



**We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- March 3** – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- March 4** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Green Salad, Brownies
- March 8** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
- March 8** – Taking Communication Directory Photos
- March 8** – H.O.P.E. Group
- March 11** – Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- March 12** – Pantry: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- March 15** – Taking Communication Directory Photos
- March 17** – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- March 18** – Meal: BBQ Meatballs, Funeral Potatoes, Corn, Cheesecake
- March 19** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- March 22** – Taking Communication Directory Photos
- March 22** – H.O.P.E. Group
- March 25** – Meal: Fried Tacos, Beans, Rice, Nachos, Dessert
- March 31** – Serve Lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- April 15** – Meal: Chili Cook Off, Brownies, Chocolate Cake
- April 18** – Garriott Road Church of Christ Ladies' Day: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 22** – Meal: Hamburgers, Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Dessert

**Order of Worship**

- ..... *I Love You Lord*
- Song Leader/Call to Worship**..... **Bruce Swart**
- ..... *Lord Take Control*
- ..... *Light the Fire*
- ..... *In Moments Like These*
- Opening Prayer**..... **TBD**
- ..... *How Deep the Father's Love*
- ..... *In Christ Alone*
- Communion Talk**..... **Keaton Francis**
- Servers** ..... **Danny Powers, Chester Peyton, Isaac Taylor**
- ..... **Chris Taylor, Terry Sherrill, Jeff Owen**
- ..... *Heaven Came Down*
- Sermon: "The Greatest Command"** ..... **Erik Granberg**
- ..... *Create in Me a New Heart*
- Shepherd's Prayer**..... **Roger Owen**
  
- Door Attendants**..... **Wendy Taylor, Cooper Thornton**
- Nursery** ..... **Michelle Pettus, Jeanita Meek**
- Sound Booth/Slides**..... **Terry Sherrill**
- Children's Church Teacher/Helper**..... **Katana Jones, Makenna Wright**

**Sermon Scripture:**

Pages 100-113 in the harmony.

**Sermon Thought:**

When asked about the greatest command, he didn't point to a ritual or a rule. Rather, he pointed inward, to the heart. This is a call to orient one's entire life toward God. From the heart comes every step, word, and action.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What do you think the response was to Jesus' greatest command?
2. What helps you discern what your heart loves?
3. How does genuine love overflow into practical love for others?

### This Week's Birthdays:

5<sup>th</sup> ..... Lisa Granberg

### This Week's Anniversaries:

5<sup>th</sup> ..... Kent & Deanna Chesser

### Next Week's (3/8/26) Servants:

#### Song Leader

**/Welcome:** Robb Mills

#### Communion

**Talk:** George Gordon

#### Servers:

Cory Moore  
Shannon Elledge  
Brett Thornton  
David Burford  
Gordon Jantz  
Carol Dowell

#### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Dan Kent

#### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Jim Coker

#### Nursery:

Joy Williams  
Amarah Granberg

#### Children's

**Church:** Katana Jones  
Peyton Wright

#### Door Attendants:

**Greeters  
for the month:** Jamie Gaither  
Amarah Granberg

#### Wash Baptismal

**Garments:** Megan Darrow

#### Bake Bread

**for Visitors:** Christy Cochran

#### Fill Communion

**Trays:** Carol Baxter

**Welcome Center:** Carol Baxter

### The Essence of Life – Life Training

#### Loving Care

At the beginning of life, we are helpless and in need of constant care. Our parents provide just what we need as they hold us in their loving arms, provide the nourishment we need, and take care of the yucky messes we create. Their **loving care** is filled with compassion and protection for our infant lives. This provides an essential foundation for us to develop and grow in our physical essence so we can become what God designed us to be.

God's **loving care** for the human life he created is endless. He "*walked with them in the garden in the cool of the day*" to make sure they had what was needed to sustain their life (Gen. 3:8). Even when they made an awful mess giving way to sin, he was there to clean them up and keep them moving forward. Just as our parents did, God holds us in his loving arms. "*He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young*" (Is. 40:11). As our young lives begin to develop, we start moving without any idea of the dangers that surround us. We thank God our parents' **loving care** is there to keep us from falling or endangering ourselves. They have given their heart and soul in nurturing our infant lives, and they want to make sure we will be capable of taking our place in the essence of life. Their love is focused on the vision of what we will become so we can share the fullness of life. The same is true of God's love for us. "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*" (Jn. 3:16). His **loving care** is investing in us to make sure we will fulfill his joy by spending eternity in his holy presence. Thank you, Mom and Dad, thank you, heavenly Father, for giving us your **loving care** to make the essence of our lives complete in Christ Jesus.

*Gordon Jantz*

### Quilts of Valor Presentation

The Northern Oklahoma chapter of Quilts of Valor will present Quilts of Valor to both Heather and Chester Peyton this afternoon. The presentation will be in the fellowship building at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come.

### Communication Directory

Starting next Sunday, Mandy will be in the foyer taking pictures and updating information for the 2026 North Garland Communication Directory. Stop by for a quick pic and make sure your info is up to date.

