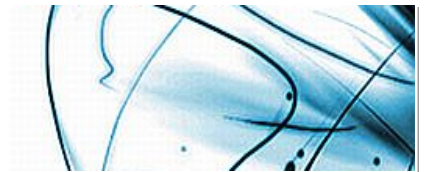




# North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST



**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

- Life Groups

### Upcoming Events

- July 17-21**-Middle School Service Week
- July 19**-Wednesday Meal- Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert
- July 23-26**-VBS
- July 26**-No Meal or classes due to VBS.
- July 30**-5th Sunday Fellowship
- Aug. 2**-Wednesday Meal-Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dessert
- Aug. 9**-Blood Drive, 5-8
- Aug. 9**-Wednesday Meal
- Aug. 12**-Game Night, 6-9
- Aug. 13**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Aug. 16**-Wednesday Meal
- Aug. 18-20**-Overflow Retreat (Middle School)
- Aug. 23**-Wednesday Meal
- Aug. 30**-Wednesday Meal

July 17-21, we will be prepping and creating the VBS decorations. If you are available to help, contact Rachel Smith for details.

July 22 is VBS decorating day, 10 A.M. at the church building. All are welcome to come help!

We are still in need of volunteers to help at VBS, walking around with the kids as a leader. Contact Rachel Smith.

### Order of Worship

- Song Leader**.....**Robb Mills**  
.....Jesus Is Able
- #63**.....I Will Call Upon The Lord
- Welcome/Scripture**.....**Romans 8:1-11**.....**Adam Smith**
- Opening Prayer**.....**Adam Smith**  
.....Day By Day  
.....Here I Am To Worship  
.....Everytime
- Communion Talk** .....**Dudley Darrow**
- Dudley Darrow**     **George Gordon**     **Trenn Watson**     **Steve Long**
- Jerod Burford**     **Shannon Elledge**     **Leonard Ball**     **Dan Kent**
- #376**.....He Paid A Debt  
.....Mighty To Save  
.....**Dismiss To Children's Church**  
.....Your Loving Kindness
- Sermon**.....**Erik Granberg**  
#383.....Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross
- Welcome/Announcements**.....**Gordon Jantz**
- Shepherd's Prayer**.....**Jerry Rogers**
- Nursery**.....**Sandy Lindsay, Charlotte Owen**
- Lock Up**.....**Joe Steffens, Wayne Williams**

**Scripture:** Romans 12

**Thought:** The two greatest commands are to love God and love your neighbor. The parable of the Good Samaritan helps us understand who our neighbor is. However, when Jesus said to love your enemy he didn't give us a parable about it.

**Questions:**

1. If Jesus had given a parable to go along with the teaching, "Love your enemy," what might it have included?
2. What people today might we consider an "enemy"?
3. What people do you struggle to get along with most and why?
4. How can we go about loving neighbors...both friends and "enemies"?

## Prayer List

**Barbara Pool**-is at Garland Rd.  
Skilled Nursing.

**Barbara Weese**-had a surgery  
done for mitrovalve. She is Karen  
Manley's mother.

**Dwayne Mote Family**-he passed  
away Tuesday. He was Margaret  
Jenkinson's son-in-law, Sue Diel's  
brother-in-law & Megan Darrow's  
uncle. Funeral was Friday in Vici.

**Pat Ayers**-has cancer. He is Jan  
Petrik's brother-in-law.

## Record for 07-09-17

Bible Class.....91  
Morning Worship.....155  
Life Groups.....58  
Contributions.....\$3,351.00  
Budget.....\$6,634.62  
2017 YTD Cont.....\$174,126.07  
2017 YTD Bdgt.....\$185,769.36

## Birthdays

### July:

16th...Jimmy Burnett

17th...Dan Kent

.....Pat Tippit

18th...Varna Nolen

19th...Brenda Wright

21st...Cheryl Criner

## Co-Ed Softball Games

The church co-ed softball team  
will have a game this Tuesday,  
July 18th at 7:30 & 8:30 & this  
Thursday, July 20th at 8:30.

## VBS Flyers

VBS Flyers are available on the  
welcome center. Please feel free  
to take as many as you would like  
to pass out to neighbors or  
neighborhoods or even as a life  
group project. However, **PLEASE  
DO NOT PUT FLYERS IN  
MAILBOXES.**

## VBS Tree

We have a VBS Tree in the foyer  
for items that are needed for  
VBS. If you could take a piece of  
paper from the tree & purchase  
them, bring them back and put  
them in the Resource Room  
where designated, we would  
greatly appreciate it.

## Difficult Journeys

One of my favorite trips each summer is our hiking trip. We call it Sinai. It is of course named after the famous location in scripture where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Like that period of Israel's history, it is a difficult trip for several reasons.

First, we go without showering for a week. Some of you wonder how that's any different from what teenagers do regularly throughout the year; but I can assure you it's difficult for our girls. And it's difficult for anyone who values hygiene. Second, we sleep on the ground all week. By night three we're so tired by the end of the day that this really doesn't matter as much anymore. But rest assured we feel it when we climb into a regular bed in the hotel at the end of the week. Third, we hike a lot. This year we hiked about 18 miles total. That may not seem like much, but add into that the elevation gain of about 2,300 feet while hiking and it makes for some difficult moments.

What does all this have to do with anything? Well I want to talk about how difficult journeys shape who we are. One of the main reasons I love this kind of trip with the teenagers is it purposely pushes them to be uncomfortable. Now that may sound harsh; but what I mean by that statement is it's good for us to get outside of our comfort zone. When we do that we have real opportunity for growth. Another reason I love this trip is that at the end of the week we get to reflect back on what we were able to accomplish. There are days, weeks, months, and even years that we reflect on and wonder what we did with our time. But with this trip we get something tangible. Mostly aches and pains. But we also know we hiked 18 miles in a few days. And all the while we allowed God to work in our lives.

So I want to encourage you. Don't run away from the difficult journeys in your life. Maybe God is using that time to forge you into the person you need to be to accomplish great things for the kingdom of God.

-Adam Smith

## Backpack Campaign

We are doing the "backpack" campaign again this year. We are gathering backpacks for Youth & Family Services to give to needy children. If you are able to donate a new or "gently used" backpack, please bring to the church building by July 30th and put in the foyer where the backpack sign is. Our goal is 50 backpacks.

## VBS

Maker Fun Factory VBS is right around the corner! July 23rd-26th from 5:30-8:30 for 4 year olds-5th graders. If you haven't made your robot, do that as soon as possible and we will display robots until VBS & then use them during the week as part of our decorations! Remember, we are collecting money to give toward the water reservoir project for our missionaries. Be thinking of some creative ways to involve your whole family in the saving & giving process! You can register your children for VBS on our church website, [www.northgarlandchurch.org](http://www.northgarlandchurch.org).

## Wednesday Meal Ministry

Beginning August 2nd, the Wednesday Meal Ministry will take on a new format. We will not have "cooking teams," but individuals who will oversee picking up and serving the meals. Each week of the month will have a set meal that will be repeated every month. The new meal schedule is:

Week 1 - Chicken, a side dish, and a dessert.

Week 2 - Baked potato, lettuce salad, and a dessert.

Week 3 - Sub sandwiches, chips, and a dessert.

Week 4 - Pizza, lettuce salad, and a dessert.

Week 5 (when it occurs) - To be announced.

Please let Gordon know if you would be able to clean up after the meal.