



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:

H.O.P.E. Group: 6-7:30 p.m. at the Plummer's House

Upcoming Events:

- March 26** – Meal: Sliders, Mac & Cheese, Green Salad, Dessert
- April 3** – Life Line Screening: All Day in the Fellowship Building
- April 9** – Meal: Golden Chick Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- April 13** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting: After Worship
- April 15** – Serve Lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- April 16** – LTC Presentations
- April 20** – Easter
- May 4** – Going Away Party for Leonie Hel: 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Building
- May 6** – Serve Lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- May 11** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting: After Worship
- May 18** – Senior Sunday

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome.....	Dee Plummer
Prayer.....	TBD
Communion Talk.....	Terry Sherrill
Servers.....	Kaiser Webb, Michael Armour, Cole Roberts Gordon Jantz, Brandon Jones, Roger Unruh
Sermon: Different Because We Are One.....	Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer.....	Dan Kent
Nursery.....	Kelli Moore; Susan Oldham
Sound Booth/Slides.....	Jim Coker
Children's Church Teacher/Helper.....	Gina Thornton, Makenna Wright

Sermon Scripture:

Galatians 3:26-29

Sermon Thought:

People are so quick to see differences: skin, gender, finances, position, clothing. Yet none of those matter to God. God looks at the inside, not the outside. God's people are to be one.

Sermon Questions:

1. The thought above gives 4 ways people see differences. Think of 6 others and rank the 10 in the order that you see causing the most conflict among people.
2. This problem is nothing new. The 1st century church dealt with it as well. What scriptures come to mind addressing this problem?
3. How do you try to be "one" with believers who are different from you?

This Week's Birthdays:

25th John Wright
28th Cooper Thornton

Next Week's (3/30/25) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome: Glenn Walker

Communion Talk: Danny Powers

Servers: Bruce Swart
Bryce Thornton
Derek Tinius
Jim Coker
Brett Thornton
Dallas Darrow

Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/ Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Wendy Taylor
Meredith Plummer

Children's Church: Gina Thornton
Peyton Wright

Wednesday Toddler/ Preschool Teacher: (26th) Katana Jones

Greeters For March: Judy Watson
Luann Burford

Communion Prep for March: Carol Baxter

Wash Baptismal Garments: Kendra Brownell

**Revealing God – The Lord's Church
The Bride of Christ**

As a minister in the Lord's Church, I performed a number of wedding ceremonies. It was always a touching moment when the bride came down the aisle, dressed in her beautiful white gown and beaming with the radiance of her love. Marriage is truly a "God moment," when two lives become one. Everyone present is changed by this sacred ceremony. This blending of two lives into one is how we fulfill God's plan for human life.

The Lord's Church is the fulfillment of our spiritual destiny – our heavenly home with God. John captures the divine essence of **the Bride of Christ**. "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2). There is one thing for sure about this touching moment, it took a lot of planning, a lot of sacrifice, a lot of involvement by the Lord's saints, and above all, a lot of love. The beauty, the radiance, and the eternal joy make it a memorable moment to be part of. John again tells us, "Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints" (Rev. 19:7-8). Let us never doubt that the Lord's Church, as **the Bride of Christ**, is our life! It is how we become one with the Father and the Son. Jesus testifies to this in his prayer to the Father. "The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one" (Jn. 17:22). Praise God we share in the radiant glory of **the Bride of Christ** walking down the aisles of heaven. "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let him who hears say, 'Come'... He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:17 & 20).

Gordon Jantz

Thinking of You Bags

Since July 1, 2024, we have filled and presented bags of goodies to seven women of our congregation. You helped provide the goodies for those bags. Our stash is depleted. If you feel you could purchase 2 or 3 things for additional bags, please do so and put them in the office by the refrigerator. We need things whenever you can bring them. Thank you for helping by either buying something or keeping these special ladies in your prayers.

New Teaching Quarter for Children: April 6th through June 29th

Two central values of our congregation is to serve and be obedient to the Lord. We deeply value the Word of God and seek to pass the eternal truths to our children. Teaching a class is an opportunity to both serve and help the faith of our children to grow. Preparing for a lesson helps your faith to grow also! If you are interested in teaching this next quarter, please let Robb or Chris know.

Don't worry if you will miss a few Sundays or Wednesdays during the quarter. We will help with arranging for substitute teachers.