



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Order of Worship

Upcoming Events

Oct 25 – Alva Bible Chair Lunch
Oct 26 – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Relish Tray, French Bread, Dessert
Nov 5 – Fall Carnival 4-7 p.m.
Nov 6 – Youth Fall Hayride in Burlington
Nov 9 – Meal: Meatballs, Macaroni & Cheese, Potatoes, Chocolate Cake & Pumpkin Pie
Nov. 16 – Meal: Mac N Cheese, BBQ Meatballs, Green Beans, Salad, Brownie Sundaes
Nov 20 – Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays:

23rd Wyatt Unruh
24th Mary Sherrill

New Member Info:

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October Pantry Numbers:

Total Households.....208
New Patrons.....35

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader Jim Coker
Pilgrim's Praise Erik Granberg
Prayer Brett Thornton
Sermon: Acts-The Conclusion Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer John Wright

Nursery Mandy Coker
Sound Booth/Slides Brynna Brownell; Kira Granberg

Sermon Scripture: Acts 28:17-31

Sermon Thought:

We ended our series through Acts today with Paul being under guard in Rome. This series looked at the explosion of the gospel beginning its spread across the world.

Sermon Questions:

1. What evidence of faith was there in Paul's life?
2. What evidence of faith do you live out in your life?
3. What are your top 3 takeaways from, "Walking Through Acts"?

The Long Black Train

Next Week's (10/30/22) Servants:

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| Song Leader | |
| /Welcome: | Glenn Walker |
| Pilgrim's Praise: | Erik Granberg |
| Prayer: | Dudley Darrow |
| Communion | |
| Talk: | Dee Plummer |
| Shepherd's | |
| Prayer: | Brent Dittmeyer |
| Sound Booth/ | |
| Slides: | TBD |
| Nursery: | Amarah Granberg |

New Prayer Concerns:

Brian Wright – recovering from having a pacemaker put in last week

Debbie Martin – praise that she got new test results that she does not have COPD

Joy Blakely – Jovita Lang's friend; having health issues & undergoing tests

The "Long Black Train" is a song, written and recorded by Josh Turner. The song uses the "train" as a metaphor depicting temptation and the consequences of giving into the temptations of life.

The train, a funeral train, beautiful, black, sleek, often ornately decorated, was used to transport bodies to their final resting place. They were typically reserved for leaders, national heroes, or government officials. History describes many people watching as the train passes, paying respect to the deceased.

The beautiful, sleek train in the song is riding the "rails of sin". The engineer, Satan, is feeding off "lost souls" enticing them to take a ride. The whistle, with a pleasant, enticing sound, can be heard from a long distance away, inviting many to get on the train. The people watching the train must decide if "the ride on the train is worth the pain" of a destination to nowhere or do they "burn their ticket" and gain "victory in the Lord".

The message of the song is revealed in verse two:

"Look to the heavens, you can look to the skies.

You can find redemption starin' back into your eyes.

There is protection and there's peace the same,
Burnin' your ticket for that long black train."

The temptations of this life are many. Food, sexual immorality, pride in possessions, desires of the flesh and the eyes, love of money, addictions, and many other desires that entice people to ride the train to a destination in the "middle of nowhere".

I Corinthians 10:13 tells us that there is no temptation that is not common to man. We all face them daily. But, we can overcome. "Because Jesus himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted" Hebrews 2:18. Matthew 26:41 tells us to "watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation". The Lord offers "protection and peace" that burns your ticket to the train and provides "Victory in the Lord".

The instruction for burning your ticket is found in the chorus "Cling to the Father and His Holy name and don't go ridin' on that long black train".

Cheryl Kent

Fall Carnival

The Fall Carnival is just a few weeks away! There is a sign up to oversee a booth in the foyer. We will have inflatables, a photo booth, hot dog bar, carnival games, and more! Everyone is welcome so please invite your family and friends. It will be from 4-7 p.m. on November 5th.

Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner is November 20th at 5:00 p.m. There are sign up sheets in the foyer to help. Please talk to Bill Oldham if you have any questions.

College Students

If you have an immediate family member in college, please let Mary Sherrill know as she is putting together addresses for the school year. There is also a basket in the foyer for donations for college care packages.