

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

August 2018



## Pastor Mission Update

\*\*Pulpit has been filled through the Summer

\*\*We have met with COM (Committee on Ministry)

\*\*Our next step is to conduct mission study

\*\*Jennifer Olson from United Presbyterian Church in Denison is our Moderator

\*\* Pastor Lorinda is on call for emergencies

**We all say GOOD MORNING to others.**

**Do you know the meaning of "GOOD MORNING"?**

G Get Up  
O Open your heart  
O Open your mind  
D Dedicate you day to God

M Meditate on God's word  
O Optimize your faith and hope  
R Rebuke all evils  
N Never doubt God's love  
I Inspire someone  
N Nothing should scare you  
G Go out with joy.

## Where are they now?

The late Doug Stidham and Kathy Stidham Powell were and are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Glidden. The family moved to Glidden in 1987 including a son, Tyler Stidham. Later a girl, Kirsten Stidham was added to this family. Tyler Stidham is the focus of our story this month.

Tyler was born at the Crawford County Hospital in 1986 and within a year of his birth he moved to Glidden. Tyler spent his pre-school and thirteen years of school at Glidden. In hindsight, Tyler realizes the benefits of small town America. One could ride your bicycle all over town without concern. The swimming pool was always a summer attraction. The basketball court was in the park just across from Tyler's home and he spent many hour with friends at the park. When it was time to come home Mom would only whistle and Tyler knew it was time to head home. Tyler freely admits that quality education at Glidden-Ralston is overlooked until one leaves and goes out into the world and looks back at the quality that G-R offered. Tyler enjoyed his time at G-R School and found his time at school to be very valuable. Special mention of his teachers goes to Mr. Larry Littlefield and Mr. Ed Rezabek but Tyler gives credit to all teachers. At G-R Tyler participated in football, baseball, basketball and golf. Tyler loved baseball and enjoyed Mr. Kirk Thelin as his coach.

College life was next on Tyler's schedule as he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. Early on college was a challenge for Tyler. As many young people experience, Tyler admitted he did not have a clear path to his future. He wrestled with course work in micro-economics, psychology, sociology but the light came on when he began to study business economics. Right then Tyler could see a much clearer path for his life. Tyler made new friends in college and he became President of a club baseball team at the University. Club baseball is for people who cannot play Division I baseball but could play Division II ball but wanted to attend a division one school. Tyler played for two years and they played other schools such as Iowa State University. When Tyler became President the club was 75 members strong but it grew to over 200 numbers and Tyler became a full time President and did not play his later years. Graduation from college came in the spring of 2010 so Tyler was off to the world of work.

Tyler accepted a job in Montana at the Big Sky Resort. He was director of safety and security for this resort. His work day would end at 2:00am. Therefore he had most of his day time hours free. Tyler could fish, ski or go hiking and he loved his time in Montana. He learned a different life style than filling an 8:00am to 5:00pm occupation. During his two year stay, Tyler realized this was not a career job.

The thought of economics was still in his mind so he accepted a job in Des Moines, Iowa with Wells Fargo. He worked in the Home Mortgage Division but kept his eye open for a position in the investment side of business. While living in Iowa, a turning point occurred in his walk through life. He decided that he wanted to pursue a field involving agriculture. Through connections with a friend, who traded futures and cash trades, he applied for a trading assistant position with Gavilon Grain Company of Omaha, Nebraska. Tyler knew he wanted to trade commodities and was offered a job with Gavilon Grain in its feed ingredients division in Amarillo, Texas. Tyler was responsible for marketing all of the wet distiller's grain and corn oil produced by a large ethanol plant in the area. Tyler occupied this position from 2012 – 2015.

In 2015, Gavilon moved Tyler to the Grain Division, still in Amarillo and he began to market corn for cattle feed yards and marketed some milo and wheat for export. Gavilon Grain has a couple of large elevators in the Amarillo area and they purchase train loads of grain and shipped it into these elevators. They receive 100+ trains each year with each train containing 450,000 bushels of corn shipped from Iowa, Nebraska or other corn surplus areas. Tyler says we have received shipments from Landus Cooperative from their Templeton and Bayard locations. Gavilon receives train shipments on the Union Pacific (UP) and the Burlington Northern-Sante Fe (BNSF) railroad. Tyler's job is to oversee the logistics, buy the grain and sell it at the rate of one million bushels per week. Additionally he markets 5+ million bushels of hard red winter wheat in the export market each year. Tyler has already sold a position of corn for May-June-July-August for 2019. Tyler loves what he is now doing in Amarillo, his job responsibility is growing and his roots are sinking deeper into the West Texas soil.

