



**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:**

Children's Christmas Play: 9:30 a.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

**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)

**Dec. 31** – Church Wide New Year's Eve Party 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. Bring games & snacks.

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

**Jan. 17-19** – Winterfest

\*\*\*Please let Dee Plummer know by TODAY if you are planning on going to Winterfest. Money is due to the office by Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. It is \$90 with a t-shirt and \$75 without.\*\*\*

**Order of Worship**

<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>
.....	<i>Come, Now is the Time to Worship</i>
.....	<i>Great Things</i>
.....	<i>King of My Heart</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>What Child Is This</i>
.....	<i>First Noel</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Chris Taylor</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Kaiser Webb, Terry Sherrill, Robb Mills</b>
.....	<b>Jeff Owen, Roger Unruh, Mike Armour</b>
.....	<i>Come All Ye Faithful</i>
.....	<i>Hark the Herald Angels</i>
<b>Sermon: The Power of Christmas to Bring Joy</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>Joy to the World</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Kassidy Roberts, Meredith Plummer</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Jim Coker</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

Luke 2:10

**Sermon Thought:**

When the angels appeared to the shepherds, they announced that good news was coming which would bring great joy! We can all agree that the world could use more joy.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Why do some people experience a heightened sense of jolliness at Christmas time? Why do some feel the opposite and lean towards the Scrooge or Grinch stereotypes?
2. What would you say are keys to cultivating joy in one's life?
3. Where can you find joy this month?

**Next Week's (1/5/24) Servants:**

**Song Leader /Welcome:** TBD

**Communion Talk:** David Granberg

**Servers:** Keaton Francis  
Isaac Taylor  
Dallas Darrow  
Bruce Swart  
Chester Peyton  
Jeff Owen

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** TBD

**Nursery:** Lisa Granberg  
Kira Granberg  
Jasmine Granberg

**Children's Church:** Katana Jones  
Macy Mills

**Wednesday Toddler/ Preschool Teacher:** Jacqueline Anderson

**This Week's Birthdays:**

29<sup>th</sup> ..... Tammi Long  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Briggston Wilson

**Jan.**  
1<sup>st</sup> ..... Patty Long  
2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Jim Osburn  
..... Kelly Ward

**This Week's Anniversaries:**

29<sup>th</sup> ..... Bruce & Linda Swart  
..... John & Brenda Swart

**Jan.**  
2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Chester & Heather Peyton

**A Better Plan**

(from Every Day with Jesus)

When the right time came, God sent his Son. -Galatians 4:4

What are you waiting for this Christmas? Is it the Christmas candy, a party, or a present? There are so many good things to wait and hope for in the Christmas season, but the very best one has already come: your Savior.

But Jesus didn't come when or how the world was expecting Him. to. The people of Israel thought their Savior would come as a conqueror to set them free from their enemies. But He didn't. They also thought He would come as a great and mighty king to rule over the kingdom of Israel on earth. Instead, He came as a helpless baby in a manger.

Israel had a plan for their Savior, but God had a better one. He didn't send His Son to save a nation: He sent Jesus to save souls. Remember, you may have a plan, but trust God and follow Him-because He has a better one.

**Thank You**

Hi Church Family,

Thank you for the food you brought to me, the prayers, taking the trash out, bringing the mail in, the phone calls. Whatever you did to help me heal, thanks! And the warm welcome back last week was really nice!

Love y'all,  
Wynoka Sunday

Dear Youth Group & Parent Sponsors,  
Thank you for coming to our house and sining Christmas carols. We look forward to that each year. You made our evening even more special. May God bless each of you.

We love you!  
Bill & Susan Oldham & the Jantz Life Group

**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.

