



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

Youth Group Parent Meeting
(After worship in auditorium)

Upcoming Events

- 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 5-10-20

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| Morning Worship..... | 130 |
| Contribution | \$5,711.00 |
| Budget | \$6,634.62 |

Birthdays:

May

- 18th Andy Ward
Diana Russell
Kelsey Sellers
- 20th Seth Barr
- 22nd Amy Meek

Order of Worship

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| Song Leader | Sean Sellers |
| | Get Right, Church |
| | God of Wonders |
| | Higher Ground |
| Welcome/Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 | Stephen Lincoln |
| Opening Prayer | Roger Owen |
| | Lord, Be There |
| #922..... | Jesus Paid It All |
| Communion Talk | Roger Unruh |
| #464..... | Because He Lives |
| Sermon: Thru the Bible: Early Church | Erik Granberg |
| | Firm Foundation |
| Closing/Announcements | Gordon Jantz |
| Shepherd's Prayer | Terry Sherrill |

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| Sound Booth | Jim Coker |
| Slides | Chris Taylor |

Sermon Scripture: Galatians 5:1

Sermon Thought: As the early church spread, the gospel had to contend with all the supernatural beliefs of the time. One of the key teachings of the gospel is freedom in Christ. God's grace is a free gift, not one that can only be earned after a series of tasks or behaviors done just the right way. We must work to keep that freedom at the forefront of our lives so that we do not fall back into the trap and burdens of following rules rather than following God.

Sermon Questions:

1. Take some time and think of a few "unspoken" rules or rules from past generations about following God that are not necessarily found in the Bible by book, chapter, and verse.
2. Why does adding rules for following God come so naturally for people?
3. How can followers of God do a better job of seeking the freedom of Christ rather than the bondage of religion?

The Neglected Fruit

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Carol Jantz** – will be having a pacemaker revision Tuesday
- **Jan Petrik** – dealing with a blood loss issue
- **Granberg Family** – Erik's grandpa passed away last week
- **Trey Johnson** – recovering from the loss of his dad
- **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 (5/24) Servants:

Song Leader: Beau Brownell

Opening Prayer: Bill Oldham

Communion Talk: Pat Meek

Shepherd's Prayer: John Wright

Sound Booth: Jim Coker

Slides: Dudley Darrow

The next time you are walking through the produce section at the grocery store take a minute to look at the many assortments of fruit available. Of course, you have the common staples like apples, bananas, oranges, and pears. But there are many other types of fruit that you probably walk by without a second thought like dragon fruit, mangos, kiwi, or guava. Those are the neglected fruit. For whatever reason, most people don't buy them.

Last week I read through the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." As I did, one of them jumped out to me as a neglected fruit of the Spirit...gentleness. I don't recall gentleness getting much attention other than times when there might be a Sunday school class or sermon series that spends a week on each fruit.

When I looked up the definition of gentleness it said, "having or showing a mild, kind, or tender temperament," and it seems like our culture does not value characteristics like "tender," or "mild." They come across as weak and it should not be that way. One of the gentlest people I know stands 6'4" is about 300 lbs. and played defensive end at a major university. He will often catch people mid-air on the basketball court because he doesn't want them to get hurt. We could learn a lot from him. Strength and power in a way that seeks to take care of others.

As you go about your days, I want to encourage you to add the neglected Spirit's fruit of gentleness to your life. Treat others in ways that are kind rather than pushy, tactful rather than blunt, and wise rather than rash. Doing so allows you to shine God's light in this dark world.

Erik Granberg



Kyle Todd Anderson was born early Monday morning at 2:53 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 2.1 ounces and was 19 inches long. Todd, Jacqueline, and Dylan are doing great and have a happy baby! How great is our God! In leu of a shower, the Anderson Family will be taking donations through the meal train website. Here is the website:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nnkekd>

Thank You

Thank you to our church family for your many expressions of love during the loss of my dad. Your prayers were felt, and your cards, notes, and phone calls have been so encouraging. They certainly helped fill the void we had because of not being able to be with you in person. Also, thank you for the memorials sent to Lariat Creek Christian Camp in Les's name. Over \$1,000 has already been given. This camp was very special to Les since he helped find the land, held many fundraisers to raise money for the camp, and helped build many of the original buildings.

Pam and Gene Denney

Auditorium Chairs

As was announced last week, we are going to begin the process of updating our auditorium over the next 18-24 months. First, we are going to replace the pews with chairs. Next, we will repair the ceiling. Following that, we plan to redo the carpet.

There is a sample chair at the back of the auditorium along with a fabric sample of what they will be. We are wanting to order 300 chairs at \$55.00 apiece. This will obviously be a large cost to the church, but one that will provide benefits for years to come. To help cover the cost, we thought it would be great if each household purchased the chairs for your family unit if possible and the church will cover the rest. We know this might not be feasible for all so please don't feel obligated. You can write a check noting in the memo it is for chairs or use the designation on the church app to give.

Digital Worship

There was such a positive response to the online sermons over the last month or so, Erik's sermons will be recorded from now on! You can watch them on our YouTube channel at northgarlandchurch.org, click the link on our website, or click "media" on our app. What a wonderful way to catch up when you can't be here!

Spring Cleaning

Our building needs a little TLC so this year's spring cleaning will be all outside! It will be Saturday June 6th starting at 8:30 a.m. Please look at the list on the office window to see if there is anything you can bring from home that would be helpful.



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.

90th Birthday!

It's a 90th Birthday Party!! Please join us as we celebrate Marion Howell! Sunday, June 7th, from 2-4 p.m. at North Garland Church of Christ.

