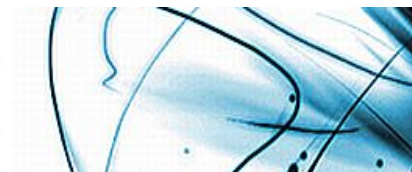




North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST



We strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events

5th Sunday Fellowship following services in the education building. We invite everyone to stay for great food and fellowship.

Upcoming Events

May 3-Wednesday Meal-King Ranch Chicken, Biscuits, Green Beans, Dessert

May 7-Sr. Sunday

May 10-Wednesday Meal

May 12-Game Night, 6-9

May 14-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.

May 14-Mother's Day

May 17-Wednesday Meal-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies

May 21-New Members Dinner, 11:30

May 24-Wednesday Meal

May 29-Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 31-Wednesday Meal

June 1-4-Family Mission Trip

June 4-Summer Quarter Begins

June 4-8-Garriott Rd Church of Christ VBS

June 7-Wednesday Meal

June 9-16-Sinai

June 11-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.

June 14-Wednesday Meal

June 18-Father's Day

June 21-Wednesday Meal

June 25-Keisha Ott's Baby Shower, 3:00

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....**Dee Plummer**
 #435.....Come Into His Presence
 #648.....Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus
 #993.....What A Mighty God We Serve
 #484.....You Are My All In All
Welcome/Scripture....**1 Peter 1:17-23**.....**Adam Smith**
Opening Prayer.....**Michael Manley**
 #533.....I Am A Sheep
 #113.....His Grace Reaches Me
Communion Talk**Gary Rork**
Gary Rork **Bryce Thornton** **Dudley Darrow** **Brett Thornton**
Roger Owen **Gene Schroeder** **Jerod Burford** **Dennis Hartman**
**Dismiss To Children's Church**
Salvation Belongs To Our God
 #712.....Jesus Is Coming Soon
Sermon.....**Erik Granberg**
 #15.....Step By Step
Welcome/Announcements.....**Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer.....**John Wright**

Nursery.....**Patrece Allen, Megan Darrow**
Lock Up.....**Michael Manley, Butch McComas**

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5; James 1:2-4

Thought: Everyone has difficulties in life. Things that cause pain, discomfort, sadness or loss. However, even though we hurt during those times, it is possible for those troubles to be shaping us into who God wants us to be. These two sections in scripture talk about two benefits of suffering, one is hope and the other is maturity.

Questions:

1. What are some other benefits of difficulties?
2. Joseph faced difficulties, but through mature eyes he was able to see the good in them. What other people in the Bible had similar experiences?
3. Take some time and reflect upon a difficulty that you have faced. How did you benefit from it?

Prayer List

Anne Klassen-has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Danny Darrow Family-he passed away. He was Dudley Darrow's uncle.

Nellie Jo Dittmeyer-is in The Commons Skilled Nursing Rm. 501.

Ronnie Sherrill-is having health problems. He is Terry Sherrill's father.

Record for 04-23-17

Bible Class.....	91
Morning Worship.....	186
Life Groups.....	84
Contributions.....	\$5,901.00
Budget.....	\$6,634.62
2017 YTD Cont.....	\$109,500.27
2017 YTD Bdgt.....	\$112,788.54

Birthdays

May:

5th...Lori King

6th...Macy Mills

Family Mission Trip - June 1-4

We hope you're making plans to participate in this great new mission trip. Please let Adam Smith or Michael Manley know as soon as possible if you are going. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for this trip.

Co-ed Softball

Its time for co-ed softball! There is a sign up sheet on the welcome center in the foyer for anyone 12 years old and older that would like to play co-ed softball. Games will start the end of May.

Baptized

Be sure to congratulate David Granberg. He was baptized last Sunday.

The Final Countdown

There are five more cities to go! From now to 2020, our eyes are set to plant five churches in these capital cities beginning from Mati City, Tandag, Jordan, Sorsogon and the last is Basco. There is one year that we will have to plant 2 churches and I am praying we can do both this coming December back to back. I am referring to Mati City and Tandag because they are in the same geographical area, only 80 miles apart from each other. Since we will be taking the MOSES team from all over the Philippines to Mati, my plan is to have a couple of days break after planting the church in Maiti then drive to Tandag City. It will probably take us a total of 21 days to do a back to back church planting. If we do this now, we will be able to save a lot of money on transportation for the team and that is a major expense, when we are traveling that far south down in Mindanao. If we can do two this year, this means we will only have one church to plant in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Our sponsor, Austin Avenue Church of Christ will sponsor the church planting in Jordan, in June/July 2018.

Right now, we are blessed that the Boerne Church of Christ will provide the money for the church planting in Mati, so all we need now is the fund for Tandag. We appreciate that a member of North Garland has pledged \$2,000 for a church planting this year, so all we need to pray about is raising the remaining \$4,000 needed to plant the church in Tandag! Please remember Mati and Tandag in your prayers, as we make plans for church plantings in December 2017! Once again thank you all for your love and partnership in the gospel, we have made a great team since 1994. We would not have been able to get the church planting work off the ground back in 1997 without your love, support, & guidance. We might have started out as small as a mustard seed, but look at how wide the branches are now- 39 churches in capital cities, countless other smaller churches planted in outlying towns, hundreds baptized, & MOSES team members strengthened & blessing their home congregations! We have much to rejoice & be thankful for! The Emperado gang really enjoyed our two weeks visit at Enid. Indeed, the fellowship, food and fun were great! Please remember us in your prayers as we make plans to return to the Philippines on May 26.

We love you all, Richard Emperado and family

Senior Bibles & Senior Sunday

Senior Bibles are in the foyer. Please consider what you want to communicate to our seniors as they carry God's word with them in the future. The Bibles will be given to the Seniors next Sunday for Senior Sunday, May 7th, so be sure you go write in the side of the pages the scripture you want to give them and a little note. This years Seniors are: **Jesse Elledge, Austin Patton & Jared Spencer.**

Question Box

As most of you know, there has been a question box in the lobby for the congregation to place questions which will be answered in a special series. Many good questions were received with a wide variety of topics. Thank you to everyone who put a question in the box. The elders and ministers are now going to enter a time of discernment to sort through the questions, study the scriptures, and choose the proper time and setting to best cover these questions.