



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 A.M.
New Quarter Begins

Upcoming Events

March 12-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
March 13-Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
March 19-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
March 20-Meal: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Baked Beans, Coke/Root Beer Floats
March 26-Ladies' Class 10:00 am
March 27-Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Strawberries & Blueberries, Chocolate Trifle
April 3-Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
April 13-Spring Cleaning Day
April 14-Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00
April 15-Alva Bible Chair Lunch

Record for 3-03-19

Bible Class..... N/A
Morning Worship..... N/A

Birthdays:

March

10th Brent Dittmeyer
11th Meredith Plummer
12th Emily Moore
15th Jo Ann Rogers

Anniversaries:

14th Tom & Mary Raloff
46 Years!!

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Robb Mills**
#300 Praise Him! Praise Him!
..... Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Welcome/Scripture: Ephesians 6:12-13 **Erik Granberg**
Opening Prayer **Chris Taylor**
..... We Shall Assemble
..... All in All
Communion Talk **Roger Unruh**
Roger Unruh Dee Plummer Dan Kent Joe Williams
Landon Geitzenauer Pat Meek Roger Owen Trenn Watson
#474 Thank You, Lord
..... **Dismiss Children**
..... Don't Be Afraid
#100 Holy Ground
#101 Holy Ground
Sermon: Daniel 3 "Courage to Stand" **Erik Granberg**
#749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Welcome/Announcements **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Dan Kent**

Children's Worship **Brigitte Elledge**
Nursery **Sue Diel; Megan Darrow**
Sound Booth **Dudley Darrow**
Slides **Terry Sherrill**
Lock Up **Bill Oldham; Terry Sherrill**

Sermon Scripture: Daniel 3

Sermon Thought: "Take a stand," "Stand your ground," "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." I could continue with all the sayings we have about the importance of taking a firm, strong position on any number of issues. However, we can say as many pithy little sayings we want, but every time it will come down to a moment when a person must answer the question, "Will I actually take a stand?"

Sermon Questions:

1. People NEED to know that right and wrong exist. It helps us navigate this world. Spend a few minutes thinking about the many benefits that come from clear lines of distinction on how people ought to behave.
2. Share about times when you have had that moment to decide to take a stand or not.
3. What makes it easier or more difficult to stand for what is right?

Hey! Who changed my meal!

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Youth and Family Minister search**
- **Carolyn Reith**-broke her tibia & fibula
- **Debbie Martin**-figuring out next steps in treatment of skin cancer
- **Coie Sparks**-Debbie Martin's son; has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **Tom Raloff**-continued recovery from minor strokes
- **Jan Petrik**-recovering from back surgery
- **Colin McPherson**-Gordon & Carol's grandson; showing signs of improvement in liver function

Next Week's (3/17) Servants:

Song Leader:	Glenn Walker
Opening Prayer:	Dudley Darrow
Communion Talk:	David Granberg
Lead Servant:	Shawn Tuohy
Servers:	Cooper Thornton Clay Calfee Kaiser Webb Shannon Elledge Jeff Owen Brent Dittmeyer
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth:	Jim Coker
Nursery Attendants:	Jamie Rogers Jo Ann Rogers
Children's Worship:	Wendy Taylor

By in large, most people are creatures of habit. We do the same things, the same ways, with the same results, over, and over, and over, and...you get the idea. Right now, there is a good chance you are sitting in the same place you were sitting the last time you read one of these articles. Don't worry it isn't necessarily a bad thing, just means you're fairly normal.

There is however, one consequence of doing the same routine that you may not like. Studies show that when there is no change, people stop paying attention. Marketing is fully aware of this. That is why the isles at the grocery store change. It is also why every so often you go to your favorite restaurant and read something like, "Our menu items have changed, and your favorite meal might be a different number." I didn't get the food I wanted one time because I didn't read the signs. I just walked in, ordered the #1, mozzarella instead of fries, large coke easy ice, and paid. When I opened my meal, I went up to the counter looking at the menu...then I realized my mistake. I wasn't paying attention.

I get the idea that many followers of God have stopped paying attention. Stopped paying attention to their faith, stopped paying attention to what God is doing, but even scarier, stopped paying attention to what Satan is doing. 1 Peter 5:8 says, "*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*"

If there is one thing that scares me the most about how Satan works, it is that he has the ability to blend in and make it seem like everything is okay. Then when people least expect it, and their guard is down, he strikes. Read Genesis 1-3 and see how it worked out for Adam and Eve. Not so well. I look around and see too many Christians falling by the wayside because they walked right into trouble: "I don't know how I got here," "I didn't see this coming," "It didn't seem so bad," they say. Too late.

I close with the words from Ephesians 5: 14-15 and urge you pay attention to spiritual matters, "*Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise....*"

Erik Granberg

New Quarter Adult Classes

Sayings of Jesus-Gordon-Same as last quarter

1 Timothy Class-Bring your Bibles, pens, and highlighters! Erik will be teaching an in-depth study of 1 Timothy this Spring in the Fellowship Hall. This class will be less life application and more text and background as we read through 1 Timothy verse by verse. Be prepared for an intense, deep and sometimes controversial time together.

Combined Life Group Announcement

There will be a combined Life Group presentation of a video from the Red River Family Encampment titled "**Redeemed and So Happy in Jesus**" tonight, in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 5:00. **Everyone is invited.** Bring sandwiches or snacks.

Thank You

Thank you for all your encouragement, cards, texts, food, and prayers over the last few weeks. It means a lot to us.

Shawn & Vickie Tuohy

Thank You

Thank You for all the love shown to my family after the death of my brother, Terry Traynor. For the prayers, flowers, memorials, cards, and words of encouragement. Thanks Gordon, for all you did to make it special for our family. Also, to the ladies for the wonderful meal that they served. I am humbled by your love and support. I feel very blessed to be part of North Garland.

With Love, **Jovita Lang**