

# 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.**

## Virtual Worship

### Upcoming Events

**April 18** – Garriott Road Ladies' Day  
**April 26** – Jacqueline Anderson Baby Boy Shower: 2-4 p.m.  
**June 21-24** – VBS  
**June 14-20** – LCCC Junior Session  
**July 5-11** – LCCC Xtreme Session

### Record for 3-22-20

Contribution ..... \$3,685.00  
Budget ..... \$6,634.62

### Birthdays

#### April:

1<sup>st</sup>     **Brody Mills**  
          **Kaylynn Brownell**

2<sup>nd</sup>     **Matt Nichols**

3<sup>rd</sup>     **Clara Barr**  
          **Kaylee Barr**

4<sup>th</sup>     **JR Baxter**

*Song: A Wonderful Savior*  
*Song: Just As I Am-I Come Broken*  
*Song: The New Song*

### The Bible Project Video

#### Sermon: Life of Christ – The Cost of Discipleship

**Intro:** There is a scene that gets played out regularly on playgrounds and it goes something like this. Little toddler thinks it is fun to climb on the playground, said toddler loses footing but holds on for dear life yelling for help. The child's parent comes over to hold the child up but the child is still clutching the structure. The choice to let go is difficult for children because it seems backwards...the child must let go to find safety. Jesus taught that following him was similarly backwards.

#### 1) Luke 9:23-26

- a) *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must...take up their cross...and follow me."*
  - i) The cross was an instrument of death. This analogy from Jesus taught his followers to surrender the lives to God.
- b) *"Whoever loses their life for me will save it."*
  - i) When followers surrendered their lives to God, then true life was theirs.

#### 2) Luke 14:25-33

- a) *"If anyone...does not hate their family-yes, even their own life-such a person cannot be my disciple."*
- b) *"Count the cost"*
  - i) A builder plans how much it will cost to complete a building.
  - ii) A king discerns whether his army can defeat another.

**Conclusion:** God's kingdom is backwards. Followers must give to receive; let go to find salvation. Jesus' teaching about prayer, God's provision, wealth, and possessions should produce a giving mentality. Doing so creates a freedom that allows for followers to be radically different from the world.

*Song: Oceans*

### Communion

### Time of Prayer

### New Prayer Concerns:

- Be praying for the people working in hospitals & others dealing with the public. Doctors, nurses, first responders, law enforcement.
- Pray for those in nursing homes or at home with no family close to check on them.
- Pray for the truck drivers & food distribution store employees who must continue to work long hours.
- Be praying that as we go through these times, we can build the family relationship to be strong and loving.
- Pray for the business' that have to close temporarily during this time, that they will be able to reopen without bankrupting debt.
- Pray for our fellow church family members safety and health. Let's make it a duty to check on them by phone every week.
- **Janis Higgins** – Diana Simmons cousin; was in a bad car accident that crushed the left side of her body, is in ICU
- **Shala Fuksa** – Landis & Renee's daughter-in-law; found a brain tumor on her brain stem & will have an operation on the 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Dennis & Renny Hartman** – recovering from the loss of their daughter-in-law, Jill Hartman
- **Pat Hart** – recovering from having a heart stent put in

## The Householder

(Matthew 20:1-16)

### Rewards for Kingdom Work

There is a joy and fulfillment in life that is much deeper than the compensation we receive for the things we do. It lies within us – knowing we have done the best we can, and that we have made a difference through the work we completed. As a young boy, I made it my aim to learn what my farm bosses wanted so I could work the fields without being told how to do it. You might say I became the householder in Jesus' parable, and I was rewarding myself by the quality of work I was doing. During my professional career, I personalized every job I had, making it my own, and was filled with a greater measure of satisfaction for my accomplishments. It is a good feeling knowing your bosses are pleased with the work you are doing.

That is the message Jesus teaches us in the things he did in his earthly body. He says, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise”* (Jn. 5:19). He personalized the work the Father gave him to do, making it his very own. As disciples of Christ, that is what he calls us to do likewise. To do what we see our Lord and Master do – to learn from him – to make a difference in the lives God has entrusted to our loving and compassionate care. You see, the **rewards of kingdom work** is to be pleasing to the Father and helping others see his Son so they can receive eternal life. We are then rewarded with a deep joy and fulfillment by the things we do and how we touch the lives of God's precious people. Just as Jesus reflected the Father's presence in the things he did, so do we reflect Jesus' presence as we faithfully accomplish the Lord's work. The true **rewards of kingdom work** penetrate to the depths of our souls securing them in the bosom of the Father.

*Gordon*

### Communion Cups

The 2-in-1 communion cups are available to pick up outside the front doors of the church building on the bench. If you are not able to get out to get them, Chris Taylor has offered to deliver! Please call him at 575-644-5387.

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 9:23-26; 14:25-33

**Sermon Thought:** God's kingdom is backwards. Followers must give to receive; let go to find salvation. Jesus' teaching about prayer, God's provision, wealth, and possessions should produce a giving mentality. Doing so creates a freedom that allows for followers to be radically different from the world.

### Sermon Questions:

1. Describe the emotions and feelings of a time when you physically had to let go (water slide, zip line, bungee jump, etc.)
2. In a life surrendered to following God there will be several moments of, “letting go.” What do those times look like?
3. What aspects of life do you find difficult surrendering to God? Why do you think that is?