



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 group returns from Winterfest:
5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 22 – H.O.P.E. Group
- Jan 25 – Meal: Assorted Soups, Cornbread, Relish Tray, Dessert
- Feb 1 – Meal: Mexican Stack-ups, Sopapilla Cheesecake, Brownies
- Feb 5 – Youth Area Wide: Everyone is Welcome! (We are hosting)
- Feb 12 – Take Pictures for 2023 Directory

Birthdays:

17th George Gordon

Record for 1-8-23

Morning Worship 142
Contribution \$5,620.65
Budget \$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Bruce Swart
Pilgrim's Praise	Erik Granberg
#578.....	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
#448.....	<i>The Greatest Commands</i>
#777.....	<i>Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer</i>
#778.....	<i>Be with Me, Lord</i>
#779.....	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
Prayer	TBD
#364.....	<i>Come Share the Lord</i>
Communion Talk	Brian Wright
#712.....	<i>Jesus is Coming Soon</i>
Sermon: To Be . . . is Costly	Erik Granberg
#911.....	<i>Bring Christ Your Broken Life</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright

Nursery	Patrece Allen
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture: Luke 9:23

Sermon Thought: Part of making the choice to follow God is understanding what we are signing up for. There is great cost in following him. Do not take that lightly. On the other side, there is great reward.

Sermon Questions:

1. Share about a commitment you made that is costly. What did it cost: time, energy, effort, money, etc.?
2. Why would we intentionally make a costly decision?
3. What has following Jesus cost you?

New Prayer Concerns:

Frank & Doris Haltom – Jeanita Meek's brother & sister-in-law; have had to deal with Doris' health issues for a long time but remain strong in their faith

Bruce Swart – having hip replacement surgery January 23rd at McBride Hospital

Joy Williams – having shoulder replacement surgery on January 30th

Kathy Dittmeyer – undergoing chemotherapy

Next Week's (1/22/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Dee Plummer

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: Dudley Darrow

Communion

Talk: Danny Powers

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery: Jacqueline Anderson

Fill Communion: Carol Baxter
For January

Wash Baptismal Garments

for January: Carol Jantz

Be Grateful

A wise man bought a beautiful house with an orchard. His neighbor lived in an old house and was envious. He threw garbage under the gate and did everything he could to make the wise neighbor miserable.

One fine day the wise man woke up and went out to discover buckets of garbage strewn over the porch. He took a bucket and cleaned up the mess. He took a bucket and went to the envious neighbor's house. The envious man thought gleefully, "I finally got him." When he opened the door, the wise neighbor gave him a bucket of freshly picked apples and said, "The one who is rich in something, shares it with others."

God has blessed us with an abundance. We should focus on being grateful for what we have and not be envious of others. It's impossible to drive away doubt, frustration, and envy if we don't fill ourselves with the things that are good. Fill yourself with thankfulness for the things God has given us.

JAMES 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

HEBREWS 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

How can we show God that we are grateful? We express our gratitude through prayer and through song.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PSALM 95:1-5 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

We are commanded to fill ourselves with joy and thanksgiving. If we follow his commands, temptation, envy, and evil will cease to be a problem.

PSALM 119:1-3 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart - they do no wrong but follow His ways. **Terry Sherrill**

2022 Giving Statements

Mandy will be sending out giving statements for your taxes in the next few weeks. Please make sure the office has your correct email and mailing address. Call the office at 237-4658 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., text Mandy anytime at 580-541-9699, or add your info to your attendance card.