

# Honored to Serve

August	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Song Leader.....	Kendall Poland	Ken Coker	Darrell Lanford	Glenn Walker	Jon Holland
Opening Prayer.....	Marion Howell	Chris Berry	Robb Mills	Greg Waide	Jim Long
Charge of Communion..	Gordon Jantz	Mike Martin	Jon Holland	Cory Moore	Darrell Lanford
Prayer for Cup.....	Jeff Owen	Jon Holland	David Burford	Wayne Williams	Alan Lindsay
Prayer for Offering.....	Kevin Downing	Shawn Tuohy	Chris Walker	John Wright	Shannon Elledge
Servers.....	Dan Kent	Joe Williams	Phil Howell	Ron Scott	Jerod Burford
	Sam Cogburn	Dudley Darrow	Tommy Parker	Tom Stafford	Butch McComas
	Rustin Osburn	Cole Steffens	Trenn Watson	David Petrik	Jim Coker
	Steve Ebey	Daniel Osburn	Jeff Scott	Derrick Harris	Larry Cochran
	Ken Smith	Tommy Singleton	Harley Downing	Danny Powers	Manny Walker
	Brian Wright	Kevin Miller	Ken Coker	Larry LeCrone	Dusty Hugaboom
Closing Prayer.....	George Gordon	Gary Rork	Cledis Waddle	Tim Rehmel	Dan Kent
Nursery Attendants....	Jerry Rogers	Michelle Pettus	Brenda Wright	Reeta Williams	Jennifer Waide
	Jo Ann Rogers	Amy Meek	Johna Wright	Carrie Mills	Nikki Hugaboom
Sound Booth.....	Rhonda Poland	Phil Howell	Rustin Osburn	Steve Ebey	Phil Howell
<b>Children's Worship:</b>					
Teachers.....	Paula & Patty	Paula & Patty	Kristin Ebey	Kristin Ebey	Kelly Coker
Helpers.....	The Williams	The Williams			Meagan Holland
<b>Evening Worship:</b>					
Song Leader	<b>Youth</b>	Wes Cogburn	<b>Life Groups</b>	Wes Cogburn	<b>5th Sunday</b>
Opening Prayer	<b>Encounter</b>	Bill Oldham		Phil Howell	<b>Singing</b>
Closing Prayer		Gary Rork		Jason Watkins	

**Usher**.....Bryce Thornton  
**Wash Baptism Garments**.....Cathy Berry

**Greeters:**  
 North.....Dennis & Renny Hartman  
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## Schedule of Class and Worship:

Sunday 9:00-Class  
 10:00-Worship  
 5:00-Worship  
 Wednesday Meal-5:45  
 Class-6:30

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 JOE STAFFORD.....233-0088  
 SHAWN TUOHY.....758-1325  
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## Lock Up For August

Randy Waters

# The Messenger

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

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## God is always seeking...

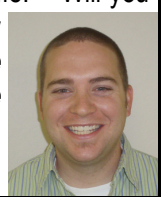
In the parable of the "Workers in the Vineyard" (Matthew 20:1-7) Jesus explains one of the most loving aspects of God's nature. He never tires of seeking people. God is always on the job.

He looks for people with hearts that are open and receptive. He seeks those individuals needing a change in life that will address their deep felt need for significance. In the latter part of verse 6 and in verse 7 the landowner asks; "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" the response is; "Because no one has hired us." God just can't wait to provide each of His children with the opportunity to realize the purpose for which they were created. God's relentless seeking also relates to His desire to employ and empower all who are willing to completely trust in Him. The landowner says in verses 4-5; "I will pay you whatever is right." There is no mention of wages after that. A passage I love and think of often is found in 2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." In conclusion, Jesus shows us through this parable that God seeks us out even when we think we want Him to leave us alone. He shows us a God that knows who we truly are, and what we truly need. Most importantly He shows us a God that cares enough to make every effort to seek us out.

