



**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:**

Group gets back from Winterfest.

**Upcoming Events:**

**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

**Jan. 28** – Meal: Soup & Breads, Dessert

**Feb. 8** – Thornton Wedding Shower  
**Feb. 8** – H.O.P.E. Group: Superbowl Party @ the church building

**Feb. 9** – Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck Due

**Feb. 15** – Roberts' Baby Shower

**Feb. 18** – Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Salad

**Feb. 22** – H.O.P.E. Group: Bunco Party with the other life groups

**Feb. 26** – Meal: Lasagna, Fettuccine Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert

**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**

<b>Song Leader/Call to Worship</b> .....	<b>Bruce Swart</b>
.....	<i>This is the Day</i>
.....	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
.....	<i>Faithful Love</i>
.....	<i>How Deep the Father's Love</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Wayne Williams, Robb Mills, Bryce Thornton</b>
.....	<b>Cooper Thornton, Cole Roberts, Shannon Elledge</b>
.....	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>
.....	<i>Listen to our Hearts</i>
<b>Sermon: "The Greatest Sermon of All Time"</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent</b>

<b>Door Attendants</b> .....	<b>Brian Wright, Johna Wright</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Patrece Allen, Jacqueline Anderson</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
<b>Children's Church Teacher/Helper</b> .....	<b>Mandy Coker, Peyton Wright</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

Pgs. 45-54 in the harmony

**Sermon Thought:**

Jesus's sermon on the mount is the greatest sermon of all time. He changed the way people looked at what it meant to follow God. The sermon made following God simple to understand. However, simple is not the same as easy. This sermon may simultaneously be the most challenging sermon in the history of mankind.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. In what ways does this sermon simplify what it means to follow God?
2. Which teaching from the Sermon on the Mount do you find most challenging?
3. What is one practical way you could apply Jesus' teaching this week?

### This Week's Birthdays:

23<sup>rd</sup> .....Eliza Jones

### Next Week's (1/25/26) Servants:

#### Song Leader

**/Welcome:** Jim Coker

#### Communion

**Talk:** Houston Moore

#### Servers:

Todd Anderson  
Roger Unruh  
Gordon Jantz  
Dylan Anderson  
John Granberg  
Michael Armour

#### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Pat Meek

#### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Robb Mills

#### Nursery:

Cheryl Kent  
Jeanita Meek

#### Children's

**Church:** Mandy Coker  
Emily Moore

#### Door Attendants:

Wendy Taylor  
Roger Unruh

#### 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 (21):** Kelli Moore

## The Essence of Life - *The Beginning*

### Breath of Life

There are many things we take for granted in life until they are disrupted. One of them is the process of breathing. Being able to breathe is an essential element of human life. I learned a valuable lesson about breathing one night when I was applying anhydrous ammonia fertilizer. It was a calm night, and as I finished a field, I raised the applicator before turning the anhydrous ammonia off. A cloud of it engulfed me, and I was unable to breathe. I immediately jumped off the tractor and headed for fresh air and was finally able to breathe again. Believe me, I never did that again.

Elihu's discourse with Job testifies to this important part of our life. *"The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life"* (Job 33:4). You see, this physical body is meaningless without the **breath of life** God has given us. He did this so we could do the work he created for us to do. God made it possible for us to breathe so we can move about as he guides us on our spiritual journey. When our breathing is challenged, we become very limited in what we are able to do. We suffer, and our families and friends suffer with us as they watch us struggle. We praise God for the **breath of life** so we can feel his presence and glorify him through the good works we do (Matt. 5:16). Our aim as his disciples is to be pleasing to him so he will continue to give us what we need. As Elihu goes on to say, *"If he should take back his spirit to himself, and gather to himself his breath, all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust"* (Job 33:14-15). We are nothing without the **breath of life** the Almighty gives us. That is what makes us his people and esteems him as our God! Let us not take this God-given gift for granted but offer our praise and thanksgiving for every breath we take. Life is good when we do.

*Gordon Jantz*

### 2025 Giving Statements

As we begin the new year, please note that 2025 Giving Statements will be distributed soon. To avoid delays in receiving your Giving Statement for tax purposes, ensure your contact information is up to date. If you have recently changed your email address, mailing address, or phone number, please notify the office as soon as possible.

To update your information, write your new contact details on a prayer card, which is located on the back of the seat in front of you. Once completed, place the card in one of the black boxes located on a pillar at the back of the auditorium. Keeping your information up to date will help us deliver your statement promptly and ensure a smooth process for everyone. Thank you!

### Kleenex Drive

**This is the last week** to shop for boxes of Kleenex for Glennwood Elementary School. Your donations will help ensure that the students and staff have the supplies they need for the year. Bring them by Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, and put them on the table in the foyer. Thank you for your help.

### Westview Boys' Home Groceries

Westview Boys' Home will send its truck to load with groceries on Monday, February 9. They need:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Crisco</b>                     | <b>Brownie Mix</b>      |
| <b>Onion Powder</b>               | <b>Ritz Crackers</b>    |
| <b>Minced Onion</b>               | <b>Saltine Crackers</b> |
| <b>Old-fashioned/regular oats</b> | <b>Graham Crackers</b>  |
| <b>Mayo</b>                       | <b>Cookies</b>          |