



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:

- Sept 4** – Office Closed/Labor Day
- Sept 6** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Fritos, Chili, Green Salad, Brownies
- Sept 10** – Area Wide in Ponca City
- Sept 13** – Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Sept 17** – Young Adult lunch after worship
- Sept 17** – H.O.P.E. Group
- Sept 20** – Meal: Chicken & Stuffing Casserole, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert
- Sept 23** – Youth Group Service Project
- Sept 27** – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Green Beans, Green Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert
- Oct 4** - Meal: Baked Potatoes, Fritos, Chili, Green Salad, Brownies
- Oct 11** – Meal: Sub Sandwiches, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Oct 15** – H.O.P.E. Group
- 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
- Nov 15** –Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Nov 19** – H.O.P.E. Group

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Bruce Swart
Pilgrim’s Praise	Erik Granberg
.....	He Has Made Me Glad
.....	As the Deer
.....	On Bended Knee
Prayer	TBD
.....	Lamb of God
.....	Come Share the Lord
Communion Talk	Cory Moore
.....	Light the Fire
#535	Glory Land Way
Sermon: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Net	Erik Granberg
#544	Without Him
Shepherd’s Prayer	Pat Meek
Nursery	Geneva Osburn
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 13:47-50

Sermon Thought:

This sermon concludes the Kingdom of Heaven series. This parable emphasizes the point that while God is full of grace, he is also full of justice. God will not force his grace upon those who run away from him. Those "bad fish" will be thrown into, "the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Sermon Questions:

1. List out the many amazing attributes of grace, then identify misunderstandings of grace.
2. With the numerous references to a place of, "weeping and gnashing of teeth," why do many believers refuse to accept its reality?
3. What stands out in your memory from the Kingdom of Heaven sermon series?

New Prayer Requests:

- Carol Jantz** – recovering from shoulder surgery
- Willie Russell** – his feet have been swelling
- Renny Hartman Family** – prayers as they navigate the loss of Renny
- Jim Osburn** – recovering from a fall
- Debbie Martin** – health issues

Anniversaries:

5th.....Bryce & Gina Thornton
.....25 Years!!

Birthdays:

4th.....Michael Armour
9th.....Jan Petrik

Next Week's (9/10/23) Servants:

- Song Leader**
- /Welcome:** Jim Coker
- Pilgrim's Praise:** Trey Johnson
- Communion**
- Talk:** Danny Powers
- Shepherd's Prayer:** Brent Dittmeyer
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** Robb Mills
- Nursery:** Mandy Coker
- Greeters For August:** Jeanita Meek
Beverly Carroll
Patrece Allen
- Fill Communion For Sept:** Cheryl Kent
- Wash Baptismal Garments for September:** Mandy Coker

A Spiritual Journey

The Unseen

The journeys we take in life are laced with going to places we have never seen. This often causes us to have some anxieties, but the dominant factor remains the good feeling of excitement of what it will be like to enjoy our intended destination. Our spiritual journey is also dominated by the unseen reality of what lies ahead as we strive to do God's will. Paul tells us, *"We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal"* (2 Cor. 4:18).

The unseen is God's Spirit working in our hearts and minds, guiding us in our spiritual journey and our study of his holy and divine word. When we step out as Christians to share the gospel, the Holy Spirit guides us in what to say. Jesus teaches us *"not to be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour"* (Matt. 10:19-20). As precious souls receive the word and obey it, we see the physical effects of what is unseen. As we behold the manifestation of God's work, we receive strength and courage as we mature in our faith on our spiritual journey. Because as Paul says *"we walk by faith not by sight"* (2 Cor. 5:7). It is through our eyes of faith that we see the unseen things we know are there! *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"* (Heb. 11:1). Faith is what allows us to believe in God and that he sent his Son to earth to save us. Then, it is again through faith that we are obedient to God's every command; loving each other as Christ loved us and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:18). The unseen element of our spiritual journey allows us to live our lives for God and share our faith through our daily walk knowing God is with us in everything we do.

Gordon Jantz

Thank You

Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement and for all of the support and prayers at this very difficult time. Renny loved her church family and loved life. Her love of quilting and sharing that with others was incredible. Her life touched many.
Dennis Hartman, Keitha Depanion, and Family of Renny Hartman

Thank you for the prayers. Kathy and Brent Dittmeyer brought us in supper after we got home from Colorado. It was very much appreciated!
Jim & Geneva Osburn



Do you have 1 hour a week to change a child's life? The Glenwood Elementary School Reading Interventionalist needs Book Buddies for her students. Please consider giving 1 hour of your time to read with a student every week for the 1st semester of school, starting in the middle of September. Check the welcome center for more information or talk to Judy Watson.