



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

Ladies' Class in Auditorium
Priscilla Sellers speaking on
"Footprints of Jesus"

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 9** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- Oct. 13** – Ladies' Class with Priscilla Sellers "It's a Time to Make a Difference" (Meet in Auditorium)
- Oct. 13** – Teachers Appreciation Lunch
- Oct. 13** – Youth Devo (Mills)
- Oct. 16** – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Oct. 20** – "Welcome to Oklahoma" Potluck for the Lincolns
- Oct. 22** – Alva Bible Chair Dinner
- Oct. 26** – LCCC Fundraiser/Open House
- Oct. 30** – Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 13** – Blood Drive
- Nov. 24** – Thanksgiving Dinner for Pantry Patrons: 5:30 p.m.

Record for 9-29-19

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| Bible Class..... | 81 |
| Morning Worship..... | 162 |
| Life Group..... | N/A |
| Contribution..... | \$5,220.00 |
| Budget..... | \$6,634.62 |
| Families Served at Pantry..... | N/A |
| Total People Served at Pantry..... | N/A |

Order of Worship

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| Song Leader | Robb Mills |
| | Hallelujah |
| | Shout Hallelujah |
| Welcome/Scripture: Psalm 57:9-11 | Erik Granberg |
| Opening Prayer | Shawn Tuohy |
| | Day by Day |
| | Cornerstone |
| #176..... | Lamb of God |
| Communion Talk | Jim Long |
| Jim Long | Wayne Williams |
| Kaiser Webb | Dennis Hartman |
| | Bill Spencer |
| | George Gordon |
| | Jerod Burford |
| | Roger Owen |
| | Dismiss Children |
| #226..... | Come Thou Fount |
| #42..... | How Majestic Is Your Name |
| #63..... | I Will Call Upon the Lord |
| Sermon: Walking Through the Bible: "A Man After God's Own Heart" | Erik Granberg |
| | The Steadfast Love of the Lord |
| Closing/Announcements | Gordon Jantz |
| Shepherd's Prayer | John Wright |
| Children's Worship | Carrie Mills |
| Nursery | Kelsey Sellers |
| Sound Booth | Dee Plummer |
| Slides | Todd Anderson |
| Lock Up | Bill Oldham; Terry Sherrill |

Sermon Scripture: 1 Samuel 7; Psalm 57

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon focused on the life of King David. Both David and Saul before him made mistakes in their lives. The big difference between them is that David chose to deal with the darkness. However, just because he dealt with the darkness, doesn't mean he avoided consequences. One of the blessings for us in our day are the insights we have into a life of faith by reading his psalms.

Sermon Questions:

1. Do you have a favorite Psalm? If so, what is it and why?
2. No one likes to talk about the times they have messed up. So instead, take a moment and share about what you have learned from your mistakes.
3. What makes it easier to deal with or work through your mistakes?

Refocus

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Debbie Martin** – waiting on endoscopy results
- **Justin Nesbitt** – David & Jan Petrik's son-in-law, having severe back pain
- **Sydney Reigh** – 7 year-old who has faced an ongoing battle with chiari malformation; friend of the Barr Family

Next Week's (10/6) Servants:

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| Song Leader: | Jim Coker |
| Opening Prayer: | Cory Moore |
| Communion Talk: | Hal Johnson |
| Lead Servant: | Bryce Thornton |
| Servers: | Beau Brownell Carl Dowell Dan Kent Jeff Owen Ken Edwards Casey Elledge |
| Shepherd's Prayer: | Brent Dittmeyer |
| Sound Booth: | Robb Mills |
| Slides: | Terry Sherrill |
| Nursery Attendants: | Susan Oldham |
| Children's Worship: | Chris & Wendy Taylor |

Birthdays:

October

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| 6 th | Hal Johnson |
| 7 th | Cole Mitchell |
| 9 th | Michael Manley |
| 11 th | Christy Cochran Joseph Williams |
| 12 th | Libby Owen Buddy Rogers |

Dr Martin Luther King once said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." We know he was referring to society as a whole, but this could easily be extended to Churches of Christ.

The current trends of churches in the United States is very sobering to say the least. Churches of Christ are the 13th largest religious group, but don't break the top 20 for growth. They have shrunk 930 members per month over the last 18 years. Fifty-five percent of Churches of Christ have an average attendance of 34 or less each Sunday and nine churches have dissolved each month over the last 3 years.

I don't want to come off as a negative Nancy, but we may need to refocus some of the things we do here at North Garland. Two key points experts recommend are:

1. A love focused on the young, unchurched, and diverse.
2. Clarity about our evangelistic strategy and developing of evangelistic skills.

What can our congregation do?

Several are listed by experts, but what I want to recommend are these:

1. Pray. Now is the time to trust God for our future.
2. Talk with, encourage, and focus on younger members.

My hope and prayer is that our church is doing these things that are recommended NOW. The pantry brings in a very diverse group to our building, so let's learn to talk and evangelize to this group! We have just experienced what the future can be like when His body works together to build a playground for the youth. What a great day last Sunday was. As one of the dads asked me Sunday, "What's next?"

I look forward to that and encourage your thoughts and feedback as we journey together.

Brent Dittmeyer



The Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of **October 14th**. Let's do our best to fill it up! They are needing Tang, Spam, Salmon, Heinz 57, Black Olives, Chex Party Mix, Sweet & Dill Relish, Lipton Onion Soup Mix, Strawberry/Plum/Peach Jelly, Combs, Hair Gel, Anti-Perspirant Solid Deodorant, Plastic Silverware, 16 oz. Styrofoam Cups, & Styrofoam Paper Plates/Bowels/Saucers. As you bring your items, please put them in the corner wooden box in the lobby. (Plastic bags can temporarily be placed on the counter in the kitchen.)