

# North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST

**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

Youth Group Christmas Party  
6-7:30 pm

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 10**-Golden Gals Lunch & Gift Exchange at Patty Long's House 11:30 am
- Dec. 11**-Ladies Class 9:30 am
- Dec. 12**-Blood Drive 5-8 pm
- Dec. 15**-Mercy House 4-8 pm
- Dec. 16**-Cole Steffens Wedding Shower 2-4 pm at JoAnn Roger's House
- Dec. 18**-Ladies Class 10:00 am
- Dec. 23**-Children's Christmas Program followed by Candlelight Vigil 6:00 pm
- Dec. 24,25**-Office Closed
- Dec. 26**-No Wednesday night class
- Dec. 30**-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship
- Jan. 1**-Office Closed
- Jan. 5**-Wed. Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
- Jan. 13**-Teachers Lunch & Meeting-After Services

**We will be serving at Mercy House this Saturday from 4-8 pm. If you would like to help, please let Terry Gordon know.**



**Order of Worship**

**Song Leader** ..... **Robb Mills**  
 #860 ..... There is a Habitation  
 #162 ..... All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
**Welcome/Scripture: Romans 5:1-5** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
**Opening Prayer** ..... **Michael Manley**  
 ..... Cornerstone  
 ..... All in All  
**Communion Talk** ..... **Chris Taylor**  
 Chris Taylor                      George Gordon                      Todd Anderson                      Jim Coker  
 David Granberg                      Pat Meek                      Jim Long                      John Wright  
 #72 ..... Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty  
 ..... **Dismiss Children**  
 ..... Holy Spirit  
 ..... On Bended Knee  
**Sermon: Gifts from Above: Holy Spirit** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
 ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart  
**Welcome/Announcements** ..... **Gordon Jantz**  
**Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **Dan Kent**  
  
**Children's Worship** ..... **Brigitte Elledge**  
**Nursery** ..... **Reeta Williams; Wendy Taylor**  
**Sound Booth** ..... **Dudley Darrow**  
**Slides** ..... **Terry Sherrill**  
**Lock Up** ..... **Terry Sherrill; Wayne Williams**

**Sermon Scripture: Romans 5:1-5**

**Sermon Thought:** Today's sermon was on God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is often misunderstood and neglected because of the misunderstanding. Despite that, followers need to spend time reflecting upon and studying the Spirit because the Spirit is: part of the Godhead, is the power of God, and is a down payment of salvation.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What leads to the confusion surrounding the Spirit?
2. How can followers do a better job of looking to and relying upon the Spirit?
3. What stood out to you and why from the sermon?

## New Prayer Concerns

**Granberg Family**-loss of Erik's grandmother; safe travels to funeral

**Becky Arens**-family friend of the Mills/Williams; just diagnosed with leukemia & started chemo

**David Petrik**-recovering from eye surgery

**Paula Saunders**-congratulations on being baptized last week; prayers as she begins her new journey with Christ

**Family of Billy Emerson**-brother-in-law of Patrece Allen; passed away

**Youth and Family Minister Search**

**Sydney Reigh**-friend of Seth & Cassie Barr; recovering from brain surgery, pray that it was successful

## Record for 12-02-18

Bible Class.....	109
Morning Worship .....	162
Contribution .....	\$7,550.77
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
2018 YTD Cont.....	\$262,103.53
2018 YTD Bdgt.....	\$318,461.76
Served at Pantry.....	N/A

## Birthdays

### December:

9 <sup>th</sup>	Curtis Diel
10 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Long Terry Sherrill
11 <sup>th</sup>	David Burford

### Ride Needed:

Pat Hart needs someone to give her a ride to church Sunday mornings. She lives at Burgandy Place. Her phone number is (580) 642-5739.

### Wednesday Meals:

There will be no Wednesday night meals for the month of December. Classes will still meet at 6:15.



## Pleasing God "A Disciple's Purpose"

As I reflect on life, there is a natural human need to be pleasing. As children, we want to be pleasing to our parents. When we go to school, we strive to be pleasing to our teachers. We certainly want to be pleasing to our spouse when we are married. In the professional world, we work to be pleasing to our employers. Being pleasing is indeed an important part of our lives, we put forth a lot of effort to achieve that feeling of fulfillment.

In our spiritual life, being **pleasing to God** is at the top of our list of things to do. It is a **disciple's purpose** as we seek his grace and favor with every breath we take. When we give our lives to Christ and become his disciples, it puts us on a path that is focused on **pleasing God**. He gives us the Holy Spirit as our counselor and to help us in our weakness. Jesus tells us, "*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come*" (Jn. 16:13). Paul adds, "*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words*" (Rom. 8:26). So, as we begin each day, **our purpose as Jesus' disciples** is to live by the Spirit so we can glorify our heavenly Father just as the Holy Spirit does through us. "*He [Holy Spirit] will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you*" (Jn. 16:14). **A disciple's purpose** is to declare Jesus as Lord and Savior to the world. Sharing the gospel of Christ will pierce the hearts and minds of lost souls, and they will come to be healed by the blood of the Lamb. It is pleasing to God when we give our lives to serving him, and he blesses us through the Holy Spirit, so we can fulfill a **disciple's purpose** through our spiritual life. *Gordon*

## Youth Group Christmas Party

There will be a Youth Group Christmas Party **tonight**, from 6 to 7:30 pm. It will be at Bryce and Gina Thornton's house, 1105 Dalton Court. Please bring a white elephant gift and be ready to have a time of fun and fellowship. Contact Robb Mills or Dee Plummer with any questions.

## Gifts for "Senior Saints"

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is collecting gifts for 24 of our "Senior Saints." The Ladies Class and anyone else who would like to come, will deliver them Tuesday morning at 9:30. We would appreciate your help by bringing items to the office that could be included. Some gifts ideas are: individually wrapped Christmas goodies, fruit, toiletries, Word search puzzles, and non-skid socks.



## Blood Drive

This Wednesday night, we will be having our Holiday Blood Drive from 5 to 8 pm. Donors get sub sandwiches and this limited-edition long-sleeved t-shirt! Please sign up for a time on the Welcome Center if you are able to donate.

## Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Cole Steffens and Tara Callaway, next Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 2-4 pm at Jo Ann Roger's house, 510 Deer Run. The couple is registered at Dillard's, Target, and Pottery Barn.