



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

Lange Baby Boy Shower @ 5pm

Upcoming Events

Nov 16 – Meal: Lasagna, Crescent Rolls, Salad, Brownie Sundaes

Nov 20 – Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Nov 30 – Meal: Cold cut Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Chips, Cheese Dip, Dessert

Nov 30 – 5th Wednesday Outreach: Backpacks for Foster Children

Dec 10 – Men's Breakfast

Birthdays:

15th Kent Chesser

16th Journee Johnson

..... Robb Mills

17th Gina Thornton

18th Jasmine Granberg

Order of Worship

Table with 2 columns: Activity and Leader. Includes Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader (Danny Powers), Pilgrim's Praise (Erik Granberg), Prayer (Dudley Darrow), Communion Talk (Dan Kent), Sermon (Erik Granberg), Shepherd's Prayer (Pat Meek), Nursery (Jeanita Meek), and Sound Booth/Slides (Robb Mills).

Sermon Scripture:

Matthew 16:1

Sermon Thought:

Not everyone came to Jesus with good motives. Some came skeptical or trying to test him. God is truth and truth holds truth under all scrutiny.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. What reasons do you hear people give for being skeptical?
2. There is no reason to avoid skeptics, why?
3. What stood out to you from this sermon?

Next Week's (11/20/22) Servants:

Song Leader	
/Welcome:	Jim Coker
Pilgrim's Praise:	Erik Granberg
Prayer:	TBD
Communion	
Talk:	Derek Tinius
Shepherd's	
Prayer:	Terry Sherrill
Sound Booth/	
Slides:	Terry Sherrill
Nursery:	Kelli Moore

New Prayer Concerns:

Brian Wright – recovering from having a pacemaker put in

Kyle Whitehead – former member; David & Luann Burford's nephew. He has been fighting cancer for awhile & still needs prayers as his tumor has gotten bigger & he is back on a feeding tube

Kyle Anderson – recovering from having tubes put in his ears

Kathy Dittmeyer – recovering from surgery to remove cancer

Take Time

I know it is better for business. I know it is a marketing strategy. But every time one holiday is promoted before the previous holiday has passed, I can't help but think, "Woah, hold on, slow down a bit." And yes, I am one of those, "Wait until after Thanksgiving to sing Christmas songs." There was one Christmas it all got the best of me. After 2 months of Christmas songs on the radio I really developed a Scroogelike attitude. I wouldn't listen to the radio, go caroling or watch any of the Christmas movies with my family. The only one who missed out was me. I really just want to be able to take time to enjoy each day in its own season without jumping ahead to the next.

It can be hard to take time though. The society and culture we live in sometimes seems like a runaway train. I saw a meme last week that put it this way, "I'm doing a new challenge this November. It is called, 'Try to survive every day.'" One of the major problems of getting caught up in the rush is that the important elements are often forgotten. Think about it, when you are hungry and in a rush, you get what is quick and easy. The diet goes out the window, healthy choices are not considered...it is just grab and go. During the holidays it is easy to forget that thanksgiving is about giving thanks not eating. Christmas is about the Christ, not getting gifts.

This holiday season I encourage you to intentionally take time back from the rush. Take time to be with and teach your children as Deuteronomy 6 talks about. Take time to rest, Matthew 11:28. Take time to be holy, Leviticus 11:44. Or, just take time to be silent before God, Habakkuk 2:20.

Erik Granberg

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.

If you would like to **donate money for the dinner**, please give it to Cory Moore, Mandy Coker, or Roger Owen.

Secret Sisters

There is a sisterhood within our church whose bond, I pray, will become stronger, especially since we are bonded by Christ's blood.

What is a sister? An encourager, a supporter, a helper,

The word comfort in the NT is from the Greek word paraklesis. It means to come to one's side in order to console or exhort, an intercessor, or an advocate. We will have a kickoff in January at the church building. If interested, there's a sign up sheet at the back or email Jacqueline Anderson at jacquesue@yahoo.com.

Jacqueline Anderson