

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

Happy Mother's Day!

Elders/Deacons Meeting
9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- May 17th – Parent meeting after church in fellowship hall
- June 6th – Spring Cleaning!
- June 7th – Senior Sunday
- June 21-24 – VBS
- July 5-9 – LCCC Xtreme Session
- July 12-16 – LCCC Junior Session
- July 19-23 – LCCC Senior Session

Record for 5-03-20

Contribution \$6,431.05
Budget \$6,634.62

Birthdays:

May

- 10th Megan Darrow
Rebecca Geitzenauer
Cheryl Kent
- 12th Kathy Dittmeyer
- 13th Landon Geitzenauer
- 15th Isaac Taylor
Wayne Williams

Anniversaries:

- 16th Carl & Christel Dowell
20 Years

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Robb Mills**
#63..... I Will Call Upon the Lord
..... Firm Foundation
Welcome/Scripture: Matthew 16:24-27 **Stephen Lincoln**
Opening Prayer **Roger Unruh**
#718..... We Shall Assemble
..... Every Time
..... All in All
Communion Talk..... **Brent Dittmeyer**
#578..... We Will Glorify
#239..... In Moments Like These
Sermon: Paul: A Life Poured Out..... **Erik Granberg**
#810..... Listen to Our Hearts
Closing/Announcements..... **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Dan Kent**

Sound Booth **Terry Sherrill**
Slides **Todd Anderson**

Sermon Scripture: Acts 25:23-26:32

Sermon Thought: How would you like to be the person these words were about, "I will show him how much he must suffer for my name?" Probably not so excited. But that is what God said about the apostle Paul. Next to Jesus, the apostle Paul is the most prominent person in the New Testament. The 2nd half of Acts is full of his life and he is credited with writing 13 books of the New Testament. Paul truly was a man whose life was "poured out" for Christ.

Sermon Questions:

1. What people do you know that have followed God at a great cost?
2. What moments in Paul's life do you find inspiring?
3. What does following God cost you?

Thankfulness

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Granberg Family** – Erik's grandpa passed away Monday
- **Les Swart Family** – recovering from his passing
- **Joyce Rutledge** – on hospice care (Gordon ministers to her)
- **Trey Johnson** – recovering from the loss of his dad
- **David Androes** – friend of Debbie Martin; being treated for congestive heart failure & fluid on his lungs
- **Pat Meek** – praise for a negative COVID-19 test
- **Shala Fuksa** – Landis & Renee's daughter-in-law; is still being treated at MD Anderson for her brain tumor. She needs prayers for pain management.

Next Week's (5/17) Servants:

Song Leader:	Sean Sellers
Opening Prayer:	Roger Owen
Communion Talk:	Brent Dittmeyer
Shepherd's Prayer:	Terry Sherrill
Sound Booth:	Todd Anderson
Slides:	Chris Taylor

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 *"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."*

This verse elegantly captures the essence of what is happening in our world right now. Outside conditions are idyllic. The mornings are cool and the afternoons are warm. The Earth is green and the birds are singing. Just now, the nature surrounding us is a reflection of the hearts of men. For many, there is a sense that the worst of their troubles are past and life will soon be good again. The future is bright as the world gets back to work and leaves behind isolation and fear.

For most of us, this is an easy time to be thankful. We have been reminded of how good and precious the life we sometimes take for granted actually is. You always appreciate the things you love when they are taken away. For others, this is a time of profound loss. There are those who have lost loved ones and others who are experiencing financial difficulties. They need God and they need our support more than ever.

When times are hard, we turn to God. It's easy to be grateful initially, but easy to revert back to not thanking God. Christians should continue to thank God for his love and his continual blessings. A grateful attitude towards God helps us to be humble and joyful. We remember that God loves us and cares for us. The glory belongs to the Lord. It takes effort and practice to continue thanking God, but we can easily make that a normal part of our lives by practicing. One of the many blessings he has provided is a Christian family. As Christian brothers and sisters we help each other to remain focused on God and to stay thankful. We show our gratitude through prayer, worship, and obedience. Our lives will have ups and downs, but our God is always with us. His love for us has redeemed us.

1 Chronicles 16:34 *"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."*

Terry Sherrill

Welcome Back!!

What a joy to be back worshipping together! To keep everyone as safe as possible, here are a few precautions we have put in place as we reopen. We encourage you to sit with just your family, spaced throughout the auditorium. Sunday classes will not begin until June 7. There will be no children's church or nursery until tentatively July. Individual communion cups are available in the back as well as a box for offerings. In June (tentatively), Sunday classes will begin. Wednesday classes will begin without dinner and life groups can begin. Then hopefully in July everything will be up and running as normal, including Wednesday dinners and potlucks. We will keep you updated if plans change.



This year we have two graduating seniors: **Landon Geitzenauer** and **Zach Guymon**! Make sure you stop by the table in the foyer and write some encouraging words and underline your favorite scripture in their bibles. June 7th is Senior Sunday so plan to stay after worship for some finger foods and to congratulate them.