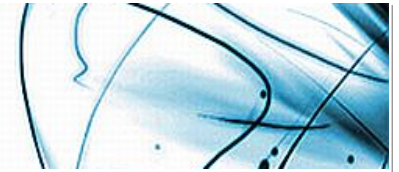




# North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 10**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Dec. 10**-Christmas Youth Activity @ The Lindsay's from 5-7.
- Dec. 13**-Blood Drive, 5-8-Sign up sheet is in the foyer. Please sign up if you plan to donate.
- Dec. 16**-Forgotten Ministries/ Mercy House, 4-8
- Dec. 22**-Office Closed
- Dec. 24**-Christmas Eve
- Dec. 24**-Normal Class & Worship
- Dec. 24**-Evening Candlelight Service
- Dec. 25**-Christmas-Office Closed
- Dec. 29**-Office Closed
- Dec. 31**-Game Night, 6-9
- 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**-Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert

## Order of Worship

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>
.....	Jesus Is Able
.....	Hallelujah
<b>Welcome/Scripture</b> .....	<b>2 Corinthians 5:16-17</b> .....
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
.....	Cornerstone
.....	Here I Am To Worship
.....	All Who Are Thirsty
#490.....	It Is Well With My Soul
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Bill Oldham</b>
<b>Bill Oldham</b>	<b>Butch McComas</b>
<b>Dee Plummer</b>	<b>Dennis Hartman</b>
#410.....	<b>Wayne Williams</b>
.....	<b>Steve Long</b>
.....	<b>Brett Thornton</b>
.....	<b>Cooper Thornton</b>
.....	He Leadeth Me
.....	Touched By A Fire
.....	<b>Dismiss To Children's Church</b>
#66.....	Doxology
<b>Sermon</b> .....	<b>A Spiritual Journey</b> .....
#538.....	My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Pat Meek</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Mary Sherrill, Kim Spencer</b>
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Gene Schroeder</b>
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Dudley Darrow</b>
<b>Lock Up</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill, Joe Steffens</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** 2 Cor. 5:16-17.

**Sermon Thought:** When we give our lives to Christ, we begin a new life on a **spiritual journey**. As Paul writes, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."* Our lives have been changed - we have a new hope - we have an eternal destiny in the glorious presence of the Father. This should give us an overwhelming sense of peace and comfort as we confront the daily challenges of life.

**The question for us as Christians is:**

1. Are we **content** with the **spiritual journey** we are on? (**Content:** A state of heart in which you would be at peace if God gave you nothing more than he already has).
2. Are we satisfied in our relationship with God and the blessings he provides us? Or do we always want more or something different?
3. What do we need to change to be **content** with our spiritual journey?

### Prayer List

**Vernon Griffin**-has brain stem cancer and is terminal. He is home and is on hospice care.

**Cindy Powers**-neck surgery has been postponed. She is Danny Powers wife.

**William Glessner**-will have eye surgery Dec. 14th in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### Record for 11-26-17

Bible Class.....	84
Morning Worship.....	162
Life Groups.....	nc
Contributions.....	\$
Budget.....	\$6,634.62
2017 YTD Cont.....	\$295,448.01
2017 YTD Bdgt.....	\$312,754.38

### Birthdays

#### December:

3rd...Gerri Ball  
.....Don Siders  
6th...Brett Thornton  
7th...Buster Keeton  
8th...Jerod Burford  
9th...Curtis Diel

### Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Wednesday, December 13th from 5-8. If you would like to donate blood, please sign up in the foyer.

### 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](http://www.northgarlandchurch.org)

### Why Did Jesus Come?

At Christmas, some will think of the birth of Jesus. Although we don't know the exact date of His birth, it's most important to understand WHY Jesus came from heaven and was born as a baby. If you want to know why Jesus came, search for His "I have come" statements in Scripture (see Luke 19:10; John 6:38; 9:39; 10:10; 12:46; 18:37).

Here are a few reasons that Jesus came:

To show us God. "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known." (John 1:14, 18). If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

To demonstrate God's love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9). In order that we might live, Christ had to die for our sins (Romans 5:8).

To provide God's greatest gifts. Jesus came to give us salvation (Matthew 1:21) and eternal life (John 3:16). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

At Christmas, some may acknowledge that Christ was born into the world. May the world know WHY He came: to show us God, to show us how much God loves us, and to show what God wants to give us.

I hope that all of us will remember Jesus and why he came to this earth throughout all times of the year and not just at Christmas time.

Dan Kent

### Winter Quarter Teachers Needed

We are still in need of a teacher for Cradle Roll on Wednesday's. If you are interested in teaching, please sign up on the dry erase board in the back hall by the nursery.

### Winter Quarter Adult Classes

Today only, there is one adult class. Gordon will be giving his introduction to the book of Revelation in the fellowship hall. Gordon will teach the remainder of his Revelation class this quarter in the family room. The rest of December in the fellowship hall, Erik will teach a class on "The 10 Second Rule-listening to God's voice in your life." In January and February, the fellowship class will be covering the questions submitted by the congregation.

### 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.