Blessed to be found....Wes



I have so many questions about my life. What will happen, why things have happened and so on...? We could talk forever about the questions we each have concerning God, life, spirituality and each other. If you ask me, I could also give you every answer to your questions! You didn't know I was that smart now did you? To be honest, majority of my answers would be given to make you happy or make you like me more (I do want each of you to like me!!!) but what purpose would that fulfill. The word "question" comes from the word "quest." Asking questions is about finding what is right about this world and God. It's about finding a clue and then another and then another that seem to get you closer to that big "X." I am not a Christian today because I was born this way; it is due to the quest I have been on since I was able to understand the Bible. I am a Christian today due to questions and finding out that Christianity is the answer to what is real in life. Will you allow God to answer your questions and take you on a quest that may lead you away from your preconceived answers? "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2 ~ Darrell <><



**Elder Of  
The Month**



**Brent  
Dittmeyer**

**What's Your Dream?**

We all have different dreams growing up. Mine was about baseball (being the next Mickey Mantle) and then being an astronaut. However, as I got in high school, my freshman year, I had trouble hitting high heat (inside fastball) and space exploration, I like my feet too much on the ground to fly around the earth all day. I examined what I liked to do, what I thought I was good at, prayed about it and a few years later I became a pharmacist.

Churches are not a lot different. Each has its unique strengths and weaknesses. Each has to examine what it is doing, why it is doing it and will it get us to where we want to be. Its not going to happen overnight. All things are possible and pray without ceasing is the mindset and spirit we should have. So, what is your dream for the Church at North Garland?

Jim & Geneva Osburn shared theirs with our Life Group in July. They are starting a conference call for all members every Thursday at 7:00 PM, 401-694-1501 pin 769448.

A time to be encouraged, prayed for, and get a brief positive message.

Great job Jim!

Give Jim & Geneva a call each Thursday evening.

The elders and staff are developing a survey to get everyone's DREAMS and ideas for North Garland. Please everyone, fill one out. They should be out by the middle of August.

In closing, I just wanted to share with the church what an awesome God we have. Last week a lady that I know came to me at work. This person has started coming to church because of our pantry. She had a problem for several years. She had tears of joy in her eyes as she told me her story and how she overcame her struggles. She was thanking Jesus and ready to give testimony to everyone she knows. Does this remind you of any BIBLE stories? WHAT A GREAT GOD WE SERVE. WHAT A GREAT CHURCH THAT HELPS THOSE IN NEED.

You rock, church

BRENT

**New Beginnings**

There is an unusual excitement about a **new beginning**. We simply feel good all over, we have a new rush of energy, and we are ready and willing to take on the unknown challenges. God has blessed us from the **beginning** of creation by giving us everything we need to *"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it"* (Gen. 2:28). Can't you just feel how excited God was when he finished his wonderful creation – his glorious **new beginnings**, as he surveyed all that he had made! Scripture records this about God's excitement: *"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good"* (Gen. 2:31). I believe it is imperative for us as Christians to also feel good about all that God has blessed us with. To begin with, we are an essential part of his goodness – we are the keepers of what he created. Simply put, God has entrusted us to take care of his workmanship. We have a responsibility to make sure we do our part to sustain and carry forward what God has blessed us with.

Carol and I are also excited about our **new beginning** with a Family Life Ministry here at North Garland. God has again blessed us with this opportunity to be his humble servants so he can be glorified in the things we do. We commit our ministry to caring for the precious lives and souls God has entrusted us with. It really feels good to be back home with the North Garland family. The great thing about our ministry is that each day is filled with **new beginnings** as God lays before us the work he wants us to do with him. We praise God that he has judged us worthy to be in your presence.

*Gordon*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Youth Encounter</b>	2	3 Gene Long	4 Kelsey Watkins	5 Levi LeCrone Chris Walker	6 Ashton King	7
8	9 Luann Burford	10 Tony Ebey	11 Phillip Osburn	12	13 Bim Jones	14 Landon Shell Tracie Steffens
15 <b>Life Groups</b>	16	17 Marilyn Lynn	18 <b>Blood Drive 5-8</b>	19 Cody Hugaboom Ruth Stafford Jennifer Waide	20 Emiley Shell Jared Spencer	21
22	23	24 Darrell Lanford Duane Owen	25	26	27 Laura Setser Mike Long	28 Wes Cogburn Allyson Coker Connie Johnson Trena Martin
29 <b>5th Singing</b> Caleb Goodman Anberlin Lanford	30 Derrick Harris	31 Terry Gordon				