



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 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 9** – Golden Gals
Lunch/Gift Exchange 11:30 a.m.
- 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 12-01-19

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| Bible Class..... | 93 |
| Morning Worship..... | 164 |
| Contribution | \$4,206.59 |
| Budget | \$6,634.62 |

Birthdays

- December:**
- 8th** **Jerod Burford**
 - 10th** **Steve Long**
 Terry Sherrill
 - 12th** **David Burford**

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Jim Coker**
 Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Welcome/Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 **Stephen Lincoln**

Opening Prayer **Cory Moore**
 Come Let Us Sing
 Let Us Adore
 Here I Am To Worship
 That's Why We Praise Him
 #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion Talk **Dan Kent**
 Dan Kent Wayne Williams Beau Brownell Bill Spencer
 Kaiser Webb Derek Tinius Sean Sellers Casey Elledge

..... **Dismiss Children**
 Open the Eyes of My Heart
 #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Sermon: Faith **Erik Granberg**
 He Leadeth Me

Closing/Announcements **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Brent Dittmeyer**

Children's Worship **Alyssa Plummer; Dee Plummer**
Nursery **Jamie Barr; Megan Darrow**
Sound Booth **Terry Sherrill**
Slides **Dudley Darrow**

Sermon Scripture: Micah 5:2

Sermon Thought: The second advent candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

Sermon Questions:

1. What has helped your faith have seasons of growth throughout the years?
2. Last week we looked at the waiting that is part of hope. How does faith interact with hope?
3. What stood out to you from today's sermon?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Jo Edwards** – will have a heart stent put in Dec. 10th
- **David & Jan Petrik** – both dealing with heart issues
- **Mary Raloff** – having shoulder surgery Dec. 10th
- **Gene Denney** – health issues

Next Week's (12/15) Servants:

Song Leader: Dee Plummer

Opening Prayer: Hal Johnson

Communion Talk: Bill Oldham

Lead Servant: Shawn Tuohy

Servers: Cooper Thornton
Shannon Elledge
David Granberg
Brent Dittmeyer
Roger Owen
Michael Manley

Shepherd's Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Todd Anderson

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery Attendants: Beverly Carroll
Jeanita Meek

Children's Worship: Mandy Coker
Tammi Long

Milk or Meat?

Referring to another member of the acting profession, Minnie Pearl once said, "He isn't a failure. He just started at the bottom and liked it there." There are Christians who might fit the same description. We grow to a point of obedience to the Lord and then stop. We proudly take His name and promptly leave the game. Some Christians who should be savoring spiritual meat are still slurping from a baby bottle. Peter's admonition is simple and strong, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." -2 Peter 3:18

How are you growing in grace and knowledge? In what ways are you changing? Are you thinking, talking and living more like Jesus every day? Or did you start at the bottom and stay there? Don't let Satan lull you into liking it there! Everybody starts out as a baby, but nobody is designed to remain a baby. The church needs fewer people who act like infants, or who exhibit juvenile behavior. As one hymn sounds the challenge "Men of faith rise up and sing," then, "Rise up women of the truth." And let the words of another song encourage growth and development for all men (and women): "I'm pressing on the upward way; New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound; 'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Erik Granberg

Thank You

Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers and offers of assistance. It's good to be a part of a loving and caring family. In Christian Love,
Ken & Jo Edwards

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 classroom 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.