



April 25, 2021

# 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

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

## Upcoming Events

- May 2** – Area Wide at Wilshire CoC
- May 2** – Elders/Deacons Meeting (After Worship)
- May 16** – Senior Sunday
- May 22** – Cole Roberts Wedding
- May 23** – Young Adult Lunch (After Church)
- May 23** – Carpet Pulling Party after worship
- June 4-5** – LCCC Beginner Session
- June 5** – Reclaiming Education for Christ Conference
- June 13** - LCCC Junior Session (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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 11-17** – LCCC Extreme Week (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- July 12-18** – Camp Pettijohn Session 8 (Grades 4-12)
- July 18-21** – Vacation Bible School

## Birthdays:

**April:**

29<sup>th</sup>..... Grayson Bishop  
30<sup>th</sup>..... Trey Johnson

## Record for 4-18-21

Morning Worship..... 172  
Contribution ..... \$3,572.00  
Budget ..... \$6,634.62  
Families Served at Pantry..... 30

## Order of Worship

**Children's Worship**..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Welcome/Announcements**..... **Stephen Lincoln**  
**Scripture Reading:** Hosea 14:9 .....  
**Opening Prayer**..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Song Leader**..... **Beau Brownell**  
 #781..... Thank You, Lord!  
 #47..... Holy, Holy, Holy  
 #300..... Praise Him! Praise Him!  
 #313..... The Old Rugged Cross  
**Communion Talk**..... **Chris Taylor**  
**Dismiss Children**.....  
 ..... All in All  
**Sermon:** Minor Prophets - Hosea ..... **Erik Granberg**  
 #948..... I Am Resolved  
**Shepherd's Prayer**..... **Dan Kent**

**Children's Worship**..... **Megan Darrow**  
**Nursery**..... **Kelli Moore**  
**Sound Booth**..... **Matt Nichols**  
**Slides**..... **Dee Plummer**

**Sermon Scripture:** Hosea 11:1-4

**Sermon Thought:** Hosea was commanded by God to marry a woman who would be unfaithful to him and would cause him many heartaches. Just as Gomer lost interest in Hosea and ran after other lovers, we, too, can easily lose appreciation for our relationship with God. When we compromise our Christian distinctives and adopt the ways of the world, we are being unfaithful.

## Sermon questions:

1. What draws of the world do you see pulling others away from God?
2. Whether you follow or not, everyone feels things drawing them away from God...what do you feel pulling at yourself?
3. What metaphors would you use to describe God's relationship with humanity?

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Jan Petrik** – has severe cirrhosis of the liver and enlarged spleen; her mother also passed away last week  
**Jim Long** – having hip surgery Tuesday  
**Mary Owen** – under observation & having testing done

### Next Week's (5/2/21) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Robb Mills  
**Opening Prayer:** Dee Plummer  
**Communion Talk:** Shannon Elledge  
**Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek  
**Sound Booth:** Jim Coker  
**Slides:** Jim Coker  
**Nursery:** Charlotte Owen  
**Children's Worship:** Chris & Wendy Taylor

### Telling Your Story

I was fortunate to grow up with several folks that were great story tellers. This always made the time pass quicker. Family get togethers were incredibly fun and interesting because you never knew which story one of your uncles was going to share. As I grew older and that older generation left us, I would cherish those stories of their life and the history that was passed down to the next generation. I am a good listener now because of them.

Everyone we meet at North Garland has a story to tell. They come to worship for many reasons: the convenience, teaching, great worship, to hear about Jesus, etc. I believe some also come for healing. Sometimes physical healing, but also spiritual healing. The ability to share their stories with a caring person can be a powerful tool for that healing.

Frederick Buechner once wrote in Telling Secrets that "God makes himself known to each of us more powerful and personally" (through stories.) If this is true, it means that to lose track of our stories or not have them heard, is to be profoundly impoverished not only humanly but also spiritually.

I suggest three simple ways to help us accomplish that goal.

1. See everyone today as important (including yourself)
2. Take time to really listen to the people in your life today. Hear what they say and what they don't say.
3. Remember that we (everyone is a member) are part of a team. You can't fix everything for everyone alone but working together we can be part of the solution and live life well together.

May God bless you as you share and heal through stories this week.

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more important than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4*

**Brent Dittmeyer**

### Donations Needed to Replace the Auditorium Carpet

We feel it is an opportune time to replace the carpet while the flood damaged carpet in the rest of the building is being done. To be able to do that, we need to raise approximately \$30,000 to cover the estimated cost. We ask you to pray about this and donate what you feel in your heart you are able to do so our auditorium carpet upgrade can be completed. You can donate by check or on-line and designate it for Auditorium Carpet.

### Young Professionals Lunch

Young professionals, mark your calendars! The church will be providing lunch at Rib Crib after worship on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come join us for food and fellowship!



MAY 22, 2021 AT 6:00 PM  
BURFORD FARM  
DRUMMOND, OK

DIRECTIONS ON THE BACK!

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