



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:

Youth/Parent Meeting: meet down front after worship.

Upcoming Events:

- Aug 8** – Provide breakfast for Glenwood Elementary Staff
- Aug 9** – Meal: Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Hot Fudge Sundae Pie
- Aug 13** – Area Wide at MRCOC
- Aug 13** – Ice Cream Supper at the Watonga Church of Christ
- Aug 16** – Meal: Chef Salad, Fresh Watermelon, Cake
- Aug 18-20** – Weekend with Randy Willingham
- Aug 23** – Meal: Mexican Casserole, Cole Slaw, 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 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

.....	<i>Hallelujah!</i>
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Jim Coker
Pilgrim's Praise	Chris Taylor
.....	<i>You're The One</i>
.....	<i>Worship the Lord with Gladness</i>
.....	<i>We Bow Down</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i>
.....	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
.....	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Communion Talk	Gordon Jantz
.....	<i>Lord, I Give You My Heart</i>
.....	<i>Your Loving Kindness</i>
Sermon: The Demise Freedom Brings	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Brent Dittmeyer
Nursery	Cheryl Kent
Sound Booth/Slides	Dee Plummer

Sermon Scripture: Romans 6:15-23

Sermon Thought:

We value freedom and people want freedom. Freedom to do what we want to do. The problem is that we want freedom without consequences and that is not how it works. Every choice we make comes with consequences, some good, some bad. The only way to receive true freedom is to find it in Christ. To do that, we must lay down our own freedom and surrender to his ways.

Sermon Questions:

1. In your opinion, what are the best benefits of the freedom found in the United States?
2. Also in your opinion, what are the greatest downfalls of freedom found in the United States?
3. What has God's freedom give you?

New Prayer Requests:

Beverly Carroll – will be having surgery August 10th

Next Week's (8/13/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Dee Plummer

Pilgrim's Praise: Brett Thornton

Communion

Talk: Terry Sherrill

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery:

Jeanita Meek

Greeters For

August: Jamie Barr
Linda Swart

Fill Communion

For Aug: Reeta Williams

Wash Baptismal
Garments for

Aug: Jovita Lang

Anniversaries:

6th Christian & Madison Solis

9th Gene & Pam Denney

.....54 Years!!

10th Jim & Patty Long

.....50 Years!!

12th Brent & Kathy Dittmeyer

.....46 Years!!

Birthdays:

7th Kevin Hurt

9th Luann Burford

11th Beau Brownell

12th Mike Felton

A Spiritual Journey Crossing the Red Sea

Our knowledge of what God did for the Israelites in crossing the Red Sea inspires us as we continue our spiritual journey. He calls upon us to submit ourselves to him and focus our spirits on our Lord and Savior, the fulfillment of our future. There is a presence of God's Spirit with us, creating an excitement of a new hope; renewed in our spiritual fervor. Sometimes there are obstacles to success, like the Red Sea, that lie in front of us. Many times, we will feel like we are hemmed in with no way of escape. We cry out to God, just as the Israelites did. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me?" "Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea." (Ex. 14:15-16). We must touch the waters of the obstacles we face on our spiritual journey as we move forward as God has directed us. It is only then we have the assurance of receiving the blessings God has promised to those who have faith in him. Just as Moses did, "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided" – Ex. 14:21.

As we move forward on dry ground in faith, we will experience the fulfillment of God's blessings. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon the chariots, and upon their horsemen"(Vs 26). "The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained" (Vs. 28). What a joy it will be to be able to continue our spiritual journey on the other side, giving God the glory for all he has done for us.

Gordon Jantz

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. (See below.)

Christianity in Action Project

North Garland will be blessing the teachers and staff at Glenwood Elementary this school year. Our first opportunity to bless them is Tuesday August 8th by providing staff with breakfast. If you volunteer to bring something, please have it in the fellowship building kitchen by 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. You can also bring your items anytime before Tuesday. Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please see Judy Watson or Kendra Brownell.

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.

Ice Cream Supper

The Watonga Church of Christ is hosting an Ice Cream Supper August 13th at 5 p.m. We will be taking several cars instead of the bus. Please let Chris or Wendy Taylor know if you need a ride or have any questions.

Please start saving your empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls for Leonardos.

Also shredded paper (cross shredded in plastic bags), medium boxes (amazon), Please collect and place in the main building kitchen.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Lariat Creek Christian Camp will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary Saturday August 12th. Afternoon classes and activities for adults and kids start at 1:00 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. and program from 6-8 p.m. Childcare is provided during the program. It is \$10 per adult, and you can register online at lariatcreekchristiancamp.wufoo.com. We are planning on taking the bus. If you need a ride, please let Dee Plummer know.



Please congratulate James Burnett on his baptism last Sunday!

