



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:

Youth Return from Winterfest

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 21** – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- Jan. 22** – Meal: Asian Feast
- Jan. 26** – H.O.P.E. Group: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29** – Meal: Chili, Potato Soup, Cheesy Taco Chicken Soup
- Jan. 29** – Fifth Wednesday Outreach: Soup for pantry patrons
- Feb. 3** – Westview Boys' Home Truck
- Feb. 5** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies
- Feb. 12** – Assorted Quiches, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Feb. 21-23** – Youth Spring Retreat at Saints Grove w/ Stillwater & Perkins
- Feb. 26** – Meal: Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso, & Assorted Desserts

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

	<i>A Common Love</i>
Song Leader/Welcome	Wesley Boyd
	<i>Hide Me, O My Savior</i>
	<i>Pray All the Time</i>
Prayer	TBD
	<i>Sunlight</i>
	<i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i>
Communion Talk	Brian Wright
Servers	Wayne Williams, Cory Moore, Houston Moore
	Cooper Thornton, Dan Kent, Dudley Darrow
	<i>Mansion Over the Hilltop</i>
Sermon: Responsibilities of Elders	Erik Granberg
	<i>While Jesus Whispers to You</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Kim Burford, Mandy Coker
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill
Children's Church Teacher/Helper	Katana Jones, TBD

Sermon Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Sermon Thought: Today was the 2nd sermon on elders and looked at their responsibilities. Peter compares an elder's responsibilities with that of a shepherd. Shepherds must take care of all aspects of their sheep: food, shelter, protection.

Sermon Questions:

1. If you had to rank the responsibilities of a shepherd for his sheep, what order would you put the top 3 in?
2. What would you say the top 3 responsibilities of an elder are?
3. What would you say the top responsibilities of the congregation as sheep are?

Next Week's (1/26/25) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome:	Dee Plummer
Communion Talk:	Brandon Jones
Servers:	Kaiser Webb Terry Sherrill Robb Mills Jeff Owen Pat Meek Michael Armour
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth/ Slides:	Jim Coker
Nursery:	Jamie Barr Jacqueline Anderson
Children's Church:	Katana Jones Makenna Wright
Wednesday Toddler/ Preschool Teacher:	Katana Jones

Revealing God – Disciples Pillars of Faith

I stand in awe of the early pioneers who left the civilized settlements on the east coast and began a journey westward to worlds unknown. It was through faith that they began an adventure that would eventually extend the dwelling of humanity across the plains and ending up on the west coast. They faced a difficult and dangerous journey with covered wagons, horseback, and walking. The sacrifice of these early pioneers was beyond our comprehension, but it provided new life across the great country of America.

In the same way, Jesus' disciples stand as **pillars of faith** for the work they did and the journey they made to bring to life the Kingdom of Heaven. It was a defining moment for the disciples when their teacher and Lord left them and was taken up into heaven. The future now resided in their hands to do what Jesus told them just before he left. *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). History testifies of their journey ahead to also be filled with challenges and dangers, just as the pioneers did. The disciples proceeded to take the teachings of Jesus forward and opened up new spiritual frontiers by *"making disciples of all nations"* (Matt. 28:19). They were indeed **pillars of faith** as they went out to worlds unknown, to share the good news of God's saving grace through the sacrifice of his Son. They too sacrificed greatly as they continued their spiritual journey, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to establish the Lord's church and fill the Kingdom of Heaven with God's people. We, as members of the Lord's church, are the fulfillment of these **pillars of faith** and the wonderful work they did. Our task is now to continue their work to the glory of God.

Gordon Jantz

Women's Involvement Form

Please fill it out and return it by Sunday, January 19. These forms let our coordinators know who is interested in helping with many of the common ministries of the church (greeters, baby showers, nursery attendants, communion prep, teachers, and so on.) The pink forms are still available at the welcome center with a place to leave them when filled out.

This Week's Birthdays:

23rdEliza Jones
24th Jacob Bowman

What Are You Doing Tuesday Mornings?

If you have not been attending the Ladies Bible Study (or Men's Bible Study) lately at 10 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, you are missing something very special. The ladies are currently studying from Lesson 5 about David's life and the Psalms he wrote during his experiences. The men are studying from I John. It isn't too late to get started. The next classes will be on Tuesday, January 21.

Items Needed for the Westview Boys' Home Truck coming 2/3/25:

Pancake Mix
Microwave Popcorn
Scalloped Potatoes
Ranch
Refried Beans
Grape Juice
Vienna Sausages
Spam
Paper Towels
Paper Plates
Plastic Assorted Utensils

Please put items in the main building kitchen or in the wooden box in the corner of the foyer by the kitchen. Thank you!!