



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

**Today's Events**

**Apr. 15** Youth & Family Minister interview with Caleb and Tiffany Taylor

**Upcoming Events**

**Apr. 18**-Wednesday Meal-Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

**Apr. 21**-Garriott Rd. Ladies Day (9-2)

**Apr. 22** -Goodman/Cripe Bridal Shower

**Apr. 22**-Sally Melvin- Surprise Birthday Party

**Apr. 26**-Pizza, Salad, Dessert

**Apr. 29**-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing at Garriott Road. 5 p.m.

**May 2**-Wednesday Meal-Chicken, Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert

**May 9**-Wednesday Meal-Baked Potatoes, Fixins, Salad, Dessert

**May 13**-Mother's Day

**May 13**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 a.m.

**May 16**-Wednesday Meal-Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

**May 20**-Senior Sunday

**May 23**-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert

**May 23**-Blood Drive

**Order of Worship**

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>	
#148 .....	I Keep Falling in Love with Him	
#53 .....	Father I Adore You	
<b>Welcome/Scripture: Nehemiah 8:10</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>	
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Gene Denney</b>	
#148 .....	The Old Rugged Cross	
#53 .....	When My Love to Christ Grows Weak	
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Danny Powers</b>	
<b>David Granberg</b>	<b>Pat Meek</b>	<b>Brent Dittmeyer</b>
<b>Trenn Watson</b>	<b>Cody Ott</b>	<b>Todd Anderson</b>
.....	<b>Dismiss Children</b>	
#490 .....	It Is Well with My Soul	
.....	Hide Me Away O Lord	
.....	Wonderful Merciful Savior	
<b>Sermon</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>	
#570 .....	A Beautiful Life	
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>	
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Brent Dittmeyer</b>	
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Alyssa Plummer</b>	
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Cheryl Kent; Gina Thornton</b>	
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Daylon Roitsch</b>	
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>	
<b>Lock Up</b> .....	<b>Bill Oldham, Terry Sherrill</b>	

**Sermon Scripture:** James 2:14-26

**Sermon Thought:** This passage of scripture represents the heart of James' message. It provides a set of lenses through which we can read his practical advice and not fall into legalism. James does his best to explain our connection with Christ and faith, in a way that will make sense to everyone. In doing so, he makes a distinction between faith affirmed by words and faith affirmed by actions, faith he describes as either dead or alive.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What are some reasons or ways that lead to faith dying?
2. Take some time and brainstorm. What are some new ways your faith can be lived out in yourself, your neighborhood, your community?
3. What does this passage say to you about your faith?

### Prayer List

**Roy Ball**- Leonard Ball's brother; multiple health issues  
**Buddy Bugg**- Jovita Lang's friend, in hospital  
**Barbara Weese**-sore from a fall. Karen Manley's mom  
**Lorie Manly**-Waiting results from heart test  
**Jan Petrik**-is having knee problems. Will have an MRI soon.  
**Joe William's father**-had surgery and is back in the hospital with pneumonia.

### Record for 3-11-18

Bible Class.....	97
Morning Worship .....	152
Life Groups .....	68
Contribution .....	\$3,657.20
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$81,172.25
2018 YTD Bdgt.....	\$92,884.68

### Birthdays

#### April:

- 15<sup>th</sup> Janice McGary
- 17<sup>th</sup> Morgan Coldwater
- 17<sup>th</sup> Kristen Steffens
- 18<sup>h</sup> Dudley Darrow
- 18<sup>th</sup> T.J.Parker
- 21<sup>st</sup> Cory Moore

### Bridal Shower

For Micah Goodman & Trista Cripe. Sunday, April 22 from 2-4 p.m. at JoAnn Roger's home. Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillard's, & Walmart.

### Surprise 70th Birthday Party

For Sally Melvin. Sunday, April 22, 2-4 p.m. in our fellowship building.

### Midweek Update

We are updating the email list for those being sent the midweek update. Send an email to [northgarland@gmail.com](mailto:northgarland@gmail.com) if:

- you are not getting it and want to
- you want it sent to a different email
- you do not want to get it any more

## Compassion

### *“Empowered by Love”*

How good are we at caring for the needs of others and having compassion for them? In my experience, it is one thing to do that for those we love and have some connection with, but it is not very likely we'll do that for someone we don't know. It is easy to justify how we respond to life's needs based on human relationships. Unfortunately, that is not how Jesus did it. Matthew tells us that as he *“went about the cities and villages...he saw the crowds and had compassion for them”* (Matt. 9:35-36). Jesus didn't know these people, let alone have any human connection with them. So what moved him to show compassion for those people? I believe it is through the very nature he inherited from his Father – Love! He was **empowered by love** to do what he did because that is what God is. As John writes, *“So we know and believe the love God has for us, **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him”* (1 Jn. 4:16). The love of God is our motivational force to care for his people and have compassion for them, whether we know them or not.

As Christians, when we are **empowered by love**, we are able to do things that those without Christ can't. Just as the love of the Father was part of his nature, so is it ours when we put off our old self and put on the spiritual nature of Jesus. As Paul encourages us, *“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these **put on love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony”* (Col. 3:12-14). What a glorious life it is when we are give ourselves to be **empower by love** and manifest the eternal nature of the Father. That, my friends, is how we make a difference in the world! *Gordon*

### Lariat Creek Christian Camp

The camp sessions for the summer at Lariat Creek Christian Camp are now on their website: [www.lariatcreek.org](http://www.lariatcreek.org). If interested, please check out all the sessions available. The first session is Beginners Session and it will be June 1st and 2nd.

### Manuelito Children's Home Supply Drive

Manuelito Children's Home is in need of the following items: liquid laundry detergent (high-efficiency), cleaning supplies (pine sol, bleach, multipurpose cleaners, etc.), paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper. Food will be collected until April 29. Alan Lindsay can take funds and purchase the items for you.

### Westview Boy's Home

Westview Boy's Home mission trip is planned for May 31-June 3. This trip is for anyone who would like to go, with no out of pocket cost. Please sign up by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Let Michael Manley know if you are interested in going or have questions about it. Michael's number is (580)542-1981.