

# 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**

Elders/Deacons Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program 10:00 a.m.

**Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 19** – Youth Group trip to the Chickasha Lights

**Dec. 20** – Youth Group Christmas Party at the Thornton's House

**Dec. 24** – Candlelight Vigil

**Dec. 25** – Christmas-Office Closed

**Dec. 31** – Office Closed

**Record for 12-06-20**

Morning Worship..... 124  
Contribution ..... \$6,020.00  
Budget ..... \$6,634.62

**Birthdays:**

**December:**

17<sup>th</sup> Brigitte Elledge

19<sup>th</sup> Kim Burford

**Anniversaries:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bryan & Kendra Brownell  
Terry & Mary Sherrill

29<sup>th</sup> John & Brenda Wright

31<sup>st</sup> Matt & Kayla Nichols

**Order of Worship**

Children's Christmas Play .....  
**Welcome/Scripture:** ..... **Stephen Lincoln**  
**Opening Prayer** ..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Song Leader** ..... **Jim Coker**  
 #15 ..... Step by Step  
 #779 ..... I Love You Lord  
 ..... Shout to the Lord  
 #202 ..... Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
 #376 ..... He Paid A Debt  
 #244 ..... Low in The Grave He Lay  
**Communion Talk** ..... **Matt Nichols**  
 ..... **Dismiss Children**  
 #1002 ..... Angels We Have Heard on High  
 #1018 ..... Joy to the World  
**Sermon** ..... **Dee Plummer**  
 #559 ..... The Joy of the Lord  
**Closing/Announcements** ..... **Gordon Jantz**  
**Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **Terry Sherrill**  
  
 Children's Worship ..... **Jacqueline Anderson**  
 Sound Booth ..... **Dudley Darrow**  
 Slides ..... **Mandy Coker**



### New Prayer Concerns:

#### All those affected with COVID-19

**The Granberg Family** – pray for them as they deal with Covid-19 in the family

**The Coker Family** – keep them in your thoughts & prayers as they welcome a new baby to their family through foster care

**Karen Boardman** – friend of Jacqueline Anderson; battling cancer

**Darlene Keeton** – being treated for a severe UTI

**Daphne** – an employee of Terry Gordon; recovering from Covid-19 & having breathing problems

**Chery Criner Family** – prayers as they recover from her passing

**Jacqueline Anderson** – tested negative for fibromuscular dysplasia; nodules found on thyroid

**Rosalie Stetnish** – recovering from the loss of her husband

**Patty Moore** – Cory Moore's mom; recovering from COVID-19

**DiAnn Readnour Family** – Dawn Webb's mother; passed away last week

### Next Week's (12/20/20) Servants:

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Robb Mills
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Gordon Jantz
<b>Communion Talk:</b>	Z. Zedor
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	John Wright
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Dee Plummer
<b>Slides:</b>	Jim Coker
<b>Nursery:</b>	Kelli Moore
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Tammi Long Mandy Coker

### Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-34

#### Understanding the Kingdom

I believe it is very important for disciples of Jesus to understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is all about. As we have seen in the topics we have addressed this year, Jesus spent time teaching his disciples about it. We are heirs of the kingdom and we live in it every day. Our basic task should be focused on **understanding the kingdom** so we can help others understand it as well. If we will take time to reflect on the natural aspect of our lives, we find that we spend a lot of time understanding the world around us. We are constantly engaged in understanding the communities we live in, the states where we reside, and the nation we are citizens of. It is our basic need to understand how all these entities work so we can properly function in them. We also seek to understand the nature of weather, and the things that enhance or distract from our life, our safety, and our health. That is exactly what Jesus wants for us in **understanding the kingdom**.

As I have said before, Jesus uses the earthly things we are familiar with to teach us about the Kingdom of God. The same abilities and talents he has blessed us with to survive in our earthly life will keep us on the path of righteousness if we apply them to kingdom living. Jesus teaches us in the parable of the tiny mustard seed that God has designed every element of his creation to produce bountiful results as we focus our spiritual lives on him. Each one of us has an important role to play to bring about the fulfillment of God's eternal plan for the redemption of the human race. We are not divided, but eternally unified in him and his Son. I pray we will dedicate our lives to **understanding the kingdom** and enjoy the fruits of our spiritual labor. He will indeed give us rest for our souls, and the Lord will be glorified through us.

*Gordon Jantz*

### HOPE Group Meals

There is a new sign-up sheet on the welcome center to help with meals for H.O.P.E Group every Sunday night. Please sign-up if you can help.



*Sip and See Sprinkle!*

Baby *Barrett* is here and cute as can be!

*Mandy & Jim Coker* can't wait for you drop in and see.

**North Garland Church of Christ**

December 20th, 2020

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Not much is needed just the basics will do  
Like diapers, wipes, gift cards even a bottle or two!