



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

Barrett Coker Adoption Celebration!
After Worship in Foyer

Memorial for Verda Haltom (Jeanita Meek's mom) 2:00 p.m. at the Waynoka Cemetery.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 30** – Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, & Dessert
- Nov 30** – 5th Wednesday Outreach: Backpacks for Foster Children
- Dec 6** – Women 60+ Christmas Party
- Dec 10** – Men's Breakfast

****There will be no Wednesday night meals the month of December.****

Birthdays:

- 30th**..... Alyssa Plummer
- Dec.**
- 1st**..... Roger Owen

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Robb Mills
Pilgrim's Praise	Erik Granberg
#1018.....	<i>Joy to the World</i>
#74.....	<i>Praise the Lord</i>
Prayer	TBD
#223.....	<i>Open My Heart</i>
#207.....	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>
.....	<i>Listen to Our Hearts</i>
Communion Talk	Gordon Jantz
.....	<i>Hosanna in the Highest</i>
.....	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>
Sermon: Some Came to Jesus for Affirmation	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Susan Oldham
Sound Booth/Slides	Dee Plummer

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 19:16

Sermon Thought: Some people came to Jesus because they thought they had their life all put together. They just wanted confirmation that they were good people. In Jesus, people are confronted with the reality that it isn't about good or bad...it is about are we in need spiritually. The answer is yes. We need Jesus.

Sermon Questions:

1. Share about a time when you were in need, and someone met your need?
2. Why is it often hard to admit we are in need?
3. Why do people tend to seek affirmation rather than improvement?

New Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Dittmeyer – will start chemotherapy next week

Trevor & Tracy Lange – praise for a healthy baby boy

Micah Jantz – recovering from a quadruple bypass; Gordon & Carol's son

Taelynn – one of Macy Mill's friends; has leukemia

Couie Sparks – Debbie Martin's son; has blood cancer & other issues

Merick Solis – Debbie Martin's grandson; is sick

Next Week's (12/4/22) Servants:

Song Leader

Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: Danny Powers

Communion

Talk: Bill Oldham

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/

Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Mandy Coker

Church is Hard

Church is hard for people afraid of being judged.

Church is hard for ministers and Elders families being under a microscope.

Church is hard for the couple unable to have children watching children of other families grow up in a loving family.

Church is hard for people who feel they are too broken to be accepted or just don't feel accepted by others.

Church is hard for the Deacon, Elder or staff member that doesn't feel their work is appreciated.

Church is hard for widows and widowers who feel all alone and forgotten.

Church is hard for the secretary, ministers and Elders who get the brunt of every complaint.

Church is hard for the couple with a rocky marriage seeing all the families who look so loving and happy.

Church is hard for the family searching for that perfect church home.

Many people think that a church has to be shiny and perfect. A church is filled with a body of believers who are sinners. We are broken by the world, gathering together to worship our Lord and embrace each other, imperfections and all. We must learn to be loving, respectful, patient and caring to our brothers and sisters. We have all felt some of the above things sometime in our lives. Let's make this church a place people want to call home.

Ephesians 4; 2 – 4, *"I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father who is over all and in all and living through all."*

2 John; 3, *"Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ will continue to be with us who live in truth and love."*

Bill Oldham

5th Wednesday Outreach

This Wednesday, we will be assembling backpacks filled with toiletries, a blanket, and other goodies, to help bless the foster children in Enid. Come to eat chicken and noodles at 5:30 p.m. and then stay to help make an impact on children who need it.

When Barrett arrived at our house two years ago, he was 5 months old and needed everything! He came wearing the onesie he was in (too small), no pants (in winter), a couple of diapers, and one bottle. Older children have an even harder time transitioning from home to home because they don't usually have anything to call their own. Having a simple backpack filled with necessities and love will help brighten these children's lives.



Adoption Celebration!

Thank you to all our church family for the thoughts and prayers throughout the last two years as we went through the foster process and finally were blessed to be able to adopt. We have had tremendous support from everyone at North Garland, and we thank you so much for that. Please stay after worship to celebrate, eat some treats, and get a high five from Barrett!

Love,

Jim, Mandy, Ally, and Barrett Coker