



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Order of Worship

Upcoming Events

- May 25th – Office Closed
- 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 5-17-20

Morning Worship.....	158
Contribution	\$4,535.00
Budget	\$6,634.62

Birthdays:

May

- 24th Jim Long
- 25th Heather Lawrence
- 28th Dean Johnson
Hudson Plummer
- 29th Cassie Barr
Jamie Rogers
- 31st Jan Meadows

Anniversaries:

- 24th Seth & Cassie Barr
- 31st Dee & Alyssa Plummer
17 Years!!

Song Leader	Beau Brownell
#123.....	The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Welcome/Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-5	Stephen Lincoln
Opening Prayer	Bill Oldham
#453.....	Love Lifted Me
#376.....	He Paid a Debt
#313.....	The Old Rugged Cross
Communion Talk	Pat Meek
#162.....	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
#129.....	Amazing Grace
Sermon: Thru the Bible: Establishing the Church	Erik Granberg
#948.....	I Am Resolved
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright

Sound Booth	Jim Coker
Slides	Dudley Darrow

Sermon Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:9

Sermon Thought: As the gospel spread, churches went from the early stages of existence to becoming established churches. This meant maturation was needed, both individually and as a church. One of the most important ideas for believers to understand was the grace of God. Paul dedicated a large portion of his writing and teaching to convey the message of God's goodness.

Sermon Questions:

1. How do you understand the differences between justice, grace, and mercy?
2. Share some examples from your life when you have received justice or grace or mercy?
3. What stood out to you from the sermon?

Grace

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Carol Jantz** – recovering from a pacemaker pocket revision
- **Jan Petrik** – monitoring hemoglobin levels
- **Brent Dittmeyer** – recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Debbie Martin** – personal issues
- **Parker Dalrymple Family** – passed-away Tuesday; a member of the girl scout troop that meets here at the church building.
- **Jacqueline Anderson** – recovering from a heart attack, exploratory heart surgery, & childbirth
- **Randy & Paula Waters' unborn granddaughter** – former members; she has a heart valve problem and will potentially require surgery when she is 6 months-old

Next Week's (5/31) Servants:

Song Leader:	Dee Plummer
Opening Prayer:	Dudley Darrow
Communion Talk:	John Wright
Shepherd's Prayer:	Brent Dittmeyer
Sound Booth:	Sean Sellers
Slides:	Chris Taylor

When people say the struggle is real, they aren't lying. It's strange that we struggle because even though we deflect our troubles from our fault to the result of some external force, we are truly the masters of our own destruction. No one makes you lie, cheat, or gossip. We choose to do those things to escape from immediate discomfort and instead choose a much worse, sometimes longer-lasting discomfort in the future. Lies catch up with you, cheating gets exposed, and gossips build a reputation as such. Every action has a consequence. Do something good- get something good. Do something bad- get something bad. We can easily articulate the very base of what outcome our behavior will ultimately have, but for some reason we cannot seem to step out of our own way and remain there. That is why the struggle is real. It's hard to run when your left foot is constantly trying to kick your right foot.

Thank God (literally) that we have Jesus. I mean, we have no excuse for our poor actions. Our excuses are us justifying it to ourselves, so we feel less guilty. We often overlook or forget, because of his majesty, that Jesus was human. As human as we are. He was wrapped in human clothes, he grew in wisdom as a child, he was weary, hungry, thirsty, tempted by Satan, sorrowful, and even after his death and resurrection, he still had his human body. He came to be human 2.0. Everything we could be and should be but are not, because we won't let ourselves be. But then again, isn't that why he came? His coming to the earth was an offer of grace from God. Grace, biblical grace, is an unmerited favor from God to man. We wouldn't be perfect, so God sent us someone to show us how to be. Left to our own devices, we would never succeed. **Titus 2:11-12** "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age". Grace is freely given (Ephesians 1:3-8) and it is up to us to choose it. Accept God's grace and walk in the light. It can be hard to make the decision to get out of our own way but remember the grace. Don't struggle and let yourself be held down by your mistakes. Remember that by God's grace we are free.

Stephen Lincoln

Summer Series

Our Summer Series Bible Classes will begin Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:15. The theme this year is the Kingdom of Heaven. We will be studying the parables where Jesus teaches us about this Kingdom of Heaven by comparing life and events from this physical world with it. He takes the things we can see and know to show us how to live in the spiritual kingdom he has given us. We pray you will join us for this life changing study.

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.

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.

Auditorium Chairs

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 in the foyer 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.



This year we have three graduating seniors: **Landon Geitzenauer**, **Zach Guymon**, and **Krese Smith**! 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.



Kyle Todd Anderson was born May 11th at 2:53 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 2.1 ounces and was 19 inches long. After giving birth, Jacqueline had a small tear in her artery and had a mild heart attack. She is now home recovering from heart surgery and childbirth. The Anderson Family is in need of prayers and meals. They also did not get a baby shower due to COVID-19. The link below allows you to sign up for a meals, donate gift cards for them to grab some food if you don't cook, or donate some money for diapers or whatever they are in need of. Let's show them some love by helping in their time of need.

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