



**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:**

Kaitlyn Wilson Baby (Boy) Shower:  
2:00 p.m.

H.O.P.E. Group: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30  
p.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 26** – Memorial Day: Office Closed
- May 28** – Meal: Asian Cuisine & Desserts
- May 30-31** – LCCC Beginner Session
- June 3** – Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- June 4** – Meal: Mexican Stack Up, Sopapilla Cheesecake
- June 8** – Elders/Deacons Meeting: After Worship (Jim Coker)
- June 8-14** – LCCC Junior Session
- June 11** – Meal: King Ranch Chicken, Corn, Salad, Chips & Salsa, Brownies
- June 15-21** – LCCC Xtreme Week
- June 18** – Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Veggie Tray, Strawberry Sheet Cake
- June 17** – Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- June 25** – Poppy Seed Chicken, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Delight
- June 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship & Potluck
- July 3** – Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Chips, Cookies
- July 9** – Meal: Lite Lasagna, Bread, Green Beans, Cherry Cheesecake, Lemon Bars
- July 13-19** – LCCC Senior Session
- July 13 – 19** – Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp Session 8

**Order of Worship**

.....	<i>Heaven's Road</i>
<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Wesley Boyd</b>
.....	<i>Loved By You</i>
.....	<i>El Shadai</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>He Lives</i>
.....	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Kaiser Webb, Derek Tinius, Steve Long</b>
.....	<b>Brandon Jones, Dudley Darrow, Michael Armour</b>
.....	<i>I Come to the Garden Alone</i>
<b>Sermon: Baptism pt. 2</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>To Canaan's Land</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Wendy Taylor, Meredith Plummer</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Jim Coker</b>
<b>Children's Church Teacher/Helper</b> .....	<b>Kim Tinius, Emily Moore</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

1 Peter 3:21

**Sermon Thought:**

This sermon explains that baptism is full submersion in water, symbolizing a personal commitment to God and marking the beginning of a believer's spiritual journey. It emphasizes that baptism is not a sign of perfection, complete knowledge, or a public performance, but rather a pledge of a clear conscience made by someone old enough to understand it. Ultimately, baptism is not the end goal, but the start of a lifelong process of walking with God.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Why do you think full submersion is used to symbolize baptism, and what does it represent to you personally?
2. In what ways have you seen baptism mark the beginning of someone's spiritual journey rather than the end?
3. How can we support one another in the ongoing process of being "made holy" after baptism?

**Revealing God – A Superior Covenant**  
**The Voice of the Lord**

**The voice of the Lord** is present in everything that exists. God spoke and all of creation came into being (Gen. 1). Adam and Eve heard **the voice of the Lord** as they walked in the garden (Gen. 3). God spoke to Noah about making an end to all flesh (Gen. 6). The Lord spoke to Abraham about leaving his country and going to the land he would show him (Gen. 12). Moses heard **the voice of the Lord** in a burning bush telling him to rescue his people from Egyptian slavery (Ex. 3). **The voice of the Lord** came to Joshua to lead the Israelites into the promised land (Josh. 1). Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, *“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”* (Is. 6:8).

The Hebrews writer goes on to tell us, *“In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world”* (Heb. 1:1-2). **The voice of the Lord** lived and walked among us through God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. He spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus, calling him to be a powerful servant and messenger (Acts 9). **The voice of the Lord** now speaks to us through the Holy Spirit that he gives us as a gift when we surrender our lives to his Son (Acts 2:38). In all of this, **the voice of the Lord** continues to guide and sustain what God created in the beginning. God has now established a superior covenant with his people through his Son. *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Eph. 2:10). So, as we hear **the voice of the Lord**, let us do like Isaiah, say “here am I send me.” God will smile and say, “blessed are you, my child.”

*Gordon Jantz*

**Service for Duane Owen**

Funeral services for Duane Owen will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6-7 pm on Monday, May 26th, at the funeral home.

If you would like to help prepare or serve food, the family will be having lunch at the church building at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday before the service. The link to sign up to help is below. Or you can scan the QR code.

<https://mealtrain.com/n4462e>



If you have any questions or are unable to use the link, text Mandy at 580-541-9699, and she will be more than happy to assist you.

**Combined Singing**

Join us this Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, for a combined singing service with the Hispanic Church that meets at North Garland on Sundays. We will all eat together as normal and then everyone will meet in the fellowship building for a combine praise and worship service.

**This Week’s Birthdays:**

28<sup>th</sup> .....Hudson Plummer  
31<sup>st</sup> ..... Jan Meadows

**This Week’s Anniversaries:**

31<sup>st</sup> ..... Dee & Alyssa Plummer

**Next Week’s (6/1/25) Servants:**

**Song Leader**  
**/Welcome:**

TBD

**Communion**  
**Talk:**

Chris Taylor

**Servers:**

Boston Burford  
Isaac Taylor  
Todd Anderson  
Dylan Anderson  
Bryce Thornton  
Jeff Owen

**Shepherd’s**  
**Prayer:**

Roger Owen

**Sound Booth/**  
**Slides:**

TBD

**Nursery:**

Kim Tinius  
Michelle Pettus

**Children’s**  
**Church:**

Gina Thornton  
Ally Coker

**Wednesday**  
**Toddler/**  
**Preschool**

**Teacher:**  
**(28<sup>th</sup>)**

Katana Jones

**Greeters**  
**for June:**

Jovita Lang  
Susan Oldham

**Communion**  
**Prep for June:**

Reeta Williams

**Wash**  
**Baptismal**  
**Garments**  
**in June:**

Jamie Barr