savory thought, so be careful how you respond to the Lord's call! Finally, our **hero of faith** carried out the Lord's call, and he proclaimed the Lord's message to Nineveh. "*Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!*" (vs. 3:4). Thankfully, the people of Nineveh believed God and repented of their sinful ways. When God saw how they turned from their evil ways, he withdrew the destruction he said he would bring on them (vs. 3:10). God can and will do great things through his faithful servants, just as he did through Jonah. I am sure we have all had those times when we were reluctant to respond to what the Lord called us to do. But, when we did give ourselves to him, we were richly blessed and he was glorified through the things we did.

Gordon Jantz

Thank You

To My North Garland Family,
Thank you for the prayer night you had for me, it uplifted Faith and I. Thank you Brent for setting it up. North Garland will always be my home. I love you guys from the bottom of my heart.
Thanks,
Rustin & Faith Osburn

Lock-In

We are having a Youth Lock-In Friday August 5th that will be from 9pm-7am! Cost is \$3 per person to go towards pizza! There will be lots of games, a movie, and plenty of snacks! We will be leaving the building for a short period of time to go swimming, so we need a waiver filled out for all youth that attend! We are also still needing chaperones (not just youth parents) to take 3-4 hour shifts throughout the night. See Cole if you are planning to attend, interested in being a chaperone, or have any questions. Chaperone sign up list and swim waivers are in the foyer!

Back to School Bash

Our annual Back to School Bash will be Saturday, the 13th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This event is for kids from PreK through 12th grade! We will be tie dying t-shirts so make sure and write down your child's t-shirt size on the form on the welcome center.

5th Wednesday Outreach

For our August 31st 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.