



**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:**

Red River Family Encampment  
Video Presentation:  
5:00 p.m. in the fellowship building

**Upcoming Events:**

- Aug. 5** – Women’s Bible Study: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Aug. 6** – Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Salad, Brownies
- Aug. 10** – Promotion Sunday
- Aug. 10** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
- Aug. 13** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Dessert
- Aug. 14** – Pantry: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Aug. 16** – Jim & Geneva Osburn 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship building
- Aug. 17** – Red River Family Encampment Video Presentation: 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship building
- Aug. 19** – Women’s Bible Study: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Aug. 23** – Regional Men’s Breakfast at Garriott Road Church of Christ
- Aug. 27** – Meal: Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Green Beans, Relish Tray, Dessert
- Aug. 28** – Pantry: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Aug. 31** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship & Potluck
- Sept. 7** – Red River Family Encampment Video Presentation: 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship building
- Sept. 21** – Red River Family Encampment Video Presentation: 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship building

**Order of Worship**

..... *I Love the Lord, Messiah*  
**Song Leader/Welcome**..... **Bruce Swart**  
 ..... *Father*  
 ..... *Lord Take Control*  
 ..... *On Bended Knee*  
**Prayer**..... **TBD**  
 ..... *Shine Jesus Shine*  
 ..... *I Love the Lord*  
**Communion Talk**..... **Cory Moore**  
**Servers**..... **Chester Peyton, Isaac Taylor, Carl Dowell**  
 ..... **Terry Sherill, Bryce Thornton, Jeff Owen**  
 ..... *The Greatest Commands*  
**Sermon**..... **Javier Martinez**  
 ..... *Let the Beauty of Jesus*  
**Shepherd’s Prayer** ..... **Dan Kent**

**Nursery** ..... **Krystal & McKenna Wright**  
**Sound Booth/Slides**..... **Terry Sherrill**  
**Children’s Church Teacher/Helper**..... **Kim Tinius, Meredith Plummer**

### This Week's Birthdays:

7<sup>th</sup> .....Kevin Hurt  
 9<sup>th</sup> .....Luann Burford

### This Week's Anniversaries:

8<sup>th</sup> .....Taylor & Carissa Rowen  
 9<sup>th</sup> .....Gene & Pam Denney

### Next Week's (8/10/25) Servants:

**Song Leader**  
**/Welcome:** Robb Mills

**Communion**  
**Talk:** Dallas Darrow

**Servers:** Dudley Darrow  
 Brett Thornton  
 George Gordon  
 Butch McComas  
 Taylor Rowen  
 Roger Unruh

**Shepherd's**  
**Prayer:** Pat Meek

**Sound Booth/**  
**Slides:** Dudley Darrow

**Nursery:** Krystal Wright  
 McKenna Wright

**Children's**  
**Church:** Kim Tinius  
 Audrey Darrow

**Door Attendants:** Derek Tinius  
 Johna Wright

**Wednesday**  
**Teacher (13<sup>th</sup>):** Wendy Taylor

**Welcome**  
**Center:** Bruce/Linda Swart

**Greeters**  
**for Aug.:** Gina Thornton  
 Joy Williams

**Communion**  
**Prep for Aug.:** Judy Watson

**Wash Baptismal**  
**Garments:** Linda Swart

**Bake Bread**  
**for Visitors:** Luann Burford

### Not Baptized? Then Why Wait?

(Acts 22:16)

It may be that some who are reading this article have never been baptized, even though they believe with all their heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Romans 10:9; Acts 8:37) Some may argue that baptism isn't necessary or required by God for salvation. There are other misconceptions about this act of obedience, for instance, that one must be baptized in front of the audience of the church or that it can only be done after the invitation song. Others may realize that it must be done, but procrastinate, and much like an undone household chore, they just haven't gotten around to it.

The truth is that God requires us to step out in an act of faith and be baptized. Jesus gave the instruction to teach the world the Good News, make disciples, and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15) The man who would eventually write most of the New Testament was required to be baptized. Ananias said to Saul, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16) Also, the book of Acts records literally thousands of baptisms. (Acts 2:41; 8:12,13,16,38; 10:48; 16:15,33) If one reads on through the New Testament, they will see that all spiritual blessings are found in Christ and that one must be baptized into Christ. (Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:27) Baptism (immersion) is a simple and straight forward act that washes away one's sin, making them a new spiritual creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17) The biblical evidence is clear; God wants us to be baptized.

So, what are you waiting for?

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### Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 10th, will be Sunday School Promotion Day. Youth entering the 6th grade are welcome to move up to the Youth Group class on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. We will continue to offer a Wednesday night class for upper elementary/middle school ages. Let Dee, Robb, or Chris know if you have any questions.

### Red River Family Encampment Video Presentations

The 2025 RRFE was an amazing spiritual encounter. Attendance this year was around 2,000 saints. The theme was "Jesus is..." My God – my King – my Savior – my Lord – my Refuge – my Advocate – my Mediator – my Substitute – my Peace – my Redeemer – my Everything – my Friend. **We plan to share videos of the presentations with our North Garland family on August 3rd, 17th, September 7th, and 21st at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join us for these spiritual messages. Bring your own snacks.