



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:

Baby Blessing

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 17 – Men's/Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10-11 a.m.

Dec. 21 – Christmas Play Practice: 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 22 – Children's Christmas Play: 9:30 a.m. (No Class)

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6-7 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Christmas (Office Closed)

Dec. 26 – Office Closed

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve (Office Closed)

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day (Office Closed)

Order of Worship

Table listing Order of Worship items: Song Leader/Welcome (Wesley Boyd), Prayer (TBD), Communion Talk (Dan Kent), Servers (Wayne Williams, Cory Moore, Houston Moore, Cooper Thornton, John Granberg, Brooks Wilson), Sermon (Erik Granberg), Shepherd's Prayer (Pat Meek), Nursery (Mandy & Ally Coker, Elena & Lily Peyton), Sound Booth/Slides (Robb Mills).

Sermon Scripture:

Luke 2:14

Sermon Thought:

Scripture has a lot to say about how people treat each other. It is very clear that we are to act with goodwill to those around us, and that by doing so, this is pleasing to God. Christmas is a time that promotes goodwill towards others as long as we don't get caught up thinking about ourselves.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. Describe the different aspects of joy between giving a great gift and receiving a great gift.
2. What makes it easy for you to be a giver and what makes it hard for you to be a giver?
3. What do we gain by being people of goodwill towards others?

Next Week's (12/22/24) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome: Dee Plummer

Communion Talk: Chris Taylor

Servers: Kaiser Webb
Terry Sherrill
Robb Mills
Jeff Owen
Roger Unruh
Mike Armour

Shepherd's Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/ Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery: Kassidy Roberts
Meredith Plummer

Wed. Toddler/ Preschool Teacher 18th: Kelli Moore

This Week's Birthdays:

19thKim Burford
21stCole Roberts

**Revealing God – Disciples
Carrying Forth the Word**

As a new school year begins, I want to share what those formative days have meant for our life's journey. Our teachers spent time preparing for their individual classes, and we absorbed the information that was presented in each class for those twelve years. Everything we learned opened our minds to a greater avenue of knowledge over our lifetime. This educational experience and knowledge have made a difference in the lives of countless others as we carried forth the things we have been taught.

Jesus used the same educational process to teach his disciples about the Kingdom of Heaven and the transforming power of the Spirit. He had a lot to share with his disciples to prepare them for **carrying forth the Word** that he would teach them. Jesus did that through individual class sessions and investing in them the spiritual knowledge they would need to complete his commission to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). After an extended time of teaching and by demonstrating the meaning of his Words through many different miracles, he was ready to send them out for some first-hand experience (Lk. 10:1-12). This was a very important experience for Jesus' disciples, to gain confidence for **carrying forth the Word**. When the disciples returned, they were filled with "joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!'" (Lk. 10:17). God was glorified and lives were saved. That is the same thing that happens when we use all the knowledge we have been taught to change the world around us. All we have to do is believe our minds have been prepared by our Lord and Savior.

Gordon Jantz

Children's Christmas Play

We will be having a children's Christmas play on Sunday December 22nd in place of Sunday school. The practice session will be on Saturday December 21st. Dee Plummer and Chris Taylor will have more details.

Sunday School Teachers

Sunday January 5th through Sunday March 30th is the next teaching quarter for the children education ministry. We want to express our gratitude to those who have taught this past year and encourage you to keep teaching. We also encourage men, women and youth who are interested in teaching the Word of God to children in the nursery thru elementary age, to let Robb or Chris know if you would like to teach this next quarter.