



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.

Upcoming Events

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. 1 – No Services
Jan. 12 – Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.
Jan. 15 – Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread, Reese’s Peanut Cup Chocolate Cake
Jan. 29 – Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert

Record for 12-22-19

Morning Worship..... 208
 Contribution \$4,565.41
 Budget \$6,634.62

Birthdays

December:

29th Tammi Long

January:

1st Patty Long
 2nd Jim Osburn
 Kelly Ward

Anniversaries

December:

29th John & Brenda Wright

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Landon Geitzenauer**
 Sanctuary
 Firm Foundation
Welcome/Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-24..... **Stephen Lincoln**
Opening Prayer **Derek Tinius**
 #781 Thank You, Lord!
 #383..... Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Communion Talk..... **Gordon Jantz**
 Gordon Jantz Cory Moore David Burford Zach Guymon
 Bill Oldham John Wright George Gordon Dee Plummer
 I Will Call Upon the Lord
 #103..... He Has Made Me Glad
 **Dismiss Children**
Sermon: The Lord is Constant **Erik Granberg**
 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Closing/Announcements..... **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd’s Prayer **John Wright**

Children’s Worship..... **Derek & Kim Tinius**
Nursery **Brigitte Elledge; Kelsey Sellers**
Sound Booth **Terry Sherrill**
Slides **Chris Taylor**

Sermon Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-24

Sermon Thought: There are a few places in scripture where we are given a glimpse of God’s eternal nature. Consider what Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever," or the name God gives Moses in Exodus 3:14, "I AM WHO I AM." We may not always know what God is doing or how events will work out, but we can know that God is constant.

Sermon Questions:

1. What gives you confidence in God?
2. How do you deal with the different times between God seeming close and God seeming far?
3. What reason do you have for the hope you find in God?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Gina & Andy McPherson** – were in a serious car accident last Saturday; Gina has a broken collar bone (Gordon & Carol's daughter & son-in-law)
- **Mary Raloff** – recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Helen Coker** – Jim Coker's mom; recovering from sepsis, e-coli, & a broken arm
- **Ken Albert** – Gene Denney's brother-in-law; just put on hospice care

Next Week's (1/5) Servants:

Song Leader: Glenn Walker
Opening Prayer: Dudley Darrow

Communion Talk: Ken Edwards

Lead Servant: Bryce Thornton

Servers: Jim Coker
Derek Tinius
Hal Johnson
Zach Guymon
Matt Nichols
Mike Armour

Shepherd's Prayer: Brent Dittmeyer

Sound Booth: Sean Sellers

Slides: Terry Sherrill

Nursery Attendants: Susan Oldham
Geneva Osburn

Children's Worship: Brenda Wright

Completes Our Eternal Glory "God's Wonderous Plan is Done"

There are two things in life we have all experienced – taking vacations and moving. For each of these we have to plan what we are going to do and then make preparations for the journey and activities we will engage in. Vacations are a fun time, and we get to see a lot of beautiful sites and do things we really enjoy. However, it always feels good to be back home. When we move, there is always mixed emotions. We are sad to leave our current home and friends, but there is also a feeling of excitement with our new beginning. There is the new home we have to settle into and make it our own. Then we begin the process of making new friends and again becoming familiar with our new surroundings. We now have a new quality of life.

There is an amazing parallel in our spiritual life with Christ. We get to experience a lot of fun and exciting things as we give ourselves to serving in the Lord's kingdom. We witness lives being changed into his glory and the transformation of the world around us through the Holy Spirit living in us. Being disciples of Christ also requires planning and a lot of preparation to do what he calls us to do. That is why Paul tells us "*We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them*" (Eph. 2:10). You see, it is through Christ and us as his disciples that God **completes our eternal glory**. Praise God we have a new beginning in his eternal and holy presence. As Jesus tells his disciples, "*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master'*" (Matt. 25:21). When we hear those glorious words we have been transformed from our physical life into our eternal home with Christ. **God's Wonderous Plan is Done!**

Gordon

Thank You

The Ladies' Bible Class was delightfully supportive during my injury recovery as a result of a house fire. Bless you all.

Dennis Porter

Family Fun Night/Lock-In

December 31st we will be having a family fun night followed by a lock-in for the youth group! The family fun night will be from 6-8 p.m. Snacks will be provided. We will be having a HUGE nerf war so bring your nerf guns and ammo!

Immediately following family fun night, the youth group will start their lock-in and bring in the New Year together! There will be tons of fun activities and games planned! Please bring a gift (\$15 or less) for a dirty Santa gift exchange. The lock-in will be over at 8:00 a.m. Jan. 1st.

