



# 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

**Youth Group go to Chickasha Lights  
leave from church at 3:00 p.m.**

### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 17** – Ladies' Class **9:00**
- Dec. 24** – Office Closed
- Dec. 24** – Candlelight Vigil
- Dec. 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec. 31** – Office Closed
- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Family Fun Night (5-8 p.m.)
- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Youth Group Lock In (8 p.m. – 8 a.m.)
- Jan. 1** – New Year's Day-Office Closed
- Jan. 15** – Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread, Reese's Peanut Cup Chocolate Cake

### Record for 12-8-19

Bible Class.....	91
Morning Worship.....	158
Contribution .....	\$3,522.24
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
Households served at Pantry.....	115
Total people served at Pantry.....	358

### Birthdays

#### December:

- 17<sup>th</sup>**     **Brigitte Elledge**
- 18<sup>th</sup>**     **Jo Edwards**
- 19<sup>th</sup>**     **Kim Burford**

### Order of Worship

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>		
#587 .....	Sing and Be Happy		
#71 .....	As the Deer		
<b>Welcome/Scripture:</b> Psalm 100:1-2 .....	<b>Stephen Lincoln</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Hal Johnson</b>		
#382 .....	Why Did My Savior Come to Earth		
#325 .....	Boundless Love		
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Bill Oldham</b>		
Bill Oldham	Shawn Tuohy	Cooper Thornton	Shannon Elledge
David Granberg	Brent Dittmeyer	Roger Owen	Michael Manley
#376 .....	He Paid a Debt		
#202 .....	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee		
#1018 .....	Joy to the World		
.....	<b>Dismiss Children</b>		
<b>Sermon:</b> Joy.....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>		
#559 .....	The Joy of the Lord		
<b>Closing/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>		
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent</b>		
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Tammi Long; Mandy Coker</b>		
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Beverly Carroll; Jeanita Meek</b>		
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Todd Anderson</b>		
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>		

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 2:8-14

**Sermon Thought:** For hundreds of years the church has anticipated the coming of Jesus during the season of Advent. The third week of waiting for his arrival invites us to receive His JOY. The angels announced to the shepherds the good news of Jesus that would bring great joy to all people. During Advent we celebrate the joy that Jesus offers in coming close to all humanity and offering us a relationship with God and one another. We also anticipate joy on the day when Jesus will return again and his kingdom will bring in a time of unhindered relationship with God and others.

#### Sermon Questions:

1. If you had to list the most powerful emotions, what would they be and where would joy be in that list?
2. What makes joy so important in life?
3. What stood out to you from the sermon?

### New Prayer Concerns:

- **Jo Edwards** – recovering from having a heart stent put in
- **David & Jan Petrik** – both dealing with heart issues
- **Mary Raloff** – recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Varna Nolen** – recovering from hand surgery

### Next Week's (12/22) Servants:

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Sean Sellers
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Derek Tinius
<b>Communion Talk:</b>	Brent Dittmeyer
<b>Lead Servant:</b>	Roger Unruh
<b>Servers:</b>	Danny Powers Dennis Hartman Jerod Burford Brett Thornton Kevin Hurt Trenn Watson
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	Pat Meek
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Jim Coker
<b>Slides:</b>	Dudley Darrow
<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Kayla Nichols Barbara Holland
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Derek Tinius Kim Tinius

### Mercy House

The days Mercy House are able to operate have changed so we are not able to volunteer on Saturday nights like we have been. Those of you who have volunteered in the past, please talk to Terry Gordon about being about to help on another day.

### Christmas Cards

Behind the Welcome Center we have two white boards that are ready for your Christmas cards! You may attach them with the metal clips or place them in the plastic buckets. Make sure you check these boards every week to see if you have mail!



### Life Group Sign-Up

Life Groups have been a valued part of our North Garland family for the past eight years. They have been instrumental in fulfilling our vision of “growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.” Many lives have been touched through the Life Group activities and projects that have been accomplished. God has been glorified in all we have done. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider being part of our Life Group ministry as we make plans for 2020. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center where you can indicate your desire to be part of these spiritually transforming groups. If you would be willing to be a leader for one of our Life Groups, please indicate that as well. May God bless you!

### Investment in Eternity Book

Gordon has copies of his new book “Investment in Eternity: Securing America’s Future” available for \$10 each. He will be in the foyer after services if you would like to purchase one for your personal use or as a Christmas gift. They are also available in paperback and electronic copy on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iTunes and other bookstores.



Switzerland in 1560. It speaks to the beauty and uniqueness of God's word and is an encouragement to read the Bible, follow its commands and find happiness even in times of sorrow and hardship. The Geneva Bible itself was written in a time of great persecution against members of Christ's church at the hands of the Vatican. With all of that in mind, I hope you enjoy and are encouraged by what follows below:

"Here is the Spring where waters flow,  
to quench our heat of sin:  
Here is the Tree where truth doth grow,  
to lead our lives therein:  
Here is the Judge that stints the strife,  
when men's devices fail:  
Here is the Bread that feeds the life,  
that death cannot assail.  
The tidings of Salvation dear,  
comes to our ears from hence:  
The fortress of our Faith is here,  
and shield of our defense.  
Then be not like the hog, that hath  
a pearl at his desire,  
And takes more pleasure of the trough  
and wallowing in the mire.  
Read not this book, in any case,  
but with a single eye:  
Read not, but first desire God's grace,  
to understand thereby.  
Pray still in faith, with this respect,  
to fructify therein,  
That knowledge may bring this effect,  
to mortify thy sin.  
Then happy thou, in all thy life,  
whatso to thee befalls:  
Yea, double happy shalt thou be,  
when God by death thee calls.

O Gracious God and most merciful Father, which has given us the rich and precious jewel of your holy Word, assist us with the Spirit, that it may be written in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us according to your own image, to build us up, and edify us into the perfect building of Christ's body, sanctifying and increasing in us all heavenly virtues. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

Anonymous

***Stephen Lincoln***