



**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:**

- Oct 2** – Westview Food Pickup
- Oct 4** - Meal: Baked Potatoes, Fritos, Chili, Green Salad, Brownies
- Oct 11** – Meal: Sub Sandwiches, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Oct 18** – Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Beef Veggie Soup, Dessert
- Oct. 21** – Ladies' Day
- Oct 22** – Garland Girls Service Project: Immediately after church until 2:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)
- Oct 25** – Meal: Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert
- Oct 28** – Young Adult Party @ the Johnsons'
- Oct 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship and Potluck
- Nov 3-5** – Randy Willingham Weekend
- Nov 15** –Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Nov 19** – Pantry Patron Dinner

**\*\*\*The deadline to register for LTC is October 1<sup>st</sup>. LTC is the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you need more information, please email Jacob Bowman at [Jacob02Jay@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob02Jay@gmail.com)\*\*\***

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Brett Thornton</b>
<b>Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Bruce Swart</b>
<b>Sermon: The Corruption of Pride</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Brent Dittmeyer</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Reeta Williams</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Dudley Darrow</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Esther 3

**Sermon Thought:**

This sermon looked at the pride and entitlement of Haman, the evil, scheming villain in the book of Esther. Haman had been elevated in the land and was wealthy, but his ego was fragile. He placed more value on wealth, power, and authority than he did people. That is not God's way.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What areas of your life do you find yourself being entitled or "owed"?
2. Why do you think that is?
3. How does the good news of the gospel free us from entitlement?

**Philippine Church Plant**

North Garland will be sending a mission team to the Philippines in the summer of 2025 to help with the last capital city church plant. We were instrumental with the planting of the very first church in the 90's and now will help complete the vision started so many years ago. Our goal is to raise \$21,800 to help with the plant and the team's traveling costs. We have raised over \$5,000 so far! Please pray for our fundraising efforts and for the team who will be going. If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, please talk to Roger Owen, Jim Coker, or Bill Oldham.

## Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Susan Oldham  
4<sup>th</sup> ..... Carissa Hurt  
6<sup>th</sup> ..... Hal Johnson

## Next Week's (10/8/23) Servants:

### Song Leader

**/Welcome:** Dee Plummer

**Pilgrim's Praise:** Derek Tinius

### Communion

**Talk:** Cole Roberts

### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Dan Kent

### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Ally Coker  
Amarah  
Granberg

**Nursery:** Patrece Allen

### Greeters For

**Oct:** Sue Diel  
Kassidy Roberts

## Are You Changing?

People can change a lot of things about themselves. They can change their hair color, their names, and the people they spend time with. And there are some things they can't change-certain physical characteristics, the families they came from, and their natural personality types. When it comes to changing our habits or ways of thinking or the ways we respond to things, sometimes we feel powerless. *That's just the way I am, we think. I'll never change.*

But we are not on our own when it comes to change. If we are joined to Christ by faith, we can be sure that the Holy Spirit is at work, using the word of God to change us from the inside out. The Holy Spirit is giving us the power we need to say "no" to sins we used to only say "yes" to. Over time, as we keep on turning away from sin and toward Jesus, we discover that we are no longer stuck committing the same old sins and thinking the same destructive thoughts and feeling the same defeated feelings. As we grow in love for Jesus, we find that we love what he loves and hate what he hates. We find that we want to be more like him in every way. It doesn't happen in an instant, but rather over a lifetime. We change. We change to become more like Jesus.

*All of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord-who is the Spirit-makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*  
2 Corinthians 3:18

*The Lord your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live!*  
Deuteronomy 30:6

*This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is veering fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.*  
Colossians 1:6

**From Dinner Table Devotions** by Nancy Guthrie

## Blessings Flow Both Ways

We will be providing a meal for the Glenwood staff on parent-teacher conference night, Monday, Oct. 9. Please sign up to bring some food for the Taco Bar on the welcome center.

## Glenwood School Project Update

We are excited to remind you of the things that our congregation has been involved in at the school:

- \*Goodie bags for the teachers with teacher supplies and a gift card
- \*A welcome back breakfast for the entire staff
- \*Honoring the support staff with small gifts on their official recognition day
- \*Seven members (so far) have promised to be Book Buddies with reading students
- \*Fun survival kits for the entire staff
- \*Supper for the staff during parent/teacher conferences
- \*A few other projects throughout the school year

If you are interested in being hands-on with any of these projects, please contact Judy, Kendra, or Mandy.