

# 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:

There will be a brief meeting in the children's church room after church for anyone wanting to help with VBS this year.

### Upcoming Events

- June 4-5 – LCCC Beginner Session
- June 5 – Reclaiming Education for Christ Conference
- June 13 – Jesse Elledge Wedding Shower: 2:00 p.m. at N. Garland
- June 13-19 - LCCC Junior Session (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- June 20 – Area Wide at Newalla CoC
- June 25-26 – Float Trip
- June 27 – 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
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Family Fun Night/Lock-In
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Promotion of 5<sup>th</sup> graders into the youth group
- Aug. 1 – New Quarter

### Birthdays:

- 1st.....Bonnie Hilburn
- 3<sup>rd</sup>.....Mandy Coker

### Anniversaries:

- 1st.....Dennis & Renny Hartman
- 4<sup>th</sup>.....Bill & Kim Spencer

### Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise .....	Derek Tinius
Welcome/Announcements .....	Stephen Lincoln
Scripture Reading: Exodus 15:2 .....	TBD
Opening Prayer .....	TBD
Song Leader .....	Danny Powers
#797 .....	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
#227 .....	On Zion's Glorious Summit
#342 .....	We Saw Thee Not
Communion Talk .....	Matt Nichols
Dismiss Children .....	
#134 .....	The Lord's My Shepherd
#589 .....	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Sermon: Minor Prophets – Malachi .....	Erik Granberg
#945 .....	Kneel at the Cross
Shepherd's Prayer .....	Gordon Jantz
Children's Worship .....	Brigitte Elledge
Nursery .....	Jamie Barr
Sound Booth .....	Terry Sherrill
Slides .....	Robb Mills

**Sermon Scripture:** Malachi 4:1-2

**Sermon Thought:** Malachi paints a stunning picture of Israel's unfaithfulness that clearly shows the people to be worthy of punishment, but woven throughout this message is hope—the possibility of forgiveness. This is beautifully expressed in 4:2, "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays."

### Sermon questions:

1. Malachi is full of, "it wasn't me," statements. Why do people so quickly go into denial mode?
2. Malachi also criticizes the Israelites half-hearted following of God. What are the differences between accomplishing a task half-heartedly and accomplishing the same task whole-heartedly?
3. This was our last week in the Minor Prophets. What has stood out to you during our studies?

## Reaching Out with Optimism

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Debbie Spohn** – Gene Denney's sister; diagnosed with intestinal cancer  
**Merick Solis** – