



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

H.O.P.E. Group

Upcoming Events

March 22 – Meal: Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Coleslaw, Relish Tray, and Dessert

March 26 – Youth Sunday

March 29 – 5th Wednesday Outreach

April 4 – Alva Bible Chair Lunch: Leave at 9 a.m.

April 9 – Easter Breakfast Before Service/No Class

June 2-3 – LCCC Beginner Session

June 11-17 – LCCC Junior Session

July 9-15 – LCCC Xtreme Week

July 16-22 – LCCC Senior Session & Pettijohn Springs Session Ocho

Birthdays:

20th Kim Tinius

22nd Benaiah Lawrence

..... Mayson Pettus

25th John Wright

Anniversaries:

22nd George & Terry Gordon

25th Keith & Jaiden Hudspith

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Jim Coker
Pilgrim's Praise	Trey Johnson
..... <i>Blessed Be the Lord, God Almighty</i>	
..... <i>I Want to Be Where You Are</i>	
..... <i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
Prayer	Kaiser Webb
..... <i>My God Most High</i>	
..... <i>All Who Are Thirsty</i>	
..... <i>Just As I Am/I Come Broken</i>	
Communion Talk	Shannon Elledge
..... <i>It Is Well</i>	
..... <i>Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone</i>	
Sermon: Q&A-Why So Legalistic?	Erik Granberg
..... <i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Kayla Thornton
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture: Romans 16:17; Ephesians 4:3

Sermon Thought:

Every church and every person has little areas of faith that they are particular about. At worst, these issues have caused wars. At best, they are opinions to overlook. In Churches of Christ, instruments in worship and clapping have caused division. We are called to hold firm to the truths of what scriptures teach, not our own desires or comforts.

Sermon Questions:

1. How would you determine the difference between matters of opinion and matters of salvation?
2. Why do matters of opinion get in the way so often?
3. How can we do a better job of striving towards unity, especially when one man's law is another man's opinion?

New Prayer Concerns:

Doris Haltom Family – Jeanita Meek's sister-in-law; passed away

Jimmy Collins – friend of Jovita's; passed away

Kathy Dittmeyer – getting chemo treatments

Kyle Whitehead Family – former member & Luann Burford's nephew; passed away

Next Week's (3/26/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Youth

Pilgrim's Praise: Youth

Prayer: Youth

Communion

Talk: Youth

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/

Slides: Youth

Nursery: Geneva Osburn

Fill Communion

For March: Jovita Lang

Wash Baptismal

Garments for March: Kelli Moore

A Spiritual Journey An Eternal Guide

It is amazing to look back in time and think about how we navigated our journeys using a roadmap. I spent a lot of time planning all the routes I would need to take to reach my destination. Today, I just put my destination in my GPS and off I go following all of its directions. Our spiritual journey also has a GPS feature – God's Positioning System. He is our eternal guide directing every element of our journey toward the glory of heaven. Here is the best part, he not only guides us, but he is even present with us as we travel.

Being created in his image means we were created in a holy state and God "*walked with them in the garden in the cool of the day*" (Gen. 3:8). He wants to be up front and personal with us as we navigate our spiritual journey. It is during this time he engages us in a holy conversation – the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings. This spiritual conversation is important for our ability to reason, our emotions, and our wills so they all work in perfect harmony for ourselves and with God. Our eternal guide gives us comfort and peace as we proceed on our spiritual journey. He is there to relieve our worries and fears about the dangers we might encounter and will guide us around the obstacles in our path. Time passes so quickly when we are engaged in meaningful conversation as we travel. God dwells in the expanse of eternity, and his presence on our life's journey makes it seem very short. The psalmist affirms God's presence on our spiritual journeys. "*Walk about Zion, go round about her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels; that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide forever*" (Ps. 48:12-14). How blessed we are to have an eternal guide for our spiritual journey!

Gordon Jantz

Special Ladies' class

On the final evening of our ladies' class (March 22) we are inviting the girls from our congregation (all ages) to join us. We will be making jewelry together that can be shared with friends as a good way to end our class about friendships among women. Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship between our different generations.

Young Adult Class

Our new young adult class starting today, is titled "**Radical**." It is easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily. It is easy to manipulate the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. We can't let that happen. **We must take back a God-centered vision in our lives, our families, and our churches.**

Youth Calendars

Parents: please send your children's sports, music, and other extracurricular activity calendars to the office so our church family can attend their functions and give them support in doing what they love! The last semester was a huge success in this ministry and many kids were encouraged.

Bulletin Articles

We are looking for people to write bulletin articles again! They were all so good the last time this was opened to church members, we decided to do it again! If you have something on your heart or mind that you would like to share with the congregation, please email it to northgarland@gmail.com Your article should be about 350 words, have at least one scripture, and have a positive message.