

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

Cole Steffens
Wedding Shower 2-4 pm

Upcoming Events

Dec. 23-6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program followed by Candlelight Vigil
Dec. 24,25-Office Closed
Dec. 26-No Wednesday night class
Dec. 30-5th Sunday Fellowship
Jan. 1-Office Closed
Jan. 5-Wed. Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
Jan. 8-Ladies Class 10:00 am
Jan. 12,13-Logan Hackworth Youth Minister Try Out
Jan. 13-Teachers Lunch & Meeting-After Services

Life Group sign-ups are now on the welcome center. There are four leaders this year to choose from.



Order of Worship

Song Leader **Jim Coker**
 #103 He Has Made Me Glad
 #153 Come, Let Us worship and Bow Down
Welcome/Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21 **Cory Moore**
Opening Prayer **Gene Denney**
 Covenant of Love
 Great Are You, Lord
Communion Talk **Dudley Darrow**
 Dudley Darrow Wayne Williams Curtis Diel Jerry Rogers
 Cooper Thornton Clay Calfee Steve Long Jim Osburn
 #1018 Joy to the World
 **Dismiss Children**
 #129 Amazing Grace
 #113 His Grace Reaches Me
Sermon: Gifts from Above: Grace **Sean Sellers**
 #325 Boundless Love
Welcome/Announcements **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Pat Meek**

Children's Worship **Gina Thornton**
Nursery **Sue Diel; Megan Darrow**
Sound Booth **Robb Mills**
Slides **Terry Sherrill**
Lock Up **Terry Sherrill; Wayne Williams**

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-7

Sermon Thought: A great acronym for grace is "God's Riches At Christ's Expense." That is, humanity receives the good from God because Jesus paid the cost. People wonder how a good God can condemn people to hell. One response would be that without Hell to be saved from there could be no grace.

Sermon Questions:

1. Above is an acronym for grace. . . how would you define grace?
2. Why are people ok with the idea of grace, but not judgement? Can one exist without the other?
3. Identify and explain two important aspects of grace that you see.

New Prayer Concerns

Granberg Family-loss of Erik's grandmother; safe travels home from funeral

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

Rustin Osburn-searching for a new job

Henry Waggoner II-congratulations on being baptized last week; prayers as he begins his new journey with Christ

Youth and Family Minister Search

Loretta Ball-in Greenbrier skilled nursing, recovering from a UTI, pneumonia, dehydration

Carol Jantz-recovering from carpal tunnel surgery Friday

Record for 12-09-18

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| Bible Class..... | 85 |
| Morning Worship | 174 |
| Contribution | \$5,465.10 |
| Budget | \$6,634.62 |
| 2018 YTD Cont..... | \$267,568.63 |
| 2018 YTD Bdgt | \$325,096.38 |
| Served at Pantry..... | 86 families |
| | 259 total people |

Birthdays

December:

17th **Brigitte Elledge**
Cindy Powers

18th **Jo Edwards**

19th **Kim Burford**
Porter Osburn

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 "The Joy of Doing"

There are many reasons we do the things we do in life. Some are because we want to, and others are because we have to. Sometimes we do things, so we can receive the reward that comes from having done them. We certainly enjoy the things that are easy to do, but we can also find joy in doing difficult things because of an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. Perhaps the **joy of doing** lies in the attitude of our heart and mind toward the tasks we choose or are called to do.

God felt great **joy in doing** the various acts of creation. "*And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good*" (Gen. 1:31). It brought great joy to his heart when he sent his Son to redeem his people. The world sings out "Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth bring forth her King". As disciples of Christ, **the joy of doing** the Lord's work compliments the joy God felt in what he has done for us. When Jesus sent out the seventy to prepare the way for his message of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven, they "*returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!'*" (Lk. 10:17). God is molding each one of us for the work he's created for us to do, and he assures us we will find great **joy in doing** our part in proclaiming the good news of the gospel of peace. He fills us with his goodness and grace then tops it off with his divine power, so we can accomplish our mission. Granted, it will not always be easy, but even then, we can "*Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing*" (Jas. 1:2-4). You see, the **joy of doing** the Lord's work is so we can receive a Crown of Life when our earthly journey is completed (Rev. 2:10).

Gordon

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Cole Steffens and Tara Callaway **today**. It will be from 2-4 pm at Jo Ann Rogers' house, 510 Deer Run. The couple is registered at Dillard's, Target, and Pottery Barn.

Thank You

Thank you to the Tuesday Ladies Bible Class and children for the Christmas gifts.
In Christian love,
Duane & Mary Owen

Thank you to all the ladies in the Tuesday morning class for all the wonderful Christmas gifts. We appreciate you thinking of us and taking time to come for a visit.
Love,

Avanell Long & Cathy Burkhardt

Thank you for all of your prayers for Cissy and my healing. Our spiritual family is very special to us.
Joe & Cissy Duarte

Thank you to the 15 angels who came out Wednesday night to give blood. It is a life-saving gift, with each pint saving up to three lives. You are truly appreciated.