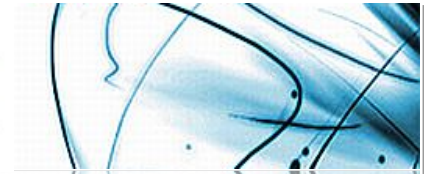




North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

- Overflow Retreat (Middle School) Returns around 11:30 at the building.
- Life Groups

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 24-**Wednesday Meal-Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert
- Aug. 28-**6th Grade Welcome
- Aug. 31-**Wednesday Meal-Salads, Crackers, Desserts
- Sept. 4-**Fall Quarter Begins, Promotion Sunday
- Sept. 5-**Office Closed For Labor Day
- Sept. 7-**Wednesday Meal-Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert
- Sept. 10-**Painting of Classrooms
- Sept. 11-**Youth Led Church Service
- Sept. 11-**Youth Devo, 5-7 @ The Smith's
- Sept. 12-**Youth FISH, 7:00-8:30
- Sept. 14-**Wednesday Meal
- Sept. 18-**Church Area Wide at the Central Nation Bank Center at 10:00 A.M.
- Sept. 18-**Zach Sherrill/Lilli Mera Wedding Shower, 2-4 at Kim Spencer's house
- Sept. 19-**FISH, 7:00-8:30
- Sept. 21-**Wednesday Meal
- Sept. 26-**FISH, 7:00-8:30
- Sept. 28-**Wednesday Meal

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Robb Mills
.....	Blue Skies And Rainbows
.....	Hallelujah
#238.....	You Are The Song That I Sing
Welcome	Erik Granberg
Scripture	John 1:29-34
Opening Prayer	Terry Sherrill
#176.....	Lamb Of God
#484.....	You Are My All In All
Communion Talk	Chase Coldwater
Chase Coldwater	Dudley Darrow
Jared Spencer	Bill Spencer
	Link Setser
	Amed Groce
#167.....	Hosanna
#226.....	Come Thou Fount
.....	Dismiss to Children's Church
.....	In Christ Alone
Sermon	Erik Granberg
#704.....	Bind Us Together
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright
Nursery	Jo Ann Rogers, Jamie Rogers
Lock Up	Brian Wright, Chris Berry

Life Group Questions

Scripture: Matthew 23

Thought: Today's sermon looked at the harsh words Jesus had for the Pharisees, religious leaders of the day. The Pharisees had become more focused on the rules of following God than actually following God.

1. Talk about the difference between following "rules" and following God.
2. How do rules fit in to following God?
3. In what ways do we get rule happy today?
4. How can we remain focused on following God?



Prayer List

Margaret Jenkinson-is in Greenbrier Skilled Nursing Rm. 92.

Jennifer Smith-her cancer has returned. She is Jan Meadows niece.

Record for 08-14-16

Morning Worship.....205
Bible Class.....146
Life Groups.....112
Contributions.....\$7,479.75
Budget.....\$7,211.52
2016 YTD Cont.....\$215,218.87
2016 YTD Bdgt.....\$237,980.16

Birthdays

August:

24th...Duane Owen
26th...Ken Edwards
27th...Allyson Coker

Family Game Night

We invite everyone to our Family Game Night, This Friday, August 26th, from 6-9 in the education building. Please bring your favorite snack food and your favorite board games and enjoy a wonderful time.

Blood Brothers

.....Last session for this year's BLOOD BROTHERS begins in September. Sign up cards are in the Education Building on Wednesday and in the Foyer on Sunday, with the sign up period running through August. Appreciate all those who have participated.

Change For Children Cans

If you have been collecting change in your Change For Children's Can, be sure to bring it to the office by August 31st.

Baptism

We rejoice with Kristen Steffens and the Steffens Family as she was baptized this past Wednesday, August 17th. Be sure to give her a warm welcome hug when you see her.

Joy in the Lord

Let's face it, life isn't easy. Jobs come and go. Close family and friends die. We don't make an A in Algebra and our parents get really mad. It's really easy for us to focus solely in the moment and allow sorrow and frustration to take hold. There certainly is a place for being upset and for periods in our life to feel sad. Lamentations, many of the Psalms, Habakkuk, etc. definitely allow space for those feelings to be expressed. But it seems to me like people are so negative these days about everything, that we've lost our joy.

So thoughts like: "My candidate didn't win the primary and now we're stuck with Trump and Clinton. We're doomed!" Or: "Can you believe how terrible the world is? I wouldn't want to raise my child these days." These kinds of thoughts are so pervasive. And it seems as though many in our churches are succumbing to the same kinds of thoughts. When in reality nothing has changed. God, the King, is still seated comfortably on the throne. Jesus, the lamb, is still risen and seated at the right hand of the Father. The Spirit, our advocate, is still interceding with the Father on our behalf. This ought to bring us great joy!

Paul wrote during a time of great political upheaval in Eastern Europe. He lived and ministered during the time of Nero, one of the truly evil men of history. Yet, Paul can still pen these words to the Romans: "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Did you see it? Did you see his argument? Because of your trust in him (that is, God, the King, the one true ruler) you can be completely full of joy and peace. May that be truth for us. May we be full of joy and peace today because our trust is found in God and nothing, and no one, else! --Adam Smith

Outgoing 5th Grade Blessing/New 6th Grade Welcome

On August 28th we want to welcome our new 6th graders to the youth group and bless them as they transition from intermediate school to middle school. All youth group families and those with a new 6th grader are invited to a lunch after Sunday morning worship. At that time we will welcome the new 6th graders to the youth group and provide information on the upcoming year.

Westview Boys' Home

We are collecting items for The Westview Boys' Home. They will be here Oct. 3rd to pick up items. Please put them in the wooden box in the foyer. Listed below are the items they are in need of:

Rotel, Beef Jerky, Grape Jelly, Taco Shells, Canned Soda, Chex Party Mix, Chocolate Syrup, Canned Mushrooms, Saltine/Ritz Crackers, Lipton Onion Soup Mix, Shampoo, White Vinegar, Wooden Pencils, Solid Anti-Perspirant Deodorant