

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

Financial Peace University 2:00 pm
In Children's Church Room
(this week only)

Upcoming Events

- April 15**-Alva Bible Chair Lunch
- April 17**-Meal: Baked Ziti, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert
- April 21**-Easter
- April 24**-Meal: Pizza, Green Salad, Strawberries & Grapes, Dessert
- April 28**-FPU 2:00 P.M.
- May 1**-Blood Drive
- May 1**-Meal: Chicken Casserole, Corn, Coleslaw, Dessert
- May 11**-Widow/Widower Dinner
- May 12**-Mother's Day

Record for 4-7-19

Bible Class.....	108
Morning Worship.....	193
Contribution	\$5,747.00
Life Groups	17
Families Served at Pantry.....	68
Total Served at Pantry	166

Birthdays:

April

- 14th** Dustin Williams
- 15th** Janice McGary
- 17th** Morgan Coldwater
- 18th** Dudley Darrow
TJ Parker

Anniversaries:

- 17th** Michael & Karen Manley

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Glenn Walker		
#155.....	Highest Place		
#555.....	Seek Ye First		
Welcome/Scripture: Psalm 136:1-3	Erik Granberg		
Opening Prayer	Michael Manley		
#490.....	It Is Well with My Soul		
#234.....	Worthy Is the Lamb		
Communion Talk	Cory Moore		
Cory Moore	Shawn Tuohy	Roger Unruh	Wayne Williams
Zach Guymon	Dennis Hartman	Danny Powers	Jim Long
.....	Dismiss Children		
.....	Light the Fire		
.....	Great Are You Lord		
#15.....	Step by Step		
Sermon	Erik Granberg		
#396.....	No Not One		
Closing/Announcements	Erik Granberg		
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek		
Children's Worship	Tania Unruh		
Nursery	Mandy Coker; Kelli Moore		
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow		
Slides	Terry Sherrill		
Lock Up	Dudley Darrow; Wayne Williams		

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 13

Sermon Thought: We have an expression, "Light at the end of the tunnel," meaning things aren't so great right now, but I can tell that it will end soon. Those times of darkness in life can be difficult to work through. King David had those times and often wrote psalms during those moments. In Psalm 13, David spends the first 4 verses talking about lost he is, but the last 2 verses serve as a reminder that there is light at the end.

Sermon Questions:

1. Reflecting upon your life, how often do you seem to experience the dark tunnels?
2. What ways do you think help get through those times?
3. What have you learned about God through the ups and downs in life? What have you learned about yourself?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Youth and Family Minister search**
- **Krese & Cameron Smith**-were in a car accident last Sunday
- **Gene Stetnish**-recovering from quadruple bypass surgery
- **Connie Johnson**-recovering from a mastectomy
- **Barbara Weese**-Karen Manley's mom; recovering from colon surgery
- **Jan Petrik**-recovering from back surgery
- **Willie Russell**-recovering from rotator cuff surgery

Next Week's (4/21) Servants:

Song Leader:	Jim Coker
Opening Prayer:	Terry Sherrill
Communion Talk:	Dan Kent
Lead Servant:	Bryce Thornton
Servers:	Jeff Owen George Gordon Bill Spencer John Wright Landon Geitzenaer Brett Thornton
Shepherd's Prayer:	John Wright
Sound Booth:	Robb Mills
Nursery Attendants:	Luann Burford Jamie Barr
Children's Worship:	Lisa Granberg Tania Unruh

We had 84% of our congregation come last Sunday for 100% Participation Day! That's wonderful! What a blessing to be able to worship together.

God the Tree Pruner

I greatly enjoy Spring time. The weather gets warm. Flowers and trees begin to sprout. Grass turns green again. All that being said though, Spring also brings LOTS of yard work: have to get rid of dead branches that fell during the winter storms, time to prune trees, and weeds...oh, the weeds. It is no wonder Jesus often used parables about working outside to get his messages across. There are so many good lessons to learn. One of my favorite parables comes from John 15, in which Jesus says, "I am the true vine; you are the branches...If you remain in me...."

A few years ago, I went to look at buying some fruit trees and came across an apple tree that was made from ten different apple trees. The roots from one had the trunk from another grafted into them. Then eight branches had been grafted into the trunk, each bearing a different kind of apple. I found it amazing (especially since I can hardly keep anything alive). Here was a single tree but was a spectacular mixture of so many different varieties.

That apple tree serves as a reminder about the beauty of God's kingdom. Jesus is the source of life, God is the gardener. The gardener grafts people in. People of all different backgrounds to make something marvelous. Revelation 7:9-10 says, "There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne...they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the lamb!'"

God is building a marvelous kingdom of diversity for us to be a part of. However, Jesus' parable also came with a warning saying God, "cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit." Let this parable be a reminder to us the spring, as we see new plants blooming, to be people who bear godly fruit in our lives.

Erik Granberg

Alva Bible Chair Lunch

North Garland has been asked to furnish food for the Alva Bible Chair students **tomorrow!** If you signed up to bring food, please have it to the church by 8:30 A.M. tomorrow morning. The van will be leaving from the church at 9:30 A.M.

Easter

Next Sunday believers all over the world will be meeting to spend extra time focusing on the resurrection of Jesus! Three items to keep in mind next Sunday. One, we will not have Sunday school classes that morning but will instead have an Easter breakfast together in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will start 8:30. Talk to Bill Oldham if you would like to help with that. Second, bring a friend to join us that day. Finally, there will be an Easter Egg hunt during children's church and we need candy to fill the eggs. Drop some by the church this week if you would like.

Playground Update

Currently we have \$5,713 out of our goal of \$12,000 donated so far to go towards our playground project. This is a nonbudget item so only designated donations go toward this effort. Please prayerfully consider donating soon so we can start this process and the children can enjoy it this summer! Ear mark your donation as a playground offering.