



# 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

H.O.P.E. Group (5:30-7:30 p.m.)  
Life Groups

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 25** – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 26** – Meal: Meatballs, Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Pudding/Jello
- March 3** – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- March 4** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- March 10** – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- March 11** – Meal: Chicken Tortillas, Green Beans, Dessert
- March 25** – Meal: Tacos, Empanadas, Beans, Pudding/Jello
- March 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship
- April 7** – Alva Bible Chair Dinner
- April 8** – Blood Drive
- April 11** – Passion of the Christ Movie Night
- April 18** – Garriott Road Ladies' Day
- April 26** – Jacqueline Anderson Baby Boy Shower: 2-4 p.m.

### Record for 2-16-20

Bible Class.....	110
Morning Worship.....	169
Life Group.....	55
Contribution.....	\$3,826.21
Budget.....	\$6,634.62
YTD Contribution.....	\$34,779.20
YTD Budget.....	\$46,442.34
Families Served at Pantry.....	68
Total People Served at Pantry.....	201

### Birthdays

- February:**
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Renny Hartman
  - 25<sup>th</sup>** Chase Coldwater
  - 26<sup>th</sup>** Jovita Lang  
Chris Taylor
  - 28<sup>th</sup>** Carol Baxter  
Beverly Summers

### Order of Worship

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Sean Sellers</b>		
.....	Days of Elijah		
#859.....	When All of God's Singers Get Home		
#470.....	Victory in Jesus		
<b>Welcome/Scripture:</b> Galatians 5:13-14 .....	<b>Stephen Lincoln</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>		
.....	Someday		
#589.....	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms		
.....	Can He Still Feel the Nails?		
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>George Gordon</b>		
George Gordon	Wayne Williams	Robb Mills	Michael Manley
Bill Spencer	Brett Thornton	David Burford	Trenn Watson
.....	<b>Dismiss Children</b>		
.....	Hide Me Away, O Lord		
<b>Sermon:</b> Games People Play: Puzzles .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>		
#410.....	He Leadeth Me		
<b>Closing/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>		
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	John Wright		
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Megan Darrow</b>		
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Patrece Allen; Jacqueline Anderson</b>		
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>		
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Chris Taylor</b>		

**Sermon Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 12.13-14

**Sermon Thought:** People have spent a lot of time wondering about the purpose of life or trying to find meaning in it. Some say whatever a person values provides meaning which is why people chase after all kinds of stuff. Ultimately, nothing in this world brings full satisfaction, only God can fill the void.

### Sermon Questions:

1. What do you see making people feel important or special?
2. What problems does this cause?
3. How can finding our purpose in God bring satisfaction to any circumstance?

## Make the Most of Your Freedom

### New Prayer Concerns:

- **Cody & Shala Fuksa** – Landis & Renee's son & daughter-in-law; Shala has started her radiation for her brain tumor. Also pray for Cody to have strength through these trying times.
- **Joshua & Bethany Granberg** - Erik's brother & sister-in-law; recovering from the loss of their premature baby
- **Opal George** – Geneva Osburn's mother; now at the Commons under hospice care
- **Jane Ging** – Gordon Jantz's sister; recovering from hip replacement surgery while also struggling with MS
- **Family of Craig Pinkerton** – son-in-law of Jack & Fran Goodpasture (former members, now attend Garriott Road); passed away from meningitis

### Next Week's (3/1) Servants:

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Robb Mills
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dee Plummer
<b>Communion Talk:</b>	Cory Moore
<b>Lead Servant:</b>	Wayne Williams
<b>Servers:</b>	Carl Dowell Z. Zidor Bill Spencer Dudley Darrow Dan Kent Danny Powers
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	Brent Dittmeyer
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Sean Sellers
<b>Slides:</b>	Terry Sherrill
<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Kelli Moore Jamie Rogers
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Mary Raloff

In the United States we often hear the word "Freedom", but we seldom stop to consider what it means and what we could be without it. For instance, people living in less fortunate parts of the world don't share the same freedoms that we have here today, and they struggle and suffer to obtain what is readily available for most Americans. We have these freedoms because people fought for it and still fight for it. In many ways, people honor that freedom, but it is very easy to take advantage of it and not recognize its value. That is one of the many reasons we have contention in our country right now.

In the same way, people abuse the freedom we are given by God because the word freedom can be misinterpreted. All those who live in the grace of Christ and follow his commands have freedom. We have freedom from sin, freedom from sorrow, and freedom from the heavy burden of a life lived in the dark. That freedom comes with a responsibility. As followers of Christ we should have no desire to sin because we should have full knowledge and understanding of the weight of the cross. Our freedom isn't a greenlight to do whatever we please, but it is an opportunity to live a life that is free. Our freedom is tied to the Love that God has shown us.

**Galatians 5:13-15 says** "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh. rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself". If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

Love is not defined merely by the things we don't do to hurt others. It is the full expression of Christ's love through every step we take, every word we speak, and everything we do. In following this, we live our lives free.

Freedom can be a beautiful thing if we remember the price that was paid to win it. Make the most of your freedom.

As you go about your week, add this to your prayer: "**Dear God, flow through my freedom, guide me in my relationships with others so I may act in every instance with your love.**"

*Stephen Lincoln*

### Elder Selection Process

Elder selection forms will be available in the lobby after church this morning. Please return signed forms in an envelope to the basket in the church office before Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Thank You

Dear Church,

Thank you for the calls, texts, and flowers when I was in the hospital. I appreciate you thinking of me. Love in Christ,

Don & Cheryl Siders

### Baby Girl

Congratulate Kaiser & Dawn Webb on their new granddaughter, Lakyn Dawn Webb! She was born 2-17-20 at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 in. long.

### Children's Ministry Matters

Starting March 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting our worship service with a special children's lesson. Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited up front for a short lesson from Derek Tinius.