



# 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

Life Groups

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 11 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 12 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- Feb. 18 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 19 – Meal: Biscuits & Gravy
- Feb. 22 – Ladies' PJ Party
- Feb. 25 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- March 4 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- March 11 – Meal: Chicken Tortillas, Green Beans, Dessert
- April 7 – Alva Bible Chair Dinner
- April 8 – Blood Drive
- April 18 – Garriott Road Ladies' Day

### Record for 2-2-20

Bible Class.....	120
Morning Worship.....	200
Contribution .....	\$5,786.24
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
YTD Contribution .....	\$25,636.79
YTD Budget .....	\$33,173.10

### Birthdays

#### February:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Johna Wright
- 14<sup>th</sup> Eugene Stetnish
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bryce Thornton

### Anniversaries

- 14<sup>th</sup> Larry & Deana LeCrone

### Order of Worship

<b>Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Landon Geitzenauer</b>			
#574.....	Oh, How I Love Jesus			
#103.....	He Has Made Me Glad			
<b>Welcome/Scripture:</b> Colossians 3:22-24.....	<b>Stephen Lincoln</b>			
<b>Opening Prayer</b> .....	<b>Danny Powers</b>			
.....	10,000 Reasons			
.....	Firm Foundation			
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Dudley Darrow</b>			
Dudley Darrow	Shawn Tuohy	Casey Elledge	Cory Moore	
Kaiser Webb	Jeff Owen	Kevin Hurt	Sean Sellers	
.....	<b>Dismiss Children</b>			
.....	Create in Me a Clean Heart			
<b>Sermon:</b> Games People Play: Life.....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>			
#383.....	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross			
<b>Closing/Announcements</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>			
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent</b>			
<b>Children's Worship</b> .....	<b>Chris &amp; Wendy Taylor</b>			
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Mandy &amp; Ally Coker</b>			
<b>Sound Booth</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>			
<b>Slides</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>			

**Sermon Scripture:** Hebrews 9:27-28

**Sermon Thought:** Today's sermon focused on the idea that many people take life for granted, even living as though life itself is a game free of consequences. Scripture teaches just the opposite though, speaking often of the long-term consequences of making foolish or sinful decisions. Hopefully in our lives we can help others understand the value and importance of a life, especially a life lived following God.

#### Sermon Questions:

1. In what ways do you see people and society devaluing life?
2. What dangers does this bring?
3. How can followers of God show the value of life?

## The Not So Secret Kingdom

### New Prayer Concerns:

- **Diana Armstrong** – recovering from knee replacement surgery; Kelli Moore's mom
- **Joshua & Bethany Granberg** - dealing with bad news regarding their pregnancy
- **Christian & Madison Solis** – prayers that he can find a full-time job & she can have the strength to work the 3 jobs she has
- **Debbie Martin** – multiple health issues
- **Jan Petrik** – recovering from heart bypass surgery, having some post op complications
- **Cheryl Siders** – recovering from heart ablation surgery

### Next Week's (2/16) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Stephen Lincoln

**Opening Prayer:** Dennis Hartman

**Communion Talk:** Matt Nichols

**Lead Servant:** Dee Plummer

**Servers:** Cooper Thornton  
Casey Elledge  
David Granberg  
Zach Guymon  
Roger Owen  
Jim Coker

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek

**Sound Booth:** Dudley Darrow

**Slides:** Sean Sellers

**Nursery Attendants:** Cheryl Kent  
Charlotte Owen

**Children's Worship:** Jaqueline Anderson

"The kingdom of heaven is like...." This is a familiar phrase to any who have read the words of Jesus. In fact, Matthew's gospel of Jesus Christ records over 30 instances of the phrase, "the kingdom of heaven." Within Jesus' teaching of the kingdom of heaven there are a few different themes. One prominent theme is that of mystery or maybe secrecy is a better word.

Consider the teachings in Matthew 13 specifically. In this chapter the kingdom of heaven is compared to a mustard seed that starts small and ends up big, yeast that works its way through dough unseen, treasure hidden in a field, and a fine pearl costing a merchant everything to attain it. Each of these comparisons contains an element of mystery.

It is especially the times when Jesus stresses the importance of seeking the kingdom that jump out to me. Being included in the kingdom of heaven is an option that is available to everyone. But it will not be obvious to all. It isn't glamorous, popular, or even obvious for that matter. It is actually just the opposite. If you think back to the pearl teaching, the merchant was left with nothing except his pearl. People would say you are crazy if you actually gave up everything you had for God.

Think about yourself...are you a part of God's secret kingdom? It really isn't a secret. It's just that the vast majority are so caught up looking for something else in life that they are going to miss it.

*"The son of man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."* -Matthew 13:41-43

**Erik Granberg**

### Elder Selection Process

Today, the names of potential elders will be presented to the congregation. Please consider those whose names have been put forward. Any questions or concerns should be discussed with the individual for clarification and/or better understanding of circumstances. If any major concerns are not resolved or clarified, those concerns should be made known to the current eldership.

### Communication Directory

The new communication directory is almost done! Please check the copies on the welcome center to make sure your information is correct. You can also check online by going to our website [www.northgarlandchurch.org](http://www.northgarlandchurch.org). Click the resources tab, then directory. Our new password is Mark1615. If anything needs to be changed, please write it in on the paper copies or let Mandy know. For anyone who missed having their picture taken, Mandy will be taking pictures March 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### Pajama Party!

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6-8 p.m., we will be having a pajama party for the women at church of all ages! Dessert will be provided, just bring finger foods. We will be having a devo and activities. Contact Jacey Lincoln with any questions.