



August 16, 2026

**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:

Aug. 19 – Meal: Chicken Tortillas, Green Beans, Relish Tray, Peach & Cherry Dump Cake
Aug. 20 – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Aug. 23 – H.O.P.E. Group Pool Party at the Plummer's House
Aug. 26 – Meal: Fried Rice, Teriyaki Chicken, Beef with Broccoli, Egg Rolls, Dessert
Sept. 7 – Office Closed-Labor Day
Sept. 13 – H.O.P.E. Group
Sept. 20 – Beau & Kylie Brownell Wedding Shower: 3 p.m.
Sept. 23 – Meal: Fried Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso/Chips, Dessert
Sept. 27 – H.O.P.E. Group: Pickleball
Sept. 29 – Serve Lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
Oct. 28 – Meal: Meatballs, Mac & Cheese, Potatoes, Dessert

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- If you would like individual communion cups, they are located on the small table at 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..... **Glenn Walker**
..... *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*
..... *Let Us Adore*
..... *Hear, O Israel*
Opening Prayer..... **TBD**
..... *As The Deer*
..... *If That Isn't Love*
Communion Talk..... **Hudson Plummer**
Servers **Brian Wright, Brett Thornton, David Burford**
..... **Cory Moore, Carl Dowell, Cole Roberts**
..... *I Am a Sheep*
..... *Hide Me Away O Lord*
..... *The Lily of the Valley*
Sermon: What Now?..... **Erik Granberg**
..... *I'll Be List'ning*
Shepherd's Prayer..... **Roger Owen**

Door Attendants..... **Derek Tinius, Roger Unruh**
Nursery **Patrece Allen, Amarah Granberg**
Sound Booth/Slides..... **Dudley Darrow**
Children's Church Teacher/Helper..... **Gina Thornton, Emily Moore**

Sermon Scripture: Acts 14:23

Sermon Thought: Christianity entered a new era when the **last apostles** died, forcing the churches to rely on the **inspiration of Scripture** and the leadership of **appointed elders** rather than living eyewitnesses. Writers like **Hegesippus** observed that once the apostolic voices fell silent, false teachings multiplied, prompting the church to guard the faith.

Sermon Questions:

1. What emotions and challenges do you imagine early Christians felt when the last apostle died and living eyewitness testimony was gone?
2. What are the benefits of having scripture as an anchor for faith?
3. What would have been the difficulties of organized efforts like the Edict of Milan or the Council of Nicaea?
4. What do you "hold fast to" in your own faith?

This Week's Birthdays:

16th..... Willie Russell

This Week's Anniversaries:

19th..... David & Luann Burford

Next Week's (8/23/26) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Robb Mills

Communion

Talk: Bill Oldham

Servers:

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

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/

Slides: Terry Sherrill

Nursery:

Carrie Mills
Macy Mills

Children's

Church: Gina Thornton
Ally Coker

Door Attendants: Bruce Swart
Wendy Taylor

Greeters: Amarah Granberg
Julie McComas

Welcome Center: Faye Garrison

Wash Baptismal

Garments: Kelli Moore

Bake Bread

for Visitors: Christy Cochran

Fill Communion

Trays: Judy Watson

The Essence of Life – Professional Careers

Faithful Servants

What are our thoughts when we are given a task to do? Do we look forward to doing it, or do we dread doing it? Do we understand what it takes to accomplish the task, or do we need some guidance and direction? Do we roll up our sleeves and get after it, or do we try to figure out how to minimize our individual effort? One thing is for sure, how we complete the task makes a big difference in how we relate to the one who gave us the task. If we do a good job, we are pleasing to them, but if we mess up, we lose the person's favor.

Think for a moment about the task Adam and Eve were given in the beginning of creation. "God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth'" (Gen. 1:28). an enormous task, don't you think? If that were us, how would we respond and move forward? The important thing here is to understand and believe that God gave them everything they needed to carry out the task they were given. Our task is to do our part as **faithful servants**, and God will always be there to make sure we get the job done. The psalmist affirms this in Psalm 101:6. "I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me." That gives us a lot of confidence that we will be successful in the things we do when we serve the Lord with faithful hearts. He wants us to succeed so his plan for creation can be fulfilled. We are his people, and he guides us in the tasks set before us. As we go about our daily tasks as **faithful servants**, we will then hear those precious words that make our efforts worthwhile. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter the joy of your master" (Matt. 24:21).

Gordon Jantz

Church Directory Update

Thank you for your patience as we've worked to update our communication directory! It has taken a little longer than expected, but we're excited to be getting close.

Copies of the directory information are available on the tables in the adult Bible class, at the Welcome Center, on the entryway tables, and one is located on each row in the auditorium.

Please take a few moments this week or next to review your family's information. If everything is correct, simply initial or put a checkmark beside your listing. If something needs to be changed, write the correction in the margin, and the office will update it.

If you or your family are not listed, please fill out one of the information forms stapled to the back of the directory information sheets.

Thank you for helping us keep our directory accurate and up to date!

Book Buddies Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart for helping children learn and thrive at school? Book Buddies will begin soon at Glenwood Elementary School, and volunteers are needed to spend one hour each week reading with and encouraging students.

The program runs from September through December. If you can give one hour a week, please contact Judy Watson to be part of this meaningful opportunity to support local children.