



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

- Jan. 24**-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- Jan 27**-Men's Breakfast at 7:30
- Jan. 31**-Wednesday Meal-Spaghetti, Bread, Salad
- 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-Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Dessert
- Feb. 28**-Blood Drive, 5-8
- Feb. 28**-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- Mar. 7**-Wednesday Meal-Chicken, Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert
- Mar. 11**-Daylight Savings Time Begins, Turn your clocks Forward 1 hour
- Mar. 11**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Mar. 14**-Wednesday Meal-Baked Potatoes, Fixins, Salad, Dessert
- Mar. 17**-Forgotten Ministries, 4-8
- Mar. 21**-Wednesday Meal-Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert
- Mar. 28**-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert

Song Leader	Glenn Walker
#100 & 101.....	Holy Ground
Welcome/Scripture	Hebrews 10:36 - 11:2
Opening Prayer	Erik Granberg
#332.....	Cody Ott
#165.....	Lead Me to Calvary
Communion Talk	Break My Heart
Jim Long Bryce Thornton Brett Thornton Alan Lindsey	Jim Long
Clay Calfee Landon Geitzenauer Bill Oldham Sean Sellers	Jim Long
#490.....	It is Well with My Soul
.....	Dismiss Children
#161.....	There's a Stirring
#959.....	Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Sermon	Erik Granberg
#797.....	Hark the Gentle Voice
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	Jerry Rogers
Sound Booth	Robb Mills
Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture: Mark 9:17-27

Sermon Thought: Everyone has doubts at some point or another. Those doubts may be huge boulders that block the road or little rocks in your shoe; powerful, painful questions about God or vague, unexpressed feelings of dissatisfaction and disappointment. Either way, doubt has the potential to serve as a springboard to deeper faith.

Sermon Questions:

1. Think of someone you know with authentic faith; what gives that person "authentic" faith?
2. What are some different ways people deal with doubt?
3. One distinction made today was between a "doubter" and a "non-believer;" what do you think of that distinction?
4. What do you find gives you comfort in the face of doubt?

Prayer List

Beverly Carroll-had gallbladder surgery and is home recovering.

Pat Hart-still having lots of pain.

Sharon Koehn-had 5 heart stents placed and is home. She is Gary Rork's sister.

Rose Kliewer Family-she passed away last week. She was Beverly Carroll's mother.

Debbie Martin-multiple health issues and upcoming surgeries.

Cathy Berry-ongoing family and health issues.

Edna Justice-battling cancer. She is a friend of Jim Long.

Record

Bible Class.....nc

Morning Worship.....nc

Life Groups.....nc

Contributions.....

Budget.....

2018 YTD Cont.....

2018 YTD Bdgt.....

Birthdays

January:

21st...Daylan Berry

22nd...Lori Manly

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

Westview Boys' Home

Listed below are items needed for the Westview Boys Home:

Gum, Rice, Sugar, Tamales, Slim Jims (Beef Jerky), Fruit Cups, Italian Dressing, Saltine Crackers, Instant Vanilla Pudding, Orange/Pineapple/Grapefruit Juice, Suddenly Pasta Salad, Clorox Wipes, Quart Size Freezer Bags, Liquid Laundry Soap, 32/34 Black/Brown Reversible Belts

Please place items in the wooden box in the foyer by the kitchen. They will be picking these items up Feb. 5th.

Deny Self - Take Up Your Cross

One of the natural things in our human lives is to take care of self. Our top priority is to invest in the things that benefit us - that make life easier and more enjoyable. Part of our objective is to give us some assurance that we will live a long and healthy life. The concept of discipleship requires us to stop and refocus how we look at life. The spiritual life we have in Christ transforms us so we can be like Jesus. He tells us *"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"* (Matt. 16:24). What? **Taking up a cross** is an instrument of death! It is what criminals were crucified on. You mean I have to place my focus and investments in that which is designed to take my life? Yes, that is what Jesus is telling us. We must be willing to give our lives, even to the point of death, just as he did for us.

Jesus provides us this counsel to help us understand what **taking up our cross** is all about. *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Matt. 6:19-21). When we **take up our cross** and follow Jesus, we are laying up treasures in heaven. We place ourselves on a higher plain - we are raised up with Jesus and now *"sit with him in the heavenly places"* (Eph. 2:6). Instead of investing in this physical life, we invest in our eternity with our Father in heaven. **Taking up our cross** changes our focus on what is important in life. You see, it is not about us, but about doing what pleases the Father - sacrificing ourselves to do his will, just as Jesus gave his life doing. The return on **taking up our cross** is eternal life! Gordon

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class

The study for the new ladies Bible class on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Linda Smith. It is a lesson study with DVD presentations. Workbooks will be available in class for \$12 each. Here are some questions discussed during the study: What was Jesus really like? How did He interact with people? How did He see their lives.....and give new life? What did it mean to follow Jesus...to feel His presence?

Thank You

The Colorado Christian Services wishes to thank the North Garland members who donated over \$1,000 to their 23rd Annual Fundraising Campaign. The funds from this special day are vital to their birth parent, adoption, and counseling programs. Thank you and may God bless you!

Youth & Family Minister Interview

Justin Whitely from Abilene will be here on January 27-28 to interview for the Youth & Family Minister position. We will be arranging times for him to interact with our youth and congregation. Please plan to be available.