



# 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

Deacon/Elder Meeting 9:00  
Candle Light Service 5:00-6:00

### Upcoming Events

**Dec. 24**-Candle Light Service;  
5:00-6:00 pm at OBA

**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

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
.....	O Little Town of Bethlehem
.....	Silent Night! Holy Night!
<b>Welcome/Scripture</b> .....	Matthew 1:19-23..... <b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Jeff Owen</b>
.....	Blessed Assurance
.....	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Shannon Elledge</b>
<b>Shannon Elledge</b>	<b>Dudley Darrow</b>
<b>Trenn Watson</b>	<b>Pat Meek</b>
	<b>Joe Williams</b>
	<b>Link Setser</b>
	<b>Landon Geitzenauer</b>
	<b>Michael Manley</b>
.....	Away in a Manger
.....	Do you Hear What I Hear?
.....	Joy to the World
<b>Sermon</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	Tell Me the Story of Jesus
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Brent Dittmeyer</b>
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Gene Shroeder</b>
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon Thought:** One of the titles given to Jesus is, "Immanuel," meaning, "God with us." He traded all the glory, for that of an unassuming man. This goes counter to how we live our lives. We constantly try to move UP the ladder, not down. Yet Jesus moved down for our sake.

#### Sermon Questions:

1. What significance do you see in God becoming man?
2. In what ways did this fit into God's entire plan for humanity?
3. How does the Christmas season help us think about Jesus, Immanuel?
4. In what ways does the Christmas season hinder us from thinking about Jesus, Immanuel?



### Prayer List

**Edgar Elledge**-is Shannon Elledge's father and was diagnosed with brain cancer last week, but still has a positive prognosis.

**Kenny and Kevin Briles**-nephews of Judy Watson, as their mother, Judy's sister, passed away Wednesday.

**Cindy Powers**-recovering from neck surgery. She is Danny Powers' wife.

**Pat Hard**-recovering from hip surgery. She is in St. Mary's 578.

### Record

- Bible Class.....
- Morning Worship.....
- Life Groups.....
- Contributions.....
- Budget.....
- 2017 YTD Cont.....
- 2017 YTD Bdgt.....

### Birthdays

#### December:

- 24th...Carolyn Reith
- 28th...Erik Granberg
- .....Bill Spencer
- .....Cole Steffens
- 29th...Shane Holderly
- .....Tammi Long

### 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)

### Victorious With Christ

*"What a Wonderful Life"*

**What a wonderful life** it is being able to live "A Life With Christ." As we give our life to Christ and begin our spiritual journey in the Lord's kingdom, he leads us on the paths of righteousness (Ps. 23:3). Paul tells us *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him"* (Eph. 1:3-4). Being a disciple of Christ allows us to become like him as we study at his feet - feed on his word - and follow in his steps. We experience an overwhelming sense of spiritual formation as we mature in our Christian faith. Then as we move out to do the good works God has created for us to do, we can be confident of doing the Father's will. *"He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will"* (Eph. 1:5).

**What a Wonderful Life** it is knowing we are pleasing to our heavenly Father. We glorify him as *we live and move and have our being in him* (Acts 17:28). Everything we do in this spiritual life connects us to his divine purpose. It gives us great peace knowing we are his *"chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light"* (1 Pet. 2:9). I pray we, as Christians, will be joined together in unity of the Spirit as we become Christ like in every way. Every breath, every heartbeat, every step will be one with him as we serve our risen Savior. **What a Wonderful Life** it is to be sealed with the promised Holy Spirit until we reach our eternal destination in the glorious presence of the Father (Eph. 1:13). This is what we have and are as we live A Life With Christ!

-Gordon

### Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Tonight at **OBA, from 5:00-6:00**, will be a simple **evening of worship** to focus on Jesus Christ, Immanuel. We will be singing songs about the birth of Jesus, reading of scripture, and our children will also sing a song or two together.

### Treatment of Our Building

As was announced last week, pest control treatment of our building is going as planned, and was completed last week. Now we are in the process of putting things back in order. Several pieces of furniture are going to be replaced and there is cleaning to be done. Look for a workday to be scheduled in the near future to help with this process. If anyone would like to make an end of the year tax free donation to help with this process feel free to do so. The office will be closed for New Years on January 1st, but regularly scheduled meetings and office hours will begin on Tuesday the 2nd. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unusual month.

