





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**

Deacon's and Elder's Meeting 9:00 AM

# **Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 20**-3rd-5th Grade Bible Class Christmas Party

**Dec. 24**-Candle Light Service **Jan. 1-**New Year's Day-Office

Closed

**Jan. 3-**Wednesday Meal-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

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

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

**Jan. 17**-Wednesday Meal-Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Salad, 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	Sean Sellers										
	Angles We Have Heard on Hight										
	O Little Town of Bethlehem										
Welcome/Scripture2 Samuel 22:26-29Erik Gran											
Opening Prayer	Jerry Rogers										
	How Beautiful Heaven Must Be										
	Jesus Let Us Come to Know You										
Communion Talk	Roger Owen										
Roger Owen Todd Anderson	Cody Ott Shane Holderly										
David Burford Bill Spencer											
	A Beautiful Life										
	Send the Light										
	Erik Granberg										
	Do You Know Jesus My Lord										
	Gordon Jantz										
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright										
Sound Booth	Terry Sherrill										
Slides	Robb Mills										

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 5:14-15

**Sermon Thought:** Today's sermon looked at Jesus as the "light of the world." When Jesus is in us, we also become the light of the world, and we are commanded to let our light shine as a city on a hill.

#### Sermon Questions:

- **1.** When was a time in your life when lack of light caused a problem for you?
- **2.** List some similarities between physical light we see with our eyes and spiritual light.
- **3.** What stood out to you from today's sermon?



# **Prayer List**

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

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

### Record for 12-10-17

Bible ClassNo Class
Morning Worship143
Life Groupsnc
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# **Birthdays**

#### December:

10th...Briggitte Elledge
.......Colby Long
......Cindy Powers
18th...Jo Edwards
19th...Kim Burford
......Porter Osburn

# 3rd-5th Grade Xmas Party

The **3rd-5th grade Bible class** is having a **Christmas party at 4:00 on Dec. 20th** at Oakwood Bowl. Please talk with Tracie Steffens for more details and to let her know who is going.

# **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

## **Peace That Passes Understanding**

I have heard about and experienced the calm before the storm all of my life. It is indeed eerie when the storm clouds are rolling in and the wind is blowing at gale force then all of a sudden there is total calm. You know something bad is about to happen. Whatever the severity of the storm, there is another calm that is more important to us. That is, the calm after the storm. It brings us a sense of peace that all is again well, and we have survived the storm. This experience we have in our physical life also carries over into our spiritual lives.

Jesus teaches us this lesson when he and his disciples were out on the sea when a great storm arose. He wasn't worried about the storm and in the calmness of his spirit, he was asleep in the boat. But his disciples were afraid of perishing, so they woke Jesus up. He said to the sea "Peace! Be Still! And the wind ceased, there was great calm" (Mk. 4:39). You see the connection? There was a calm after the storm letting Jesus' disciples know that all was again well. As Christians, when we face the storms of life we can rest assured that Jesus is there to see us through - to calm the storm and give us peace. As Paul writes,"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7). The thing we need most in this physical life is this calming peace that passes understanding. It will provide a light in our darkest hour - it will bring us amazing comfort when we are suffering - and it will give us strength to overcome Satan's temptations. In the spiritual storm that rages in the heavenly realm, Jesus gives us assurance that all is well. In his revelation to John, he says "Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come" (Rev. 1:4). Praise God for the peace that passes understanding in our spiritual lives!

# Light of the World CHRISTMAS

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