



**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 Christmas Party:
Leave the church building at 5:30 p.m.
for pickleball & gift exchange at the
Webbs' house—\$10 limit.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve (Office Closed)
- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Gathering: 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 1** – New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- Jan. 6** – Ladies' Bible Class: 10-11 a.m.
- Jan. 8** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Jan. 11** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
- Jan. 15** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Jan. 16-18** – Winterfest
- Jan. 20** – Ladies' Bible Class: 10-11 a.m.
- Jan 21** – Meal: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, TX Sheet cake
- Jan. 25** – Serve at Enid Welcome Table

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	Dee Plummer
.....	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
.....	<i>King of My Heart</i>
Opening Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Taste and See</i>
.....	<i>He Paid a Debt</i>
.....	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>
Communion Talk	David Granberg
Servers	Todd Anderson, Roger Unruh, Steve Long
.....	Dylan Anderson, John Granberg, Michael Armour
.....	<i>I'm Redeemed</i>
.....	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>
Sermon: A Crazy Man in the Desert	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>There is a Name I Love to Hear</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek
Door Attendants	Brian Wright, Cooper Thornton
Nursery	Kim Tinius, Amarah Granberg
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow
Children's Church Teacher/Helper	Gina Thornton, Meredith Plummer

Sermon Scripture:

Luke 3; Pgs. 18-24 in the harmony.

Sermon Thought:

John's task was to prepare the way for the Lord (Jesus). He did this by telling people to change their hearts and then to be baptized. People often need physical action to mark a moment of change in their lives. Baptism was that mark. Even Jesus, when he began his ministry, marked that change by being baptized by John.

Sermon Questions:

1. Why is a "change of heart" so important?
2. What makes baptism (being completely dunked under water) such a powerful symbol of transformation?
3. In what ways can we help "prepare the way" for others to know Jesus?

This Week's Birthdays:

Dec.
28th Erik Granberg
29th Tammi Long

Jan.
1st Patty Long
2nd Jim Osburn
..... Kelly Ward

Next Week's (1/4/26) Servants:

Song Leader
/Welcome: TBD

Communion
Talk: TBD

Servers: Chester Peyton
Isaac Taylor
Chris Taylor
Terry Sherrill
Hudson Plummer
Jeff Owen

Shepherd's
Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/
Slides: TBD

Nursery: Krystal Wright
McKenna Wright

Children's
Church: Mandy Coker
Audrey Darrow

Door Attendants: Derek Tinius
Brandon Jones

Welcome
Center: Linda Swart

Greeters: Gina Thornton
Joy Williams

Wash Baptismal
Garments: Reeta Williams

Bake Bread
for Visitors: Pam Denney

Fill Communion
Trays: Jovita Lang

Wed. Preschool
Teacher (7): TBD

The Essence of Life - *The Beginning* **Woven by the Master's Hand**

The essence of our human lives had its beginning when "the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Gen. 2:7). He is the one who made us – he is the one who walks with us – he is the one who loves us – he is the one who disciplines us – and he is the one who sacrificed his Son so we can live with him eternally. Everything we are and do manifests itself in the presence of God. Our talents and abilities are molded by his divine hands. As I read through the pages of biblical history, I stand in awe of the things people were able to do with their hands. The building of the Ark and Solomon's Temple stand as monuments to this God given reality, and we continue to learn how to do new things. I am always touched to see the things that can be made by the weaving of yarn. God's hands are at work in all of the wonders we behold in everyday life.

The divine dimension of conception and the miracle of birth are God's blessings on the essence of life. We are truly **Woven by the Master's Hand!** David affirms this reality: "For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps. 139:13). Touch the various parts of your body and feel the presence of God's hands. You see, he is still weaving us into the vessels he needs us to be. Isaiah proclaims, "Yet, O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand" (Is. 64:8). How blessed we are to be **Woven by the Master's Hand**, and may our hearts be filled with joy as we seek to serve him in everything we do. At the end of life, he is there to welcome us home. "Well done good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master" (Matt. 25:21).

Gordon Jantz

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!

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.

Happy New Year
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