

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

Coker Baby Shower 2:00 p.m.

Youth Group Christmas Party at the
Thornton's House

Upcoming Events

Dec. 25 – Christmas-Office Closed

Dec. 31 – Office Closed

Jan. 16 – Mercy House 4-8 p.m.

Record for 12-13-20

Morning Worship..... 84
 Contribution \$1,791.00
 Budget \$6,634.62
 Families served at pantry..... 59

Birthdays:

December:

22nd Jadey Lincoln

Due to our displacement with the painting going on, we have cancelled the candlelight vigil on Christmas Eve.

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Dee Plummer**
 #4 To God Be the Glory
 #1012 Go Tell It on the Mountain
 #1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Welcome/Scripture: Proverbs 18:16; James 1:16-18 **Gordon Jantz**
Opening Prayer **Stephen Lincoln**
 #113 His Grace Reaches Me
 #364 Come, Share the Lord
Communion Talk **Z. Zedor**
 #615 He Keeps Me Singing
 **Dismiss Children**
 #957 This World Is Not My Home
Sermon **Gordon Jantz**
 #273 More Precious than Silver
Closing/Announcements **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **John Wright**

Children's Worship **Mandy Coker; Tammi Long**
Nursery **Jacqueline Anderson**
Sound Booth **Dee Plummer**
Slides **Jim 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

Danny & Cindy Powers – recovering from the loss of Cindy's dad, Don DeSpain

Karen Boardman – friend of Jacqueline Anderson; battling cancer

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

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

Annie Sheets – Jovita's grandson's mother; been in the hospital for 2 months with a perforated colon. Pray that she will regain enough strength to endure surgery.

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

Song Leader: Beau Brownell

Opening Prayer: Bruce Swart

Communion Talk: John Wright

Shepherd's Prayer: Brent Dittmeyer

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Jacqueline Anderson

Children's Worship: Geneva Osburn

A Light Unto the World

A tree is selected and put up, the lights and decorations are added, and then comes the moment to plug in the lights. Tada! A simple evergreen tree suddenly becomes a bright and glorious Christmas tree. The lights and decorations capture your attention and reflect the radiance of those who have crafted this symbol of beauty. In like manner, we drive through our neighborhoods and are awed by the brilliance and beauty of lights and decorations silhouetting what once were simple houses and seasoned lawns. It all captures our attention and causes us to desire to search for more radiant beauty.

That is the imagery that comes to mind as I reflect on Jesus' call for us to be "**A Light Unto the World.**" "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*" (Matt. 5:16). Jesus is teaching us that when we take any common deed, add some spiritual light of our involvement, decorate it with love and compassion, and then plug into the power of God's word, great things happen. Other people see the radiance of our work for the Lord and glorify our Father in heaven. They are amazed at what they see as we **light up the world** with our Christian service and ministry. When people are touched by the brilliance of God's presence working in our lives, they will want to know and see more. Their lives will be changed as we provide **A Light Unto the World!**

Gordon

Thank You

A very big thank you to the group from North Garland that came to my house last Saturday to sing Christmas carols. Thanks also to the North Garland Girls for the wonderful casseroles they brought. I really appreciate all the effort that made this possible.

Sincerely,
Jovita Lang

Baby Shower

Come celebrate with the Coker Family! Barrett needs size 4 & 5 diapers, is wearing 18-month clothes, and loves toys and books! Mandy is registered at Walmart.



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.

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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!