



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

Sept 28 – Meal: Sour Cream Tortillas, Coleslaw, Ranch Style Beans, Relish Tray, Dessert
Oct 19 – Meal: Asian Fest
Oct 24 – Alva Bible Chair Lunch
Oct 26 – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Relish Tray, French Bread, Dessert
Nov 9 – Meatballs, Macaroni & Cheese, Potatoes, Chocolate Cake & Pumpkin Pie

Birthdays:

25th..... Alley Cappetti
 Landis Fuksa
26th..... Pam Denney
 Bill Oldham
 Krese Smith
27th..... Barbara Holland
28th..... Roger Unruh

October:

1st..... Susan Oldham

Record for 9-18-22

Morning Worship..... 134
 Contribution \$3,674.40
 Budget \$6,642.00

Sept. Pantry:

Total Households..... 189
 New Patrons 19

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader Dee Plummer
Pilgrim's Praise Erik Granberg
Prayer..... Dudley Darrow
Communion Talk..... Gordon Jantz
Sermon: Acts-3rd Missionary Journey Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer Brent Dittmeyer

Nursery Reeta Williams
Sound Booth/Slides..... Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture: Acts 18:23-21:17

Sermon Thought:

Churches come in all styles and shapes. One of the most prominent churches in Paul's ministry was in Ephesus. Ephesus was a center for superstition, incantation, and known for the worship of Artemis. Followers of "the way" live in direct opposition to these. As Paul traveled to encourage and build up believers he was confronted and stood his ground against the opposition in Ephesus.

Sermon Questions:

1. Why is "followers of the way" a good fit for God's people?
2. Why did people get so upset at Paul in Ephesus?
3. Why do people get so upset at Christians today?

Communion Announcement

Because of the COVID pandemic, we have been using "single serve" communion cups since 2020. Communion is a very important part of our worship time together to remind us Christ's body broken for us and the grace we have been given. The leadership is going to consider what manner we will take the bread and the cup moving forward and want to invite the congregation's input. If you would like to share your opinion about going back to how we took communion before, staying with the single serve or some other idea please visit with one of the elders

Next Week's (10/2/22) Servants:

Song Leader	
/Welcome:	TBD
Pilgrim's Praise:	TBD
Prayer:	Dudley Darrow
Communion	Bryce Thornton
Talk:	
Shepherd's	Dan Kent
Prayer:	
Sound Booth/	
Slides:	TBD
Nursery:	Patrece Allen

New Prayer Concerns:

Dawn Bauerle – Cheryl Kent's good friend; has stage 2 breast cancer & is recovering from a mastectomy

New Address:

Darrow Family
3613 Last Chance
Enid, OK 73703

The Lord's Shepherd

God has used humble shepherds to carry out his divine will for his people. He called Moses who was a shepherd to lead his people out of bondage in Egypt. King David was a shepherd boy who had the faith and courage to rescue Israel by defeating the giant Goliath and the Philistines. God also raised up Amos who was a shepherd to prophesy to the nation of Israel to turn from their evil ways and be blessed by the coming Messiah. No wonder the psalmist gives us these precious words: "*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me besides still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake*" (Ps. 23:1-3).

God's divine will has been carried out by the work and ministry of his shepherds. You see, a shepherd has an intimate relationship with his sheep, so that when they hear his voice, they follow (Jn. 10:3-4). That is the message God wants to portray to us as his "*people, and the sheep of his pasture*" (Ps. 100:3). We hear the Lord's voice through the shepherds he provides to lead us in the pathway of righteousness. Shepherds care for our souls – they set an example for us to follow just like Jesus did (Heb. 13:17 & 1 Pet. 2:21). God sent his only Son to be our chief Shepherd so we can "*obtain the unfading crown of glory*" (1 Pet. 5:4). The role of shepherds in biblical history has brought us the salvation we now have in Christ Jesus, our Lord. They have the same importance today as the Lord's shepherds strive to guide us toward our eternal glory with our heavenly Father. When you take time to listen to their voice, you will hear Jesus saying, "*Come to me, all who labor and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matt. 11:28). Praise God for the Lord's Shepherds.

Gordon Jantz

Thank You

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers after our dad's passing. Your concern, visits, and cards have been greatly appreciated.
In Him,

Ramona & Jo Ann Buxton

We want to thank the precious North Garland saints for all the prayers, meals, and cards during Carol's shoulder surgery and recovery. The Lord has heard and answered your prayers for her healing. She is making good progress, and you have given her the strength and courage she will need to get through physical therapy.

Gordon and Carol Jantz

Grocery Truck

The Westview Boys' Grocery Truck will be here October 3rd! Let's fill it up!!

Shopping List:

Rotel
Bisquick
Nestle Quick
Ritz Crackers
Evaporated Milk
Jello-O Cups/Fruit Cups
Dried Pinto/Northern Beans
Hominy
Instant Rice
Pancake Mix
Heinz 57 Sauce
Saltine Crackers
Soy/Sweet & Sour Sauce

Put food in the corner box in the foyer.

Non-Food:

Hair Brushes
Dryer Sheets
Long Heavy Duty Foil