



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:

Pantry Patron Dinner:
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 26** – No Wed. Class or Dinner
- Nov. 27** – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov. 28** – Office Closed
- Nov. 30** – Combined Worship & Lunch with the Hispanic Congregation
- Dec. 11** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 14** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
- Dec. 18** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec. 26** – Office Closed
- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve (Office Closed)
- Jan. 1** – New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- Jan 21** – Meal: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, TX Sheet cake

Additional Info:

There are **no** meals provided before class on Wednesday nights in December.

Presents for the Angel Tree Children are due December 7th. Please have them wrapped with the tag attached and under the tree in the foyer by this date. Thank you for your generosity!

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome	Dee Plummer
.....	<i>I Will Enter His Gates</i>
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>King of My Heart</i>
Opening Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>Above All</i>
Communion Talk	Gordon Jantz
Servers	Todd Anderson, Chris Taylor, Steve Long
.....	Dylan Anderson, John Granberg, Michael Granberg
.....	<i>Count Your Blessings</i>
.....	<i>To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way</i>
Sermon: Imprinted by God – Choosing to Follow Christ	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>There's A Fountain Free</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Door Attendants	Brian Wright, Wendy Taylor
Nursery	Susan Oldham, Meredith Plummer
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow
Children's Church Teacher/Helper	Kim Tinius, Makenna Wright

Sermon Thought:

Just as goslings naturally imprint on their mother—or even on Konrad Lorenz when he stood in that role—we are called to imprint ourselves on God. Unlike animals, our imprinting is not automatic; it requires a conscious decision to follow Christ. In Matthew 16, Jesus calls His disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him, reminding us that true discipleship is a deliberate act of surrender and devotion.

Sermon Questions:

1. What are some influences in our lives that compete with God's imprint, and how can we guard against them?
2. How does Matthew 16 challenge us to make a conscious decision to follow Christ rather than relying on feelings or habits?
3. What can we do in our daily practices to help reinforce God's imprint on our hearts and minds?

This Week's Birthdays:

23rd Ramona Buxton
24th Faye Garrison
..... Brian Wright
26th Bruce Swart
28th Krystal Wright
30th Alyssa Plummer

Next Week's (11/30/25) Servants:

Song Leader
/Welcome: Robb Mills

Communion
Talk: Shannon Elledge

Servers: Bruce Swart
David Burford
George Gordon
Roger Unruh
Carl Dowell
Dee Plummer

Shepherd's
Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/
Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Joy Williams
Eleanor Taylor

Children's
Church: Kim Tinius
Peyton Wright

Door Attendants: Cooper Thornton
Wendy Taylor

Welcome
Center: Gordon & Carol
Jantz

Greeters
for Nov.: Jovita Lang
Susan Oldham

Wash Baptismal
Garments: Carrie Mills

Bake Bread
for Visitors: Katana Jones

Revealing God – Our Heavenly Home A Beautiful Home

Looking for a new home is both exciting and challenging. We want one that looks nice, meets our needs, and is affordable. After we find the one we want, than comes the important part – making it a **beautiful home**. That is a defining moment when it has all our personal belonging, furniture, and decorations in place. It is ours and reflects who we are. We are truly then at home.

Our spiritual journey revealing God opens the door to **another beautiful home** – Heaven. We don't even have to go house hunting because it has already been chosen for us. Jesus tells us, *"In my Father's house are many rooms; ... And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also"* (Jn. 14:2-3). And guess what? Jesus has already paid for it by giving his life to reconcile us to the Father (2 Cor. 5:18). Entering **our beautiful home** in heaven will be the most exciting moment we have ever experienced, and it will be free from the challenges we have had in this life. It will be ours because we have chosen Christ as our Lord and Savior. We are now one with him and the Father (Jn. 17:21). Heaven will indeed be a **beautiful home**. We will be walking on streets of *"pure gold, transparent as glass"* (Rev. 21:21). It will be arrayed with *"the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal"* (Rev. 21:11). The decorations of our heavenly home will be awesome! It will be adorned with the beauty of jewels and pearls (Rev. 21:19-21). We won't even have to turn on a light switch, *"for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb"* (Rev. 21:23). That is what God, our heavenly Father, and his Son have done for us. We praise God for a **beautiful home** we will dwell in eternally. That is the gift we have received through the revelation of God.

Gordon Jantz

Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner is **tonight** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This highly anticipated event is a special time for our pantry patrons, who look forward to it all year.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available at the tables in front of the welcome center, along with the expectations for each volunteer position. If you would like to help make this event a success, we welcome both your participation and your donations.

Monetary donations can be given in several ways. Checks and cash may be handed to Cory Moore, Roger Owen, or placed directly in the black contribution boxes. For those who prefer to give online, you may use our website's "Give" tab and select the "Pantry Patron Dinner" fund. Alternatively, you can text "NGCCGIVE" to 833-703-3754 and choose the "Pantry Patron Dinner" fund when prompted.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Your contributions help make this a memorable and meaningful occasion for everyone involved.

Study Stash Boxes for College Students

As finals approach for our college students, we are preparing to send out "Study Stash Boxes" to support and encourage them during this challenging time. We invite you to contribute either by making a monetary donation or by donating specific items for these boxes.

How You Can Help

- **Monetary Donations:** If you prefer to give financially, you may hand your donation to Carrie Mills, Reeta Williams, Cory Moore, or bring it directly to the church office. Additionally, a "Study Stash Box" fund is available for digital contributions.
- **Item Donations:** We welcome contributions of items such as individually wrapped snacks (sweet or salty), packs of gum, gift cards, water-flavoring packets, or small school supplies. Please place donated items in the "Study Stash" box located in the foyer.

Important Details

All donated items are due today. Your generosity will help provide encouragement and practical support to our college students as they prepare for finals.