



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:

Women's Involvement Forms Due
(Please give to Pam Denney or Bill Oldham)

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec. 26** – Office Closed
- Dec. 28** – H. O.P.E. Group: Christmas Party. Leave the church building at 5:30 p.m. for pickleball & gift exchange at the Webbs' house—\$10 limit.
- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve (Office Closed)
- Jan. 1** – New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- Jan. 6** – Ladies' Bible Class: 10-11 a.m.
- Jan. 20** – Ladies' Bible Class: 10-11 a.m.
- Jan 21** – Meal: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, TX Sheet cake

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- If you would like individual communion cups, they are located on the small table in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies who would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room accessible by walking through the nursery.

Order of Worship

- Song Leader/Call to Worship**..... Jim Coker
- Opening Prayer**..... TBD
- Communion Talk**..... Chris Taylor
- Servers** Wayne Williams, Houston Moore, Bryce Thornton
..... Cooper Thornton, Cory Moore, Aaron LeCrone
- Sermon: Joy to the World**..... Erik Granberg
- Shepherd's Prayer**..... Dan Kent

- Door Attendants**..... Wendy Taylor, Bruce Swart
- Nursery**..... Lisa & Jasmine Granberg
- Sound Booth/Slides**..... Robb Mills
- Children's Church Teacher/Helper**..... Gina Thornton, Macy Mills

Sermon Scripture:

Luke 2:1-52; Mt. 2:1-23; Pgs. 12-17 in Harmony

Sermon Thought:

In scripture, joy is consistently shown as a response to God's work. Even in times of suffering or loss, God's people anticipated the coming Immanuel, "God with us." With the birth of Christ, that promise was fulfilled, and the angels declared "good news of great joy!" Our joy is rooted in what God has already done and will do.

Sermon Questions:

1. When have you experienced joy in giving something away?
2. What does joy look like in seasons of disappointment?
3. In what ways do you sense and feel God with you?

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, **December 24th**, will be our **Christmas Eve candlelight service** from **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium. Please join us for this simple time of worship and reflection. There will be real candles for anyone who comes, and electric tea lights for any of the young ones. All family and friends are welcome to join.

New Year's Eve Gathering

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve for an evening filled with fun and games. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite snack and a game to share. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship as we celebrate together!

This Week's Birthdays:

21st Cole Roberts
23rd Katana Jones

Next Week's (12/28/25) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome: Dee Plummer

Communion Talk: David Granberg

Servers: Todd Anderson
Roger Unruh
Steve Long
Dylan Anderson
John Granberg
Michael Armour

Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/ Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Kim Tinius
Amarah Granberg

Children's Church: Gina Thornton
Meredith Plummer

Door Attendants: Brian Wright
Cooper Thornton

Welcome Center: Gene & Pam Denney

Greeters for Dec.: Carol Baxter
Patrece Allen

Wash Baptismal Garments: Gina Thornton

Bake Bread for Visitors: Reeta Williams

Fill Communion Trays: Cheryl Kent

Where's The Snake?

A couple of weeks ago, my sons and I went into the front yard to put up the Christmas lights. While looking at the house and trees to make our plans, I noticed a snakeskin stuck on one of the branches, gently blowing in the wind. It was close to 5 feet long. I called everyone over to look at it, then we carried on with our task.

Pretty soon, we had the house done, and I set the ladder against the tree. After climbing into the tree, I turned and saw the snakeskin. That is when it hit me, that snakeskin came from a snake...where is the snake? I'm sure the snake was long gone (or so I tell myself), but what I do know is that I looked twice every time before placing my hands around a branch. I was keenly aware of the possible danger lurking in each nook or crevice of that tree. Now, the snake could have been there with or without the skin being in the tree, but the skin brought the possibility to the forefront of my mind.

Now consider the spiritual dangers of the world. Scripture says, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour," 1 Peter 5:8. Spiritual dangers are not something that we can regularly see, but they are still there. We must keep this in mind so that we are on guard. Consider what Ephesians 6:11 says about being prepared, "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against...the powers of this dark world...."

Erik Granberg

Women's Involvement Form for 2026

Please fill out and return the Women's Involvement Form for 2026 to either Bill Oldham or Pam Denney **TODAY**. If you have not yet received the updated involvement form, copies are available at the welcome center for your convenience.

We encourage every woman and girl in our congregation to review the form and consider selecting one or more ways to serve others. Your completed form not only helps you find meaningful opportunities to serve but also assists the ladies who have volunteered to coordinate these ministries in organizing and planning for the year ahead. Thank you for being so willing to be involved and to support our ministry efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our ministries! To help us stay current and effective, we kindly ask all volunteers to complete our new involvement form. Your continued participation is important to us, so please submit your form to remain active in your chosen roles.

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class will begin meeting again in January on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m. in the classroom off the foyer. We will be studying the book of James. Free study guides will be available in class.

