



**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**

H.O.P.E Group 6-8 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

**March 17** – Blood Drive 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Birthdays:**

**January:**

28<sup>th</sup> ..... Aaron LeCrone  
 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Cindy Geitzenauer  
 ..... Uriah Lawrence

**Anniversaries:**

26<sup>th</sup> ..... Michael & Cheila Armour

**Record for 1-17-21**

Morning Worship..... 157  
 Contribution ..... \$3,017.00  
 Budget ..... \$6,634.62  
 Total People Served at Pantry.... 141  
 Households Served at Pantry ..... 53

**Order of Worship**

**Children's Worship** ..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Welcome/Announcements** ..... **Stephen Lincoln**  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:29-31 ..... **TBD**  
**Opening Prayer** ..... **Cory Moore**  
**Song Leader** ..... **Jim Coker**  
 #435 ..... Come into His Presence  
 #745 ..... Humble Yourself  
 ..... Create in Me A Clean Heart  
 ..... Come to The Table of Mercy  
**Communion Talk** ..... **Robb Mills**  
 ..... **Dismiss Children**  
 #735 ..... Heaven is in My Heart  
 #212 ..... When I look into Your Holiness  
 ..... Lord, Reign in Me  
**Sermon:** Thrive by Doing the Small Things” ..... **Erik Granberg**  
 #683 ..... I Am Mine, No More  
**Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **John Wright**  
  
**Children's Worship** ..... **Carrie Mills**  
**Nursery** ..... **Kim Burford**  
**Sound Booth** ..... **Dudley Darrow**  
**Slides** ..... **Mandy Coker**

**Sermon scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12

**Sermon Thought:** Too often people focus on big picture when thinking about a thriving life. Today's sermon considered the idea that by thriving in the small things we will thrive in the big as well. Consider what Paul challenged the Thessalonians to do: love each other, make moral decisions, work hard, mind their own business. Each of those require making small daily decisions.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Some decisions are one and done, others require the same decision to be made over and over again. What do you think about that statement?
2. How do you see the small decisions leading to success in the big?
3. What do you think, "minding your own business," has to do with being a follower of God?

### New Prayer Concerns:

#### **All those affected with COVID-19**

**Brad Goodwin** – Carol & JR Baxter's son-in-law; recovering from Covid

**Verda Haltom** – Jeanita Meek's mom; put on hospice care

**Demsey Chesser** – Kent Chesser's dad; in congestive heart failure

**Spencer Hayes** – cousin of Susan Oldham; has a mass in the lower lobe of his left lung with treatment being decided

**Family of Merlene Emerson** – Patrece Allen's sister; passed away from Covid

**Loretta Ball** – life changes

**Diana Ritter-Coco** – recovering from having open heart surgery to repair a torn aorta in her upper heart; Gordon & Carol Jantz's son's mother-in-law.

### Next Week's (1/31/21) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Stephen Lincoln

**Opening Prayer:** George Gordon

**Communion Talk:** Brent Dittmeyer

**Shepherd's Prayer:** John Wright

**Sound Booth:** Robb Mills

**Slides:** Chris Taylor

**Nursery:** Kayla Nichols

**Children's Worship:** Megan Darrow

### Created for Ministry Relationship

I always looked forward to the times our family relatives came for a visit, or we went to visit them. It was a fun time, and we enjoyed being together and sharing life. I also remember the lonely feeling I had when they left or we returned home. There was something missing! Our created need for **relationship** was broken, and we could feel it down to the depths of our souls. We have a very basic need for belonging to someone or a group. That is what gives our lives meaning and provides the motivation to do the things we are called on to do.

This internal need for **relationship** was given us when God said, "*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness*" (Gen. 1:27). That is when we became part of him, and he a part of us – a bonding that binds us together in a loving and caring **relationship**. This **relationship** meant a lot to God because he spent time "*walking in the garden in the cool of the day*" spending time with his newly created beings and making sure all was well with them (Gen. 3:8). The ministry he created us for was to continue to blossom this divine **relationship** throughout time. When sin entered the world, it caused a separation between mankind and God (Is. 59:2). This separation was felt down in the depths of their souls, just as I felt when my relatives went home. Even though it was a painful time for God too, he did not leave it there. From the foundation of the world, he had a plan to restore the severed **relationship** caused by sin. He "*so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*" (Jn. 3:16). Through Christ Jesus our Lord, we now have an eternal **relationship** with God, and we will be with him forever. He now calls on us to continue to blossom that eternal **relationship** by fulfilling the ministry he created for us to do. *Gordon Jantz*

### Thank You

Thank you for the "goody" bag! Such a sweet and thoughtful surprise! Love you all!

**Curtis & Sue Diel**

### Elder Selection

Gordon Jantz has been presented to the congregation for consideration to be an elder. Any questions or concerns should be discussed with Gordon for clarification and/or better understanding of circumstances. He will be installed the 31<sup>st</sup> if there are no objections.

### 2020 Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2020 were emailed out Wednesday. If you did not receive an email, yours will come in the mail. If you do not receive a statement by Monday, please let Mandy know.

### Moving Help

Sean & Kelsey Sellers are needing help the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> for an hour or two to move their household items out of their storage unit and into their U-Haul truck. Please contact Sean (573-535-8700) if you are available to help.

### Inviting All Young Adults!

On Friday, February 12th all young adults are invited to Terry and Mary Sherrill's house at 6.15. We will spend time having dinner and fun getting to know each other. Also, because this will serve as the beginning point for young adult ministry at North Garland, bring any ideas and thoughts you think would be beneficial for this group. Can't wait to see you then!

### Youth Group T-Shirts

We still have youth group t-shirts for sale! We have sizes S, M, L, XL, and 3XL. They are \$10 each. Please see Stephen for your shirt.