



**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:**

Ally Coker's 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Tom Washburn RRFE Presentation:  
5:00 p.m.  
(Fellowship Building)

H.O.P.E. Group: 5:00 p.m.  
(RRFE Presentation & Dinner)

**Upcoming Events:**

**Aug 30** – Meal: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Cookies

**Aug 30** – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Outreach

**Sept 6** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Fritos, Chili, Green Salad, Brownies

**Sept 13** – Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

**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 4** - Meal: Baked Potatoes, Fritos, Chili, Green Salad, Brownies

**Oct 18** – Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Beef Veggie Soup, Dessert

**Oct. 21** – Ladies Day

**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

**Order of Worship**

<b>Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>
<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	.....
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Bill Oldham</b>
<b>Sermon: The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Treasure</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Pat Meek</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Susan Oldham</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherill</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 13:44-46

**Sermon Thought:** These two parables teach the same truth: The kingdom, though its true worth is hidden at present, is of such great value that one should be willing to give up all one has in order to gain it. Jesus did not imply that one can purchase the kingdom with money or good deeds.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Must we give up everything we own for the kingdom?
2. What do you find difficult surrendering to God?
3. What have you given up for the kingdom and do you find joy in having given that up?

**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 **tonight at 5:00 p.m.** for those who would like to attend.

**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.

### New Prayer Requests:

**Carol Jantz** – having shoulder surgery Aug. 30th  
**Willie Russell** – his feet have been swelling  
**Renny Hartman Family** – prayers as they navigate the loss of Renny  
**Jim Osburn** – recovering from a fall  
**Debbie Martin** – health issues

### Anniversaries:

27<sup>th</sup>..... Landis & Renee Fuksa  
 28<sup>th</sup>..... Brett & Kayla Thornton  
 ..... 1 Year!!

### Birthdays:

27<sup>th</sup>..... Ally Coker  
 28<sup>th</sup>..... Connie Johnson  
 31<sup>st</sup>..... Terry Gordon



\*\*\*Keep 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.\*\*\*

### A Spiritual Journey Spiritual Vision

Our vision during physical journeys can be hampered by the elements of Mother Nature, such as dense fog, heavy rain, and a blinding snow storm. Being able to see the road signs and traffic can also be tainted by our personal eyesight. These moments of impaired vision can make our journey treacherous and unsafe.

Vision is also an essential element of our spiritual journey. We need to be able to see where God is leading us so we can faithfully serve him in everything we do. My mind takes me back to what God did for the Israelites as they journeyed out of their bondage in Egypt. *“And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night”* (Ex. 13:21). God has created within us a need to know where we are going, to look forward to what lies ahead, and to give us purpose and meaning in life. This is so important for our spiritual lives as Solomon tells us, *“Where there is no **vision**, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he”* (Prov. 29:18). Our **spiritual vision** is focused on a mental image of what we want or where we want to be at some point in our life. We must open our spiritual eyes so we can see clearly where God wants us to be. Without a vision, we have no earthly idea where we will end up. As a matter of fact, we can be certain that it will not be where we want to be, just as Solomon said. We need a **spiritual vision** for our journey to guide us toward the objective of eternal life with God! That will remove Satan’s obstacles that blocks our vision and allows us to see God’s presence with us. It may not be a pillar of cloud or a pillar of fire, but he is ever present every moment of our lives through the Holy Spirit he has given us to provide us a **spiritual vision**.

*Gordon Jantz*

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped at Renny Hartman’s funeral and meal. If you brought a dish, please check the main building kitchen counter for your empty dishes or the refrigerator in the fellowship building kitchen.



The Westview Boys’ Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here is a list of things they need from our congregation. Please put food in the corner wooden box in the lobby.

#### Food:

- Bacon Bits
- Chicken Broth
- Boxed Spanish Rice
- Microwave Popcorn
- Canned Chili No Beans
- Cheez Its/Vanilla Wafers
- Bottled Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
- Flour
- Tuna Helper
- Coffee Creamer
- Strawberry Syrup
- Parmesan Cheese
- Blueberry Muffin Mix
- Graham/Ritz Crack

#### Non-Food:

- Cough Drops
- Paper Towels
- Coffee Filters
- Shaving Cream

## 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Outreach

Join us this Wednesday for our next 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Outreach! After our meal at 5:30 p.m., we will be packing up special care packages for the teachers and support staff at Glenwood Elementary. We blessed them at the beginning of the month by serving them breakfast. Below you will find their response to that service project.