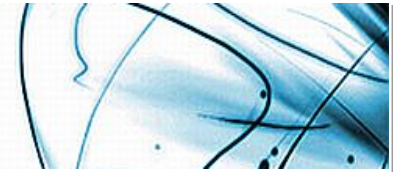




North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

- Backpack Prayers-If you have children that are school age, please stop by the table in the foyer to pick up their backpack prayers.
- There will be a Farewell Reception for John & Cheryl Criner in the education building at 5:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those in life groups are asked to bring finger foods.

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 30**-Wednesday Meal- Chicken Spaghetti, Bread, Veggies, Dessert
- Sept. 3**-Promotion Sunday
- Sept. 3**-Fall Quarter Begins
- Sept. 4**-Office Closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 6**-Wednesday Meal- Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
- Sept. 10**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Sept. 13**-Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Salad, Dessert
- Sept. 17**-Area Wide, 10:30 @ The Central National Bank Center-Lunch will be provided afterwards at Government Springs Park followed by the Acappella singing group "Revival."
- Sept. 20**-Wednesday Meal-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert
- Sept. 27**-Wednesday Meal- Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- Sept. 30**-Men's Golf Day-Sign up on the bulletin board by the office. The cost is \$25.

Order of Worship

- Song Leader**.....**Dee Plummer**
Be Strong And Courageous
Hallelujah
Days Of Elijah
- Welcome/Scripture**.....**Psalm 97**.....**Erik Granberg**
Opening Prayer.....**Jim Osburn**
 #833.....I Want To Be Where You Are
Come To The Table Of Mercy
- Communion Talk****Shawn Tuohy**
Shawn Tuohy **Cory Moore** **David Granberg** **Zach Guymon**
Cody Ott **Gordon Jantz** **Brent Dittmeyer** **Bill Baker**
Touched By A Fire
**Dismiss To Children's Church**
 #535.....The Gloryland Way
- Sermon**.....**Erik Granberg**
 #62.....I Exalt Thee
- Welcome/Announcements**.....**Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer.....**John Wright**
- Nursery**.....**Megan Darrow, Jeanita Meek**
Lock Up.....**Brian Wright, David Burford**

Scripture: Romans 8:26-30

Thought: Christian unity is not based only on shared experiences, but on the profound truth that God has redeemed people for His own. Those who have been redeemed by Christ and belong to God as adopted sons and daughters know God as "Father." Through the Lord Jesus, our infinite God has made himself known to save sinful men and women, and it is the Christian's greatest privilege to say, "I am a child of God."

Questions:

1. Not everyone views their father the same way, what are three things that describe your father?
2. What biblical descriptions of God mean the most to you and why?
3. What are some ways that you feel yourself pulled away from God?

Prayer List

Kaiser Webb is having health issues.

Joe & Susan Bruton-Loss of jobs.

John & Cheryl Criner-upcoming move.

Pam Denney-she is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Michael & Amy Navaratil-their son, Trevor, was killed in a car/train accident.

Those in the path of Hurricane Harvey.

Record for 08-20-17

Bible Class.....103
Morning Worship.....171
Life Groups.....nc
Contributions.....\$ 6,219.25
Budget.....\$6,634.62
2017 YTD Cont.....\$211,411.48
2017 YTD Bdgt.....\$225,577.08

Birthdays

August:

27th...Allyson Coker
28th...Connie Johnson
30th...Rachel Smith
31st...Terry Gordon
.....Krayton Hocker

September:

2nd...Randy King

Plastic Bags

The pantry is in need of plastic bags (Walmart sacks, etc.) If you have extra and can donate them, please put them in the kitchen.

Placed Membership

We want to welcome John & Mendi Black and their children Kloee, & Kole. They placed membership with us last Sunday.

John, Mendi, Kloee & Kole Black

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Raised With Christ

"The Winner's Platform"

One of our basic human needs is to feel valuable. We program that into our children as they grow when we applaud and celebrate the things they do well. It encourages them to keep trying to improve as they progress in life. We all enjoy the recognition we receive for things we have done, and it builds our self esteem. One of these moments came during my teen years when, as a scrub, I hit the tying basket as the buzzer sounded to win a district basketball game. My team carried me off the court that night, and I savored that special moment of being on "**The Winner's Platform!**"

We have the same need to feel valuable in our Christian lives. There is the celebration of giving our lives to Christ and being buried with him in baptism which provides us an exalting moment. Then the mature saints in Christ continue to give us encouragement as we grow in our faith. It causes us to work at improving our Christian service so we can be glorified by our heavenly Father. As the Hebrew writer notes, "*Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God*" (Heb. 12:1-2). Yes, Jesus is on **The Winner's Platform** at the right hand of His Father. Jesus is the one who gives us victory in our spiritual lives. When He lives in us - **we WIN!** As Paul writes, "*even when we were dead through our trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him and made us sit with him in the heavenly places*" (Eph. 2:5-6). That means we, as Christians, are now seated with Christ on **The Winner's Platform** at the right hand of God. Praise God for our victory in Jesus!

-Gordon

Area-Wide

We are having a NW Oklahoma Area-Wide worship service again this year. The date is Sunday September 17th from 10:30-12:00 at the Central National Bank Center. This year, immediately after worship, lunch will be provided at the Government Springs Park, and we have invited the a cappella singing group, "Revival" to perform at the park. Just like last year there will be no service at our building that morning. Everyone is encouraged to attend the area-wide together. Last year there were almost 400 people from several different churches.

Directory Update

It's time again to update our directory. Over the next 3 Sunday's we will be taking pictures in the family room immediately following morning worship. If changes have been made to your family or would like to get your picture added, please see Cathy Berry or the ministers to have them take your picture.

Thank You

We want to thank all those who donated blood. We had 16 donors. Thank you for saving many lives through your blood donation.

Promotion Sunday

Next Sunday is Promotion Sunday. If you are moving up to a new classroom, please go to the new class. The names will be on the classroom doors. If your name is wrong, please let Kristen Jones or Krystal Wright know.