



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:

Reminder: Today we will begin to pass communion trays again. For those who would like individual cups, they will still be available at the back of the auditorium.

Young Professional Class Starts: Robb Mills is teaching in the classroom off the foyer.

Erik's 10th Anniversary Celebration!! Join us after worship in the fellowship building to celebrate the Granberg family and have some snacks!

Hennessey Area Wide: We will leave from the church at 3:15 p.m.

Mandy will be taking pictures today and next week for our 2024 Communication Directory. Stop by to update your info and picture!

Upcoming Events:

April 10 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

April 13 – Church Workday: 9 a.m.

April 14 – 2024 Directory Pictures

April 14 – Francis Baby Shower

April 17 – Meal: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Baked Beans, Dessert

April 24 – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Cole Slaw, Relish Tray, Dessert

April 26-27 – Church Garage Sale

April 28 – Garland Girls: Lunch & Mother's Day gifts (After worship)

April 30 – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair

May 19 – Senior Sunday

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome	Jim Coker
.....	<i>He Has Made Me Glad</i>
Pilgrim's Praise	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>A New Anointing</i>
.....	<i>Shout Hallelujah!</i>
.....	<i>Hosanna, You're My King</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Oceans</i>
.....	<i>10,000 Reasons</i>
.....	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
Communion Talk	Robb Mills
.....	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>
.....	<i>Step By Step</i>
Sermon	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Restore My Soul</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Terry Sherrill
Nursery	Gina Thornton
.....	Kayla Thornton
Sound Booth/Slides	Trey Johnson

Sermon Title: Mark-Growing through ups and downs

Sermon Scripture: Acts 12:25; 15:36-40; 2 Tim. 4:11

Sermon Thought: The Gospel of Mark was written by a believer who was closely associated with Jesus from an early age. Mark is never the main protagonist in scripture but is frequently present in the background. In his life we get to witness the growth and maturity of a believer who in turn shares with his readers the life of the Messiah.

Sermon Questions:

1. How have you dealt with disappointment in fellow believers in your life?
2. What is one area in your spiritual life that you have matured?
3. What is an area you would like to mature in?

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- Communion cups are located on the small tables behind the pillars in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies that would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room that is accessed by walking through the nursery.

Next Week's (4/14/24) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Robb Mills

Pilgrim's Praise: Trey Johnson

Communion

Talk: Cole Roberts

Shepherd's

Prayer: Brent Dittmeyer

Sound Booth/

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery:

Katana Jones
Carrie Mills

Greeters For

April: Jacqueline
Anderson
Judy Watson
Jovita Lang

This Week's Birthdays:

7thLarry LeCrone
.....John Russell
10th.....Nicole Johnson
12th.....Boston Burford
.....Jeff Owen

Anniversaries:

13th.....Gordon & Carol Jantz

Revealing God

It Was Very Good

O how we cherish the good things of life. It is a very satisfying feeling when we can say "**it was very good**, for the things we do and eat. Granted, the goodness of life has a lot to do with what we make of it, but there are things that can interrupt what we intended. Our godly nature kicks in when we encounter road bumps on our journey. We find a way to work around the obstacles so we can keep going toward our desired destiny. It is a blessing when we can look back and say "**it was very good!**"

God set the example for us at the beginning of creation. After completing everything he created, he sat down and looked it all over. "*And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good*" (Gen. 1:31). That is a very comforting feeling, even with all the evil and turmoil in the world today, knowing that God is pleased with what he created. Jesus provides us added comfort with these words, "*In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world*" (Jn. 16:33). You see, the all-knowing God already knew his created humans would disrupt his "**it is very good**" pronouncement, but he had a plan to restore it to the original perfection through his only Son. The psalmist writes, "*Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way*" (Ps. 25:8). He makes life good for us because Jesus paid the price for our sins. Paul affirms this when he wrote, "*We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose*" (Rom. 8:28). That is why God could say "**it is very good**" when he looked at his creation. As we live faithfully before him, we will hear those precious words, "*Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master*" (Matt:25:21). Yes, **it is very good!**

Gordon Jantz

Church Clean-Up Day

Next Saturday, starting at 9:00 a.m., we will be having a church clean-up day! Please come help us tidy up the inside and outside of our building. We will have a variety of projects, inside and out, for all different capabilities. God has blessed us with a wonderful building to worship in. Let's make sure we take care of it. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you so much for the amazing gift during school counselor week and the very kind thoughts. Thank you for all that you do for our students.
School Counselor (at Glenwood), Christen Rogers

Garage Sale

Our church wide garage sale is scheduled for April 26 & 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is one of the final events to help fund the church planting in the Philippines in 2025. Bring your stuff to the church starting Monday April 22. If you have furniture or extra-large items, please wait until Thursday to bring them. The building will be open in the mornings, and your things can be put in the middle school classroom. We will need lots of help, so sign up at the welcome center.

Alva Bible Chair Lunch Donations

We will be providing lunch at the Alva Bible Chair on April 30th for around 100 students. Instead of asking for food donations, we are asking for monetary donations. We will serve pulled pork sandwiches, chips, veggies, and dessert. Give your donation to Cory, Mandy in the office, or Jovita.

Senior Sunday

May 19th is Senior Sunday! We will be celebrating all our graduating seniors with a special ceremony during worship and a reception after service to congratulate them and have snacks. If you have a senior graduating or know of one that needs to be recognized, please talk to one of our office staff, Erik or Mandy. Thank you!