

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

Christmas Youth Activity at The Lindsay's from 5-7. There will be Pizza for dinner and bring a nice gift (less than \$10) that is wrapped.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 1-New Year's Day-Office Closed

Jan. 3-Wednesday Meal-Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Dessert

Jan. 10-Wednesday Meal-Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert

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

Jan. 17-Wednesday Meal-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

Jan. 20-Forgotten Ministries/ Mercy House, 4-8

Jan. 24-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert

Jan. 31-Wednesday Meal-

Feb. 7-Wednesday Meal-Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert

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

Feb. 14-Wednesday Meal-Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert

Feb. 17-Forgotten Ministries/ Mercy House, 4-8

Feb. 21-Wednesday Meal-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert **Feb. 28**-Wednesday Meal-

Pizza, Salad, Dessert

Order of Worship

| Song Leader | | | Chase Coldwater | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | | Sing And Be Happy | |
| | | | Sing To Me Of Heaven | |
| Welcome/ScriptureRevelation 21:5-7 Opening Prayer | | | | |
| | | | Marion Howell | |
| | | | Shine Jesus Shine | |
| | | | Be With Me Lord | |
| Communion ⁻ | Talk | | Robb Mills | |
| Robb Mills | Cory Moore | Joe Steffens | Daylon Roitsch | |
| John Wright | Curtis Diel | Kevin Hurt | Gene Schroeder | |
| | | | Unto Thee O Lord | |
| | | | Dismiss To Children's Church | |
| | | | Anywhere With Jesus | |
| | | | How Great Thou Art | |
| | | | Erik Granberg | |
| | | | Have You Been To Jesus | |
| Welcome/Announcements | | | Gordon Jantz | |
| Shepherd's P | rayer | | Jerry Rogers | |
| Nursery | | | Mary Sherrill, Kim Spencer | |
| Sound Booth | | | Terry Sherrill | |
| Slides | | | Brian Wright | |
| Lock Up | | | Terry Sherrill, Joe Steffens | |
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Sermon Scripture: Revelation 1:8

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon looked at Jesus as the "Alpha and Omega," the "beginning and the end." We normally think of Jesus when talking about the New Testament scriptures. However, the New Testament scriptures only cover a few years, but according to Jesus' own words

Sermon Questions:

- 1. Why don't we think of Jesus more often during Old Testament times?
- 2. What are some other scriptures that speak to Jesus' eternal existence?
- 3. Share what stood out to you from today's sermon.

Prayer List

<u>Vernon Griffin Family</u>-he passed away Wednesday. Funeral services were Saturday.

<u>Cindy Powers</u>-neck surgery has been postponed. She is Danny Powers wife.

<u>William Glessner</u>-will have eye surgery Dec. 14th in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Record for 12-03-17

| Bible Class | 94 |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Morning Worship | 155 |
| Life Groups | nc |
| Contributions | \$6,744.00 |
| Budget | \$6,634.62 |
| 2017 YTD Cont | \$306,264.16 |
| 2017 YTD Bdgt | \$319,389.00 |

Birthdays

December:

10th...Steve Long
.....Terry Sherrill
12th...David Burford
15th...Butch McComas

Youth & Family Minister Search

We are looking to hire a youth and family minister. If you know of anyone interested, please direct them to our Youth & Family Page of our Website.

www.northgarlandchurch.org

A Break From the Norm

We find ourselves in a unique situation this month. The temporary move from our building to OBA means different surroundings and routines. The last week we have done our best to think of all the many areas that need to be addressed with this move: communication, classes, special events, communion, song books, and the list could go on. We hope that everyone will be understanding and patient while this goes on.

One of the interesting things about change is that most people don't like it. Change brings sights, routines, and locations we are not accustomed to. All of this can be unsettling and make us uncomfortable. Because of all of these negatives, there is great potential for some to choose not to come at all (let me insert a plea here, please look around for those who need encouragement during this time).

However, a change in routine can also be very good. We may sit next to people we don't normally sit with. New people have opportunities to get involved. Maybe the change will bring a new perspective during worship.

I want to encourage everyone, instead of looking at this with a critical eye, look around with a helpful eye. Eyes that see new opportunities, new faces, and ways to grow.

With these things in mind, I want us to think of a change that happened many years ago when a little baby was born. The birth and life of Jesus, the Christ, brought several changes for the Jewish people. For many, like the Pharisees, the change was unwelcome. They refused to see God moving in new ways and did everything possible to hold fast to "the way it had always been." Others, often the outcasts and lowly of society, chose to devote their lives to God in a new way and be called, "Christians."

May we be people who remember that no matter what the circumstances, God is always moving and working. The Israelites in the Old Testament had to adjust to change, the Christians in the New Testament had to adjust to change, and we too must adjust to change in our lives. The prophet Isaiah gives us some good words to think about in Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Christmas Youth Activity

There will be a Christmas Youth Activity, December 10th at the Lindsay's house from 5:00-7:00 PM. There will be Pizza for dinner and bring a nice gift (less than \$10) that is wrapped.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class

The Tuesday Ladies Bible Class will be at Carol Jantz's home, 4318 Briar Ridge Rd., this Tuesday morning at 10:00.

Thank You

North Garland Family, thank you for the great evening at Western Sizzlin. It meant a lot to me to visit with old friends and new ones. Also I appreciate the birthday cards. Love, Pat Hart