Tyler is the owner of a couple of dogs, a cocker spaniel-poodle mix and a German short hair pointer. He rents a home in Amarillo but intends to

buy one in the short distance. Tyler spends time hunting quail in Texas and traveling to New Mexico for some fly fishing while on vacation. Tyler is the President of the Amarillo chapter of Quail Forever.

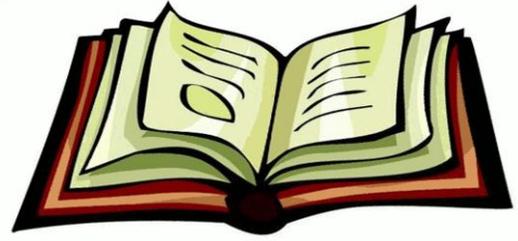
Tyler recalls his days at First Presbyterian Church with his friends Ryan Thelin and Emma Flemmig. Rev. Don Cameron was the pastor at the time Tyler was in school. He remembers Thanksgiving dinner with Dean Lamp in charge and he remembers Easter Service as being special.

Today, Tyler recognizes he is in a very good situation. He is learning and is being recognized for his contributions to the company.

It is very rewarding to speak with a person who grew up in Glidden, has gone off into this world and is making his mark with enthusiasm.

**Sunday School will be starting  
back up in the Presbyterian  
Church basement**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am!!**



**Giving Back to the Community Opportunity is below we thought we would share.**

New Opportunities  
**Back to School  
Supply Drive**  
July 2nd — Aug 3rd, 2018  
is in full swing and New Opportunities Carroll County  
Family Development Center will be distributing school  
supplies to low-income families in the Carroll County area.  
*Please help by dropping your donations at one of our partner  
donation sights including: Dollar General, Bomgaars, City of  
Glidden, Glidden Grocery, City of Manning, and the New  
Opportunities Carroll County Family Development  
Center.*

**Supplies Needed:**

- Backpacks	- Glue Sticks	- Boxes of Tissues
- Crayons	- Elmer's Glue	- Highlighters
- #2 Pencils	- Washable Markers	- 3 Ring Binders
- Rulers	- Clorox Wipes	- Pencil Boxes & Cases
- Spiral Notebooks	- Colored pencils	- Erasers
- Child Safety Scissors	- Calculators	

A logo for 'New Opportunities' featuring a silhouette of a family (two adults and two children) walking towards the right. The text 'NEW OPPORTUNITIES' is written in a stylized font below the silhouette.

## *Kudos Korner:*

*To Cory Brandt and his 15 football players from Rock Valley/Boyden-Hull for attending First Presbyterian Church services on July 15, 2018.*

*To the great people of First Presbyterian who are helping pick up the slack while we are without a pastor. People such as computer people who operate the projector, people who organize and play the music, people who organize for guest pastors, preparing bulletins and others who help out in many ways.*

*To Whitney Reever on being selected Queen of the Carroll County Fair. You go girl!!!*

*To Braylee & Treynor Cose for their participation in the County Fair.*

*To the people who continue financial support for the church even though the church is without a full time pastor.*

*To Oliver Conner who won open Modified Feature at the Carroll County and Shelby County Fairs*

*To Marlys Conner and Ronda Schroeder for getting the pulpit filled for the summer months*

*Kuddos to All*

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

20<sup>th</sup>-Joyce Conner

21<sup>st</sup>-Allison Thelin

22<sup>nd</sup>-Linda McCellan

24<sup>th</sup>-Carolyn Conner

25<sup>th</sup>-Erik Lamp

25<sup>th</sup>-Jane Burdine

26<sup>th</sup>-Marge Middaugh

28<sup>th</sup>-Ed and Jen Flemmig Anniversary

31<sup>st</sup>-Mike and Linda McCellan Anniversary



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Church will be at 10:30 am starting on Sunday,  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### Meals of the Heartland

*Need volunteers to package meals on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to Noon*

*Contact Suzy Danner for more info!!!*

### Announcements

- PW meets on Wednesday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, at The Little Green Truck in Auburn at 11:30 am  
\*If anyone wants to car pool just meet at Seaman's at 11:00 am
- Session meets on Wednesday, Aug 21st, at 5:30pm
- August 26<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday of 9:30 am worship
- Meals From the Heartland's Annual Hunger Fight is August 30<sup>th</sup>  
We will carpool from the church at 8:00am and package meals from 10:00 to noon