



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

Elders/Deacons Meeting
8:00 am

Life Groups

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 14**-Wed. Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
- Nov. 17**-Mercy House
- Nov. 18**-Thanksgiving Dinner for the Pantry Patrons 5:00 pm
- Nov. 21**-No Wednesday night class
- Nov. 22,23**-Office Closed
- Nov. 28**-Wed. Meal: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Dessert
- Dec. 2**-Winter Quarter Begins
- Dec. 9**-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
- Dec. 10**-Golden Gals Lunch & Gift Exchange at Patty Long's House
- Dec. 12**-Blood Drive
- Dec. 15**-Mercy House
- Dec. 16**-Cole Steffens Wedding Shower 2-4 pm at JoAnn Roger's House
- Dec. 24,25**-Office Closed
- Dec. 30**-5th Sunday Fellowship
- Jan. 5**-Wed. Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

Next Saturday, the 17th, from 4 to 8 pm, we will be serving at Mercy House. Please see Terry Gordon if you are available to help.

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Sean Sellers
#608	He Gave Me a Song
.....	God Bless America
Welcome/Scripture: Romans 8:38-39.....	Erik Granberg
Opening Prayer	Jeff Owen
.....	In Christ Alone
#276	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
#595	I Come to the Garden Alone
Communion Talk	Todd Anderson
Todd Anderson	Robb Mills
Michael Manley	Trenn Watson
#346	Kevin Hurt
.....	Clay Calfee
.....	Landon Geitzenauer
.....	Roger Owen
.....	He Lives
.....	Dismiss Children
#548	The Lily of the Valley
Sermon: Amending the Soil of Your Soul: Part 2.....	Erik Granberg
#412	Jesus, Hold My Hand
Colorado Christian Services Video	
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek
Children's Worship	Krystal Wright
Nursery	Patrece Allen; Barbara Holland
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow
Slides	Terry Sherrill
Lock Up	Cory Moore; Bill Oldham

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Thought: This sermon was the second half of a sermon called, "Amending the Soil of your Soul." During the first sermon seeds were planted. Since that time, one is now growing well. However, during that same time, several others sprouted then died off. The scriptures speak quite frequently to the fact that those who actually receive God's grace is actually FAR fewer than those who don't.

Sermon Questions:

1. In light of what the scriptures say about people falling away, do we treat them too lightly? Why or why not?
2. What amending is needed in your life?
3. What points will you most remember from these sermons and why?

New Prayer Concerns

Youth and Family Minister Search

Ebb & Kay Reeves-friends of Jovita Lang; Ebb had a stroke & Kay has stage 4 cancer

Margaret Jenkinson-moved to Garland Road Skilled Nursing #618b

Tyner & Newby Families-loss of their 7 year-old son/grandson

Joe & Cissy Duarte-recovering from surgery

Sydney Reigh-friend of Seth & Cassie Barr; will have her 16th brain surgery Nov. 30

Record for 11-04-18

Bible Class.....	110
Morning Worship	173
Life Groups	N/A
Contribution	\$7,088.20
Budget	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$243,591.30
2018 YTD Bdgt	\$291,923.28
Served at Pantry.....	428

Birthdays

November:

11 th	Chivon Holderly
13 th	Mary Owen
14 th	Phyllis Haws
16 th	Robb Mills
17 th	Gina Thornton

December 2nd starts our new quarter. Please sign up on the board by the cradle roll classroom to teach.

Navigating the Currents of Culture

In the 17th chapter of John's gospel, a prayer from Jesus for his disciples is recorded. This is the passage where we get the phrase, *"In the world, but not of the world."* Jesus, knowing he was soon going to leave the world, prayed for his disciples who were remaining in the world. Ever since that time, followers have wrestled with what it means and what it looks like to interact with this world that we call home while we look forward to our future home in heaven. As such, we wrestle with our involvement in politics, culture, or other social issues. Paul talks about this in his letter to the Ephesians saying not to be, "tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming."

Recently a group of pastors, including well known author John MacArthur, put together a document titled, "Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel," in response to cultural issues at work today. Essentially, the purpose of the document is to act as a reminder that certain eternal truths continue to exist even as society ebbs and flows, pushes and pulls upon Christians and the church.

One thing is clear, there are very strong currents that can carry people the wrong way. If Christians are not careful, these currents will make their way into churches. Take for example the command to, "Love your neighbor." Many today would say it is not loving to tell another person they are wrong. This leads to an "anything goes" setting, and if you pay attention to the news, we are not that far away. This is not the way it should be.

I want to remind believers that the scriptures contain great and wonderful eternal truths. Study them, hold fast to them, memorize them so that you will not be one tossed back and forth by the waves. The section after Jesus prays for his disciples, he prays for all believers, *"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

Erik Granberg

Colorado Christian Services

Today, we will be taking a special donation for Colorado Christian Services. CCS is a leading provider of adoption services, having been in operation since 1963. They are a state licensed, non-profit child placement agency dedicated to providing professional counseling services to women in crisis pregnancies, serving children through foster care, and assisting Christian couples nationwide in building their families through adoption. Over the years, CCS has placed over 1,200 children into loving Christian homes, some here at North Garland. Please consider donating to this special cause. Jim & Patty Long will be taking money, along with the elders, and any staff member.

Thank You

The fundraiser for Joe and Cissy Duarte last Sunday was a huge success! The food was delicious, the auction was lively, and the love shown was inspiring. To everyone who participated in any way: setting up, preparing and serving lunch, providing items for the auction, buying chances on a beautiful basket, donating money, bidding on your favorites, cleaning up afterwards, thank you is not enough. God's blessing is our thanks, and we are grateful.

The Fundraising Committee