



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:

- 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. 12** – Elders/Deacons Meeting: After Worship
- Jan. 12** – H.O.P.E. Group
- Jan. 17-19** – Winterfest
- Jan. 26** – H.O.P.E. Group
- Feb. 3** – Westview Boys’ Home Truck
- Feb. 21-23** – Youth Spring Retreat at Saints Grove w/ Stillwater & Perkins

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- If you would like individual communion cups, they are located on the small table behind the pillar in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies that would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers’ room that is accessed by walking through the nursery.

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome	Glenn Walker
.....	<i>God is so Good</i>
.....	<i>Highest Place</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i>
.....	<i>I Am Mine No More</i>
Communion Talk	Cole Roberts
Servers	George Gordon, Dan Kent, Dudley Darrow
.....	Bruce Swart, Aaron LeCrone, Jim Coker
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord!</i>
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>When Upon Life’s Billows</i>
Sermon: Along the Way	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Hark the Gentle Voice</i>
Shepherd’s Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Sue Diel, Audrey Darrow
Sound Booth/Slides	Ally Coker, Amarah Granberg

Sermon Scripture:

Acts 19:9,23; 24:14,22

Sermon Thought:

One of the terms used for God's followers was, "the Way." In the book of Acts we read about people learning more about the Way, as well as opposition to the Way. This is a great descriptive term because people who are following God are really on a journey that has a route to follow, peaks and valleys, adjustments to be made, and a final destination.

Sermon Questions:

1. When thinking about following God as a journey, which part of the journey do you think tends to be emphasized most in Christianity?
2. Where do you think you are on your journey as a follower of the Way?
3. Share an important moment in your life as a follower of the Way and how it impacted you.

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

Song Leader /Welcome: Jim Coker

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: Robb Mills

Nursery: Lisa Granberg
Kira Granberg
Jasmine Granberg

Children's Church: Katana Jones
Macy Mills

Wednesday Toddler/ Preschool Teacher: Jacqueline Anderson

The Power of Trust

A survey was once conducted in which ten thousand people were interviewed to determine what they looked for in a leader. They unanimously said, "trust."

When Joseph was sold into Egypt, he entered Potiphar's house and earned Potiphar's trust, even taking responsibility for his estate. When Potiphar was not around, Joseph was loyal, even in the face of Potiphar's wife's attempts to seduce him. Later, while Joseph was in prison, he gained the trust of those in charge. (Genesis 39:22-25)

Trust is essential for our relationships to succeed. We earn trust when we show respect even to the "least of these" in society. The way we treat others will determine if they respect or trust us.

We earn the trust of others when we keep the commitments we make; that enables God to work through us to accomplish His will – just as He did through Joseph.

Dave Bland
Power for Today, January 2024

LTC

To prepare for LTC in 2025, starting Jan 8th thru April 16th, there will be a combined Wednesday night class for the elementary, middle, junior school and high school ages in preparation for Bible Bowl and Bible Quiz events on the Gospel of Luke. Derek Tinius will be teaching this class. Alternate high school and elementary classes will also be offered during the quarter.

This Week's Birthdays:

29th Tammi Long
30th Briggston Wilson

Jan.
1st Patty Long
2nd Jim Osburn
..... Kelly Ward

This Week's Anniversaries:

29th Bruce & Linda Swart
..... John & Brenda Wright

Jan.
2nd Chester & Heather Peyton

