

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 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 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** – 5th 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 2-23-20

Morning Worship.....	197
Life Group	59
Contribution	\$4,647.60
Budget	\$6,634.62
YTD Contribution	\$39,426.80
YTD Budget	\$53,076.96
Families Served at Pantry.....	34
Total People Served at Pantry....	103

Birthdays

March:

5th Lisa Granberg

Anniversaries

2nd Duane & Mary Owen
73 Years!!

5th Kent & Deanna Chesser

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Robb Mills		
.....	Clap Your Hands		
.....	Shout Hallelujah		
Welcome/Scripture: Matthew 3:16-17	Stephen Lincoln		
Opening Prayer	Dee Plummer		
.....	Day by Day		
.....	All Who Are Thirsty		
.....	In Christ Alone/Cornerstone		
Communion Talk	Cory Moore		
Cory Moore	Wayne Williams	Carl Dowell	Z. Zidor
Bill Spencer	Dudley Darrow	Dan Kent	Danny Powers
.....	Dismiss Children		
.....	Ancient Words		
.....	Touched by a Fire		
Sermon: Life of Christ: Beginning of Ministry	Erik Granberg		
#768.....	Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You		
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz		
Shepherd's Prayer	Brent Dittmeyer		
Children's Worship	Mary Raloff		
Nursery	Kelli Moore; Jamie Rogers		
Sound Booth	Sean Sellers		
Slides	Terry Sherrill		

Sermon Scripture: Luke 4:14-19

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon renewed our, "Thru the Bible," series by looking at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' ministry had the good news message of LIBERATION.

Sermon Questions:

1. What kinds of things do you see people being in bondage to?
2. So much of Jesus' kingdom runs counter to logic, "the last shall be first," "the weak will be strong." Does this make following God easier or harder and why?
3. What stood out to you from today's sermon?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Dennis & Renny Hartman** – recovering from the loss of their daughter-in-law, Jill Hartman
- **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.
- **Jim & Geneva Osburn** – recovering from the loss of Geneva's mother, Opal George
- **Dianna Simmons** – having gallbladder surgery March 3rd

Next Week's (3/8) Servants:

Song Leader:	Beau Brownell
Opening Prayer:	Chris Taylor
Communion Talk:	Sean Sellers
Lead Servant:	George Gordon
Servers:	Landon Geitzenauer Derek Tinius Kaiser Webb John Wright Kevin Hurt Kent Chesser
Shepherd's Prayer:	Dan Kent
Sound Booth:	Dee Plummer
Slides:	Dudley Darrow
Nursery Attendants:	Jamie Barr Megan Darrow
Children's Worship:	Cassie Barr Jamie Barr

Dealing with the Dirt

Everyone cleans from time to time. It may be items like toys, dishes, desks, or laundry. There is even virtual cleaning that must sometimes be done like on a computer desktop! One thing that everyone has to occasionally deal with is dirt. Dirt gets everywhere... vehicles, clothes, carpet, hands and so on. Think of all the steps people take to deal with dirt. There are door mats to wipe shoes, vacuums for carpet, filters to clean the air, sinks with soap to keep hands clean, washing machines to get dirt off clothes, and water filters to keep water clean. We are dealing with dirt all the time to stay clean.

We can look at our spiritual lives the same way. There is spiritual dirt that we must deal with. 2 Peter 1:5-9 talks about this saying, "...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that **THEY HAVE BEEN CLEANSED from their past sins.**" Notice, several of the characteristics listed in our spiritual lives are also needed when a person physically cleans: knowledge, self-control, perseverance.

Our physical surroundings don't get clean by accident. Neither do our spiritual selves. Instead, the dirt must be dealt with. It will take time, it will take work, it takes grace through faith, and it may get messy before it gets clean, but it is for the best. Paul prays for his Philippians readers in 1:10 that they may discern, "*what is best and may be PURE AND BLAMELESS for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God.*" I pray that you will be a person that deals with the dirt.

Erik Granberg

Elder Selection Process

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

Pictures

Next week, Mandy will be out in the foyer taking pictures of all the new elders, staff, and anyone else who missed having their picture taken for the new communication directory. It will be ready Sunday, March 15! The directory on our website will be continually up to date as people's addresses and phone numbers change. **The password is Mark1615.** If you are not able to print a copy at home and would like us to print a copy for you, please make a note of it on your attendance card so we know about how many to print.