



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:

Last chance to take pictures for the 2026 Communication Directory! (After worship in the classroom off the lobby.)

Immediately after service, we need everyone who can help clear out tables, chairs, supplies, etc., from the classrooms in the fellowship building to prepare for new flooring on Monday.

Upcoming Events:

- March 31** – Serve Lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- April 1** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies
- April 5** – Easter: Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt – After Worship
- April 7** – Ladies' Bible Class: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- April 8** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- April 9** – Pantry: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- April 12** – Elders/Deacons/Minister: Before Class
- April 12** – H.O.P.E. Group
- April 15** – Meal: Chili Cook Off, Brownies, Chocolate Cake
- April 16** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- April 18** – Garriott Road Church of Christ Ladies' Day: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 21** – Ladies' Bible Class: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- April 21** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- April 22** – Meal: Hamburgers, Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Dessert
- April 26** – H.O.P.E. Group
- May 3** – Senior Sunday

Order of Worship

- Song Leader/Call to Worship**..... **Glenn Walker**
..... *It is Well with My Soul*
..... *I Keep Falling in Love with Him*
..... *Father I Adore You*
- Opening Prayer**..... **TBD**
..... *The Old Rugged Cross*
..... *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*
- Communion Talk**..... **Dudley Darrow**
- Servers** **Steve Long, Brian Wright, Jim Coker**
..... **Dee Plummer, Derek Tinius, Roger Unruh**
..... *Hide Me Away O Lord*
..... *Wonderful Merciful Savior*
- Sermon: "When Friends Become Enemies"** **Erik Granberg**
..... *I Am Mine No More*
- Shepherd's Prayer**..... **Roger Owen**
- Door Attendants**..... **Brandon Jones, Bruce Swart**
- Nursery** **Lisa Granberg, Jasmine Granberg**
- Sound Booth/Slides**..... **Amarah Granberg, Ally Coker**
- Children's Church Teacher/Helper**..... **Katana Jones, Macy Mills**

Sermon Scripture:

Pages 178-191 in the harmony.

Sermon Thought:

In the last days of Jesus' life, there is a lot of role reversal in how people respond to Jesus. The faithful fail, the outsiders perceive truth, and grace breaks through in the most unlikely places. The story reminds us that Jesus meets people in their weakness, confusion, and even hostility-and still offers mercy. The culmination is when the soldier exclaims, "He really was the Son of God!"

Sermon Questions:

1. Which response from this week's reading do you find the most surprising and why?
2. Why do you think people like Pilate, his wife, and the centurion seem more aware of Jesus' innocence and identity than his own followers?
3. Which reaction in the "passion story" do you most identify with?

This Week's Birthdays:

1st Brody Mills
2nd Mikaela Francis

Next Week's (4/5/26) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome: Jim Coker

Communion Talk: Cory Moore

Servers: Dallas Darrow
Isaac Taylor
Chris Taylor
Terry Sherrill
Brian Wright
Jeff Owen

Shepherd's Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/ Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Carrie Mills
Macy Mills

Children's Church: Gina Thornton
Meredith
Plummer

Door Attendants: Wendy Taylor
Cooper Thornton

Greeters for the month: Julie McComas
Faye Garrison

Wash Baptismal Garments: Kendra Brownell

Bake Bread for Visitors: Deana LeCrone

Fill Communion Trays: Susan Oldham

Welcome Center: Gordon Jantz
Carol Jantz

The Essence of Life – Life Training

The Value of Chores

The essence of my young life growing up on a farm involved doing chores. These involved feeding the chickens and gathering eggs, milking the cows, feeding the pigs, and washing dishes. We were trained how to do our chores so mom and dad could do the things they needed to do. Our daily chores became a way of life, and whether we liked doing them or not, they proved to be good training for the work we would do later in life. All of our chores involved some risks, and we learned how to protect ourselves from getting hurt. One time, a severe thunderstorm came up just as we finished our dinner, and we had to go to the storm cellar. After a while, there was a period of calm, so Dad took me up to do the dishes, even though lightning was flashing all around. I am here to tell you that it was the fastest I ever did dishes, because I was not about to get struck by lightning while my hands were in the dishwasher. **The value of chores** lies in preparing us for our journey through life.

Our heavenly Father has done the same thing for us as he prepares us for our spiritual journey. In our young lives, we are given spiritual chores. These include attending Bible classes and Vacation Bible School, reading the Bible, and memorizing Bible verses. These all have a part in our spiritual formation so we can become the servants God needs us to be. As Peter tells us, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Pet. 3:18). Then, as we step out into the world, we are prepared for the challenges we will face so we can share the gospel of Christ. You see, through **the value of chores**, we become skilled servants to do the Lord's work. The apostle Paul tells us, *“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Eph. 2:10).

Gordon Jantz

Easter Celebration

Join us for Easter next Sunday! We will begin the morning with a breakfast gathering from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to share the meal and fellowship. Worship will follow at 10:00 a.m., providing an opportunity for reflection and praise. After the worship service, children in 5th grade or below are welcome to participate in an Easter egg hunt. This is a wonderful tradition for our younger members to enjoy.

New Flooring Update

Exciting news! The fellowship building is getting beautiful new flooring, and the classrooms are next in line for these updates. To keep things moving smoothly, we'd love everyone's help clearing out the classrooms right after service. Your support and teamwork will make a big difference as we work together to improve our facilities. Thank you so much for pitching in and making this project a success! Please note that the installation process may take several weeks to complete. If you have scheduled events or regular activities in the fellowship building, be prepared to relocate during this period. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve our church building.

Help

As Brandon and Katana Jones prepare for deployment this April, they hope to find someone who can lovingly care for their two miniature dachshunds while Brandon is away. The care will be needed from the time Katana leaves on April 18 until Brandon comes home on October 7. They realize this is a big favor to ask, but would be so grateful for anyone willing to help out during this time. If you can help, you'll be making a huge difference in their family's life.