

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

HOPE Group-6-8 p.m.
(Eat before you come.)

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 24** – Rustic Roots (1st-5th grades)
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 24** – Middle School Spooky Movie
Night at the Lincolns' 6:30-9 p.m.
- Oct. 25** – H.O.P.E Group Pumpkin
Carving
- Nov. 8** – Youth Area Wide in Moore

Record for 10-11-20

Morning Worship..... 127
Contribution \$3,680.00
Budget \$6,634.62
Households served at Pantry..... 48
Total people served at Pantry..... 151

Birthdays:

October:

- 19th** Jeanita Meek
- 20th** Carol Jantz
- 22nd** Jordan Sellers
- 23rd** Wyatt Unruh
- 24th** Brett Myrick
Mary Sherrill

Anniversaries:

- 21st** Z & Vista Zidor
9 Years!!

Order of Worship

Children's Worship..... **Derek Tinius**
Welcome/Scripture: Isaiah 25:4..... **Stephen Lincoln**
Opening Prayer..... **Beau Brownell**
Song Leader..... **Stephen Lincoln**
 Let Us Worship
 Great Are You Lord
 Just as I Am-I Come Broken
Communion Talk..... **Tom Raloff**
 **Dismiss Children**
 Mighty to Save
 #453..... Love Lifted Me
Sermon: A Shelter in the Storm **BJ McMichael**
 In Moments Like These
Closing/Announcements..... **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer..... **Terry Sherrill**

Children's Worship..... **Dee & Alyssa Plummer**
Nursery **Charlotte Owen**
Sound Booth **Dudley Darrow**
Slides **Chris Taylor**

Celebration Send-Off

Please join us after worship for a celebration of the Sellers' time in Enid. Sean, Kelsey, and Jordan have been a blessing to our congregation for three years. Stay and let them know how much they have meant to us!



All kids, grades 1st – 5th, are invited to a trip to Rustic Roots Pumpkin Patch in Lamont. We will be leaving the church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 24th. We will return about 4:30-5 p.m. Admission will be paid for, just bring extra money if you want to do extra activities like feed the animals or shoot the corn cannon. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, we will eat when we arrive.

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

Annie Sheets – Jovita Lang's grandson's mother; extremely ill & they can't figure out why

Joe Williams – recovering from the passing of his father

Cheryl Siders – recovering from a "watchman" heart implant on Thursday

Lorie Manly – recovering from knee surgery on Wednesday

Susan Oldham – at home recovering from Covid/Pneumonia.

Brad Goodwin – Carol Baxter's son-in-law; recovering from 1st, 2nd, & 3rd degree burns

Next Week's (10/25/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Jim Coker

Opening Prayer: Cooper Thornton

Communion Talk: David Granberg

Shepherd's Prayer: TBD

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Slides: Dee Plummer

Nursery: Patrece Allen

Children's Worship: Carrie Mills

If you would like to help the Oldham's out with meals, please visit this link and sign up.

<https://mealtrain.com/l1lvnr>

It's Natural

Anyone who knows me well, knows that I love dogs. Anyone who knows me REALLY well, knows that I occasionally bring my dog Bailey to the office with me in the afternoons. She is the greatest dog a guy could ask for. It's hard to be in a bad mood or have a bad day when you see her sweet face and feel her caring demeanor. Dogs are in fact a blessing to the soul. The late Humorist Josh Billings stated it best **"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."** Aside from my family and Christ, dogs might just be my favorite part of God's creation for us on Earth. After all, the Earth was created for us, right?

We were created for one purpose. To serve God and God created the Earth to serve us while we are here trying to fulfill our God-given purpose. We are meant to be out in nature, surrounded by the blessing that God gave us. I am guilty of this as well, but often times we get caught up in the lives we live inside the security and comfort of a town or city. However, getting out of those populated areas and into God's creation is the path to actual comfort and security. David Strayer, a cognitive psychologist, has studied the effects of nature on the brain and has found that when people spend time in nature, it allows the brain to dial down. We are doing our overstressed brains a favor by giving it a chance to rest. He goes on to say that it takes about 3 days for the brain to be 'cleansed' and when returning back from nature, people are 50% better on creative problem solving tasks, feel more relaxed, and have less depression and anxiety.

All of that is because when we spend time in nature, we are standing in the divinity of God. We can see His hands at work in the wild animals, the streams, the mountains, the oceans. When we are in the wild, we are in the mind of God because His mind brought all of it into being. Take a day and get out of the city. Go witness the power and creation of God.

Romans 1:20 *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power, and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

Stephen Lincoln

Thank You

All of you mean a great deal to us. The prayer vigil was a great blessing and I started showing improvement immediately. Thank you for all of the prayers said. Also, thank you for the "Get Well" balloon and flowers. They came at just the right time and brightened and lifted my spirits. Thank you for the money given too. May God bless each of you.

Susan Oldham

Update

Gordon Jantz will be taking proton radiation treatments for prostate cancer in November. He plans to self-isolate the next two weeks and will continue his Family Life Ministry from home as he did during the Covid-19 shutdown in April. Please let him know if there is anything he can do for you.