



**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:**

- June 12** – Meal: Lite Lasagna, Bread, Green Beans, Cherry Cheesecake, Lemon Bars
- June 14-16** – Next Randy Willingham Visit
- June 19** – Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Veggie Tray, Chips, Strawberry Sheet Cake
- June 16-22** – LCCC Conquerors for Christ
- June 26** – Meal: Poppy Seed Chicken, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Delight
- July 3** – Meal: Mexican Stack Up, Sopapilla Cheesecake
- July 7-13** – LCCC Xtreme Week
- July 10** – Meal: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Chips, Cookies
- July 14-20** – LCCC Senior Session
- July 14-20** – Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp: Session Ocho

**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**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>
.....	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>
.....	<i>Hosanna</i>
.....	<i>You Are Holy</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>Open My Heart to What You Know</i>
.....	<i>Every Time</i>
.....	<i>All in All</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Chester Peyton, Brandon Jones, Michael Granberg, Hudson Plummer</b>
.....	<i>What the Lord Has Done in Me</i>
.....	<i>Battle Belongs</i>
<b>Sermon: RSVP</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>Beautiful One</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Brent Dittmeyer</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Reeta Williams, Amarah Granberg</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Trey Johnson</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

Mark 13

**Sermon Thought:**

Mark 13 records some of Jesus' teaching about the end of times. People always want to know when it will happen and what it will be like. However, Jesus clearly says the day and the hour are unknown. As such, followers of God must always be ready.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Is it okay to ask for signs and miracles as the disciples did?
2. Why should we still be watching for Jesus' return?
3. What should we be doing until Jesus returns?

**Next Week's (6/16/24) Servants:**

**Song Leader /Welcome:** Wesley Boyd

**Pilgrim's Praise:** Cole Roberts

**Communion Talk:** Dee Plummer

**Servers:** Dan Kent  
Cooper Thornton  
Houston Moore  
Cory Moore

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Dan Kent

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** Terry Sherrill

**Nursery:** Jamie Barr  
Meredith Plummer

**Wed. (12<sup>th</sup>) Toddler/ Preschool Teacher:** Kelli Moore

**Greeters For June:** Faye Garrison  
Joy Williams

**This Week's Birthdays:**

9<sup>th</sup>.....Brooks Wilson  
.....Gene Denney

**Recent Prayer Requests:**

**Debbie Martin** – being treated for several health issues

**Hard Is Not Harmful**

“That is hard!” We have all heard this said by someone facing a difficult task, and in fact, we have probably each said it ourselves at some point. In general, people tend to avoid hardship. We view things like blood, sweat, tears, pain, soreness, exhaustion, or waiting as bad because they cause discomfort. In the book, Do Hard Things, by Alex and Brett Harris, Chuck Norris writes, “Today we live in a culture that promotes comfort, not challenges. Everything is about finding ways to escape hardship, avoid pain, and dodge duty.”

We cannot allow ourselves to equate “hard” with “harmful.” Learning to play a new instrument, breaking a bad habit, building muscle, losing weight, or sometimes even setting the alarm earlier can all be hard, but those can all be good. By letting comfort be a guiding force, we miss out on so much growth. The world is full of difficult tasks that produce positive results, but the only way to experience the gain is to go through the difficult.

Having chores and responsibilities are good. So is being told “no,” “wait,” or have patience. There are also spiritual benefits for doing hard things. Consider the benefits of the following scripture. “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace,” Hebrews 12:11. Paul describes living a faithful life with words like: “Fight the good fight,” and 1 Timothy 6:12; “run with perseverance the race marked out for us,” Hebrews 12:1. Jesus said, “Stand firm, and you will win life,” Luke 21:19.

Some of humanities’ best characteristics come out when life gets hard. Characteristics like patience and perseverance, compassion and empathy only come out when experiencing difficulties. Instead of viewing difficulty as harmful, cultivate a mentality that views hardship as opportunities for growth.

**Erik Granberg**

**Building Updates**

The work on the baptistry is almost complete! We are just waiting for the new baptistry to be delivered.

The dirt around the building is being leveled out to allow for better water drainage. Feel free to take any dirt from the piles around the parking lot. After the dirt work is completed, the grass will be replaced.

**Randy Willingham Weekend**

Randy Willingham will be here next weekend, the 14 – 16. Friday, the elders, ministers, and wives will be having dinner. Saturday will be our church wide meeting from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and then the elders/deacons/ministers will be meeting after worship on Sunday with lunch.