

# 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:

Areawide at PBar Farms in Hydro: We will leave from the church building at 3 p.m. and be back between 9:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Oct. 1 – Men's/Women's Tuesday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Oct. 1 - Serve lunch at the Alva **Bible Chair** Oct. 2 - Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies Oct. 7 - Westview Boys' Home Truck will be here Oct. 9 - Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert Oct. 15 - Men's/Women's Tuesday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Oct. 16 - Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Pretzel Salad Oct. 23 – Meal: Fried Tacos, Rice/Beans, Queso, Dessert (& Mac & Cheese) Oct. 29 - Serve lunch at the Alva **Bible Chair** Oct. 30 – Meal: Frito Chili Pie Nov. 6 - Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies Nov. 20 – Meal: Soups & Sandwiches. Cheesecake

## **Prayer Requests:**

- <u>Javier Martinez & the</u>
   <u>Hispanic Mission</u>
- <u>Kathy Dittmeyer:</u> continued prayers as she goes through chemo

| Song Leader/Welcome                    |   |
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|  | I Will Enter His Gates<br>Days of Elijah<br>I Still Have Joy/Eye of the Storm |
| Prayer                                 | ТВD   |
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|  | Living Hope   |
| Communion Talk                         | Chester Peyton  |
|  | Roger Unruh, Terry Sherrill, Bryce Thornton                                   |
|  | Cory Moore, Keaton Francis, Wayne Williams                                    |
|  | Seeking the Lost<br>This World is Not my Home                                 |
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| Sermon: (Re)Building Under God's Watch | Erik Granberg   |
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| Shepherd's Prayer                      | Pat Meek  |
| Nursery                                |   |
|  | Wendy & Eleanor Taylor<br>Dudley Darrow                                       |

**Order of Worship** 

# Sermon Scripture:

2 Chronicles 36:15-23

# Sermon Thought:

God made a covenant with the Israelites: live my way and it will go well with you. After Israel turned away from God, he allowed them to be taken into captivity for 70 years. After exile, a remnant began to return and rebuild. Like the Israelites, we MUST allow our own lives need to be built following God's plan.

# Sermon Questions:

1. What was a time in your life when it didn't go according to your plan that didn't go well?

2. When was a time that life didn't go by your plans, but it worked out better?

3. What hopes and dreams do you have for your future and how are you going to ensure these plans are following God's plans?

# **Teachers Needed**

The new teaching quarter will be starting in October. If you are interested in teaching preschool or elementary aged children, please talk to Robb Mills or Chris Taylor as soon as possible. Thank you!

#### Next Week's (10/6/24) Servants:

| Song Leader<br>/Welcome:   | Jim Coker  |
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| Communion<br>Talk:         | Dudley Darrow  |
| Servers:                   | Jacob Bowman<br>Cooper Thornton<br>Dallas Darrow<br>Dan Kent<br>Dee Plummer<br>Jeff Owen |
| Shepherd's<br>Prayer:      | Dan Kent   |
| Sound Booth/<br>Slides:    | Robb Mills   |
| Nursery:                   | Michelle Pettus<br>Jeanita Meek  |
| Wed. Toddler/<br>Preschool |  |

Preschool Teacher (4<sup>th</sup>): TBD

#### This Week's Birthdays:

| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Susan Oldham |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Carissa Hurt |

## The 10 Commandments of Visitor Friendly Churches

Those of you who have any kind of contact with social media have probably noticed the abundance of "Top #" articles. You know: Top 10 Movies You Should Have Seen By Now, 6 Ways to Pay Off Your Mortgage, 7 Foods That Are Killing You. One caught my attention, and I feel it is appropriate to share because, well, we need to be a church that opens its arms to receive people warmly. But to be a CHURCH that does this we must first be PEOPLE who do this. After all...the church IS the people.

**1. Thou shalt pray for people in the services whom you don't recognize**. They are likely guests who feel uncomfortable and uncertain.

**2. Thou shalt smile**. You only have to do so for about an hour. Guests feel welcome when they see smiling people. You can resume your somber expressions when you get home.

**3. Thou shalt not sit on the ends of the rows**. Move to the middle so guests don't have to walk over you. You'll survive in your new precarious position.

**4. Thou shalt not fill up the back rows first**. Move to the front so guests don't have to walk in front of everyone if they get there late.

**5. Thou shalt have ushers to help seat the guests**. Ushers should have clearly marked badges or shirts so that the guests know who can help them.

**6.** Thou shalt offer assistance to guests. If someone looks like they don't know where to go, then they probably don't know where to go. Get out of your comfort zone and ask them if you can help.

**7. Thou shalt not gather too long in your holy huddles**. Sure, it's OK to talk to fellow members, but don't stay there so long that you are not speaking to guests.

8. Thou shalt offer your seats to guests. I know that this move is a great sacrifice, but that family of four can't fit in the three vacant seats next to you. Give it a try. You might feel good about your efforts.
9. Thou shalt not save seats. I know you want to have room for all of your friends and family, but do you know how a guest feels when he or she sees the vacant seats next to you occupied by three hymnals, one Bible, two coats and an umbrella? You might as well put a "Do Not Trespass" sign on the seats.

**10. Thou shalt greet someone you don't know**. Yes, it's risky. They may actually be members you don't know. And you may get caught in a 45-second conversation. You'll be OK. I promise. *Erik Granberg* 

## Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boys' Home Truck will be here October 7<sup>th</sup>. Here is the shopping list. Please put groceries in the wooden box in the corner of the foyer by the kitchen.

Flour Beef Jerky Spanish Rice Parmesan Cheese Assorted Puddings Blueberry Muffin Mix Tuna Helper Chicken Broth Coffee Creamer Strawberry Syrup Cheez Its/ Vanilla Wafers Graham/Ritz/Club Crackers Cough Drops Shaving Cream Assorted Seasonings Basil Red Pepper Red Mild Enchilada Sauce

## **Children's Church**

Beginning October 20, we will be offering Children's Church for children ages 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. This worship time will be held in the family room on Sundays, following communion. During this time, children will sing songs and participate in activities that will teach them bible stories along with their daily applications. To make this a successful ministry, we need your help! We need teachers and helpers to facilitate the activities during this time. All curriculums will be provided and are easy to follow and prepare. We are so excited to get started on this mission! If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact Gina Thornton at 580-548-3086. Feel free to call or text.

## Sign-Up Sheet

The sign-up sheet to bring food for Ladies' Day is on the welcome center. Please sign up to help make the event a success!!