



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

Congregational Meeting after worship

Upcoming Events

- April 4 – Easter
- April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt after worship. For kids birth-5th grade.
- April 9 – Young Adult's Bowling Night
- April 11 – Youth Group Parent Meeting after service
- April 24 – Kite Flying Day
- May 2 – Area Wide at Wilshire CoC
- May 29 – Youth Group Pool Party
- June 5 – Reclaiming Education for Christ Conference
- June 13 - LCCC Junior Session (5th-7th grade)
- June 21 – Area Wide at Newalla CoC
- June 26 – Float Trip
- June 28 – Area Wide at Lindsey CoC
- July 3 – Youth Group Independence Day Party
- July 11 – LCCC Extreme Week (8th-12th grade)
- July 18-21 – Vacation Bible School

Birthdays:

March:
 28th Zach Guymon
 Cooper Thornton

April:
 1st Kaylynn Brownell
 Brody Mills
 2nd Matt Nichols
 3rd Clara Barr
 Kaylee Barr

Record for 3-21-21

Morning Worship..... 164
 Contribution \$3,932.00
 Budget \$6,634.62
 Families Served at pantry 30

Order of Worship

Children's Worship.....	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements.....	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48.....	
Opening Prayer.....	Steve Long
Song Leader.....	Robb Mills
.....	TBD
Communion Talk.....	John Wright
.....	Dismiss Children
Sermon: "Say What!?!? Hate My Mom and Dad?".....	Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer.....	Terry Sherrill
Children's Worship.....	Geneva Osburn
Nursery.....	Reeta Williams
Sound Booth.....	Matt Nichols
Slides.....	Chris Taylor

Sermon Scripture: Luke 14:26

Sermon Thought:

We may be able to grasp the teaching, "Love your enemies," but what our scripture reading says is just bizarre, "Hate" my father and mother? Say What? Those who would be Christ's disciples must love Christ above all else, even family.

Sermon questions:

1. What do people mean by the phrase, "Love/Hate relationship"?
2. What role does "choice" play in loving our enemies?
3. This passage of scripture comes when Jesus is telling his followers to, "Count the cost." What do you personally find costly in following God?

New Prayer Concerns:

Loretta Ball – has moved to Brookdale room #124. You can call 237-0700 to make an appointment to visit her

Marion Howell – can have visitors now at Garland Road Nursing & Rehab. He is in room #205

Henry Redman – Alyssa Plummer's dad, recovering from parathyroid surgery

Family of Carolyn Reith – former member; pray for comfort as they recover from her passing

Next Week's (4/4/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Jim Coker

Opening Prayer: TBD

Communion Talk: Bill Oldham

Shepherd's Prayer: John Wright

Sound Booth: Mandy Coker

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Kim Burford

Children's Worship: Lisa Granberg

New Phone Numbers:

Karen Manley: 502-525-3936

Michael Manley: 502-525-3687

"Let's Reason Together"

(Isaiah 1:18)

Paul's custom was to "reason" with people concerning the Christ (Acts 17:2), because faith is to be a reasonable faith of facts and not a blind faith. Paul was always "prepared to give an answer" (1 Pet 3:15), but should we demand more evidence or is what we have enough? Consider that "what may be known about God is plain...so that people are without excuse" (Rom 1:18-20). We have all the proof we need to believe, therefore, it is only because people "suppress the truth" that they do not accept Him. Abraham refused more evidence to the rich man's family because they already had sufficient proof. This world would have you demand more proof, but as His children, it is "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command" (Heb 11:3).

Our King sits at the "right hand of God" (Rom 8:34), just as Stephen testified (Acts 7:55). The scriptures are exactly what they claim to be, "God breathed" (2 Tim 3:16). The word of God has stood the test of time and it has not changed "one jot or one tittle" (Matt 5:18) in the last 2000 to 3500 years. There is more evidence to support the scriptures than any other book of antiquity by far. Christ was crucified, and He was raised from the dead. The most outspoken atheist scholars concede that Christ was a real man who lived and was crucified, as non-Biblical historians from the time of Christ wrote about Him. We have sufficient empirical evidence that points to Christ.

Believing in God is not an issue of evidence today but rather an issue of the heart. We either choose to accept Him or we pursue our own desires and blind ourselves of the truth. If doubt is a struggle of yours, we would love to visit with you and explore the truth. Just know that "God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us." (Acts 17:27).

Derek Tinius

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 this morning, 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.

Attention LCCC Campers!

If you have any pictures from the 1970s to 2019, please send them to Brent Dittmeyer at brentdittmeyer@gmail.com. Lariat Creek is specifically looking for how the camp has improved over the years, group pictures, and any pictures of the construction.

In Need

We are in need of candy to stuff into eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt next week! Please bring them by this evening for the youth group to stuff. Thank you!

We are also needing metal cookie cutters for an upcoming project. If you have some you would like to donate, please leave them in the office. Thank you!