



# 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

Youth Group Parent Meeting  
down front in the auditorium after  
service.

### Upcoming Events

- March 17** – Blood Drive 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- March 21** – Elders/Deacons Meeting 11:45 a.m.
- March 28** – Congregational Meeting
- April 10** – Spring Cleaning Day
- April 24** – Kite Flying Day
- May 29** – Float Trip
- June 5** – Reclaiming Education for Christ Conference

### Birthdays:

#### March:

- 14<sup>th</sup>..... Mary Raloff
- 17..... John Granberg
- ..... Michael Granberg
- ..... Nate Tinius
- 18<sup>th</sup>..... Wendy Taylor
- 20<sup>th</sup>..... Kim Tinius

### Anniversaries:

- 14<sup>th</sup>..... Tom & Mary Raloff
- 18<sup>th</sup>..... Wayne & Reeta Williams

### Record for 3-7-21

Morning Worship.....	166
Contribution .....	\$11,050.00
Budget .....	\$6,634.62
Families Served at pantry .....	90

### Order of Worship

Children's Worship.....	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements.....	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading: Psalms 11:24-26.....	David Grandberg
Opening Prayer.....	George Gordon
Song Leader.....	Beau Brownell
#474.....	Thank You, Lord
#781.....	Thank You, Lord!
#382.....	Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?
Communion Talk.....	Bruce Swart
.....	Dismiss Children
#570.....	A Beautiful Life
Sermon: "Say What?!? Give, and You Shall Receive".....	Erik Granberg
#909.....	There's a Fountain Free
Shepherd's Prayer.....	Dan Kent

Children's Worship.....	Derek, Kim, & Nate Tinius
Nursery.....	Gina Thornton
Sound Booth.....	Robb Mills
Slides.....	Mandy Coker

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 6:38

**Sermon Thought:**

Saving or storing up possessions for ourselves generally means keeping said possessions to ourselves. Jesus teaches the opposite. It seems counterintuitive but it is true.

**Sermon questions:**

1. Some people are natural givers. However, for most people giving is not easy, why?
2. What are the differences between trusting our own selves and possessions rather than God?
3. What other thoughts do you have about the sermon?

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Carolyn Stokes** – friend of Jovita Lang; recovering from a stroke. Pray for a complete recovery

**Family of Shari Vanderwork** – former member; passed away last week

**Tammi Long** – recovering from neck surgery

**Loretta Ball** – in GB Skilled Nursing with health issues

**Raymie Holland** – recovering from the loss of her dad

**Carol Jantz** – having groin pain; will be having therapy & pain management

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

**Renny Hartman** – recovering from the loss of her sister

### Next Week's (3/21/21) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Dee Plummer

**Opening Prayer:** Chris Taylor

**Communion Talk:** Cory Moore

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek

**Sound Booth:** Dudley Darrow

**Slides:** Mandy Coker

**Nursery:** Kim Tinius

**Children's Worship:** Tania Unruh

### To Be Well Known

I have had many awkward interactions with people, as I am sure you have, when I either: A. I can't remember a person's name or B. don't even really know the person. I've had 10-minute-long conversations before with someone who obviously knows me, my family, what I do, but for whatever reason, I can't for the life of me place the person. Sometimes I end up asking someone, "Do you know who that was?" or it may come to me hours later.

On the other hand, there are times when I have not seen a person in years, but we could pick right up as though no time had passed. Those times leave me filled up, energized, and encouraged. I'm not sure all the reasons behind why some relationships are so easy or familiar but they can really make people feel as though they belong.

When Jesus walked the earth, he often taught about God's familiarity with and preparation for his followers. Consider the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. In it, one of a father's two sons asks for his inheritance and after receiving it goes and burns through it all. When he returns home downtrodden from his choices his father runs out to him, throws his arms around his son, and welcomes him home. The second is the parable of the talents of Matthew 25:14-30. In that parable, a master returns home after having been gone from some time and checks on the work his servants did while he was gone. He sings their praises as having done work well and being "good," and, "faithful." Finally, Jesus talked with his disciples saying, "In my father's house are many rooms...I am going to prepare a place for you," John 14:2. These teachings reveal that God knows his followers well. Not only that, but God has prepared a place for his followers to belong.

This world often seems full of strangers, conflict, the unknown and uncertainty. But just know, if you seek God and follow his ways, there is a place prepared for you. You will hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Here, but for a while we are as strangers in a foreign land, but there we will be well known.

**Erik Granberg**

### Congregational Meeting

It has been a wild and crazy 12 months hasn't it? There has been a pandemic, new leadership at church, broken pipes, new ministries, new auditorium chairs, and much more. With all these things going on we want to have open communication as much as possible. As such, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday March 28th immediately after worship services. When services end, we will have a short 5-minute break, then begin with the meeting and will hopefully be done around noon.

### Blood Drive

Please come join us this Wednesday, March 17, for our North Garland Blood Drive. It will be in the foyer, from 5-7:30 p.m. All donors will receive the shirt below and one free adult admission to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome center.

### Thank You

Dear Church,  
We are blessed to have a wonderful church home. Thank you for your prayers, text messages, and thank you for loving us. In Christian Love, The Zidors

Thank you for the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary card.  
In Christian Love,  
Duane & Mary Owen