



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
 Area Wide at MRCOC: Leave the church at 2:15 p.m.
 Ice Cream Supper at the Watonga Church of Christ

Upcoming Events:

Aug 16 – Meal: Chef Salad, Fresh Watermelon, Cake
Aug 18-20 – Weekend with Randy Willingham
Aug 23 – Meal: Mexican Casserole, Cole Slaw, Dessert
Aug 27 – Tom Washburn RRFE Presentation
Sept 20 – Meal: Chicken & Stuffing Casserole, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert
Sept 27 – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Green Beans, Green Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert
Oct 18 – Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Beef Veggie Soup, Dessert
Oct 22 – Garland Girls Service Project: Immediately after church until 2:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)
Oct 25 – Meal: Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert
Nov 15 – Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

If you are interested in cooking or being a part of a cooking team for our wonderful Wednesday night meal ministry, please let Gordon Jantz or Mandy Coker know.

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader Robb Mills
Pilgrim's Praise..... Brett Thornton
Prayer TBD
Communion Talk..... Terry Sherrill
Sermon: Good Seed in the Field Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer Dan Kent
Nursery Jeanita Meek
Sound Booth/Slides..... Dee Plummer

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon Thought:

There are often concepts that are hard to understand. When that is the case, we tell people, "It is kind of like....," then use something they are familiar with. That is what Jesus does with the kingdom of heaven. He wants people to understand it, so he tells them what it is like. This sermon focuses on, "is like a man who sowed good seed in his field," and what that means.

Sermon Questions:

1. How does this parable clarify the kingdom of heaven?
2. What questions does this parable raise for you?
3. What stood out to you from the sermon?

School Supply Drive

We are still accepting donations for our yearly school supply drive. The money raised will go to Glenwood Elementary and Longfellow Middle School. There will also be several service opportunities throughout the school year.

Rising Above the World

Copies of a spiritual guide, "Rising Above the World," that addresses the concept of spiritual transformation by "renewing our minds" to be like Jesus are available on the welcome center for anyone who would like a copy.

Bus Stop

This year, Hillsdale Christian School, will be using our parking lot as a drop off/pick up point. The bus will be parked in our lot overnight and will have a pickup time of 7:10 a.m. and drop off at 4:10 p.m.

New Prayer Requests:

Beverly Carroll – recovering from a procedure.

Renny Hartman – recovering from a double bypass and leaky valve procedure.

Jim Osburn – fell while on vacation in Colorado & is now in ICU with cracked ribs.

Debbie Martin – health issues

Next Week's (8/20/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim's Praise: Trey Johnson

Communion

Talk: Shannon Elledge

Shepherd's

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery: Kelli Moore

Greeters For

August: Jamie Barr
Linda Swart

Fill Communion

For Aug: Reeta Williams

Wash Baptismal

Garments for
Aug: Jovita Lang

Anniversaries:

13th.....Trenn & Judy Watson
.....57 Years!!

15th.....Jim & Geneva Osburn
.....47 Years!!

19th.....David & Luann Burford
.....51 Years!!

Birthdays:

16thWillie Russell

Home Sweet Home

My family recently got back from a long trip up the west coast. It was a blast as we did and saw all the things you're supposed to: Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate Bridge, Redwoods (even drove through a tree), hiked Multnomah Falls, Seattle Space Needle, Pike's Place, whale watching and saw lots of family. The travel included 4 plane rides and 2 rental vehicles, one of which broke down on the side of a mountain in a national park without cell service. All in all, I'd say it was a grand success.

Even though the vacation was a great one, the feeling of pulling into the driveway at our house and walking through the front door brought a great sense of happiness. We were home. Home is our place, our beds, our belongings. And even though there are often messes it is a place where we can relax.

That sense of being away from home and coming back is one that I think all followers of God look forward to. A time after we have walked this earth, experienced the ups and downs, but finally get home. What a great day of rejoicing that will be! Take encouragement for the journey from these words John writes in Revelation 21 about that time, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Erik Granberg

Tom Washburn RRFE Presentation

Tom Washburn presented a powerful spiritual message at the Red River Family Encampment (RRFE) in June. His topic was "Strong Roots in the Lord" with a biblical text from Psalms 1. Tom said "the choices we make set our course in life." During his presentation he shares some of the things he and Julie have been through in his battle with Multiple Myeloma. His prayer is for God "to help him be faithful to Jesus through his spiritual journey." He said he was "ok with his ongoing pain as long as God is glorified through it." We plan to share a video presentation of Tom Washburn's spiritual message with our North Garland family Sunday August 27 at 5:00 for those who would like to attend.



Please start saving your empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls for Leonardos. Also, they need shredded paper (cross shredded, put in plastic bags) and medium boxes (Amazon). If you want to go the extra step, they also are looking for pinecones, shoe boxes, magazines, and fabric.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped provide food for the Glenwood Elementary Breakfast Outreach yesterday. It was a huge blessing to the staff.

Letter to Self

Over the June 16th weekend, Randy Willingham visited with us about our personal values and loyalties. During this time, he challenged anyone interested to write a letter to self on the topic, "Why I exist." We encourage as many as possible to do this **before the next consultation weekend, August 18-20**. If you need guidance for this letter, write about these 3 areas: what gives your life purpose, direction or meaning? Include scripture that speaks to that and identify a few standards or "rules for life" that help you walk that path. Feel free to talk with Erik if you want more information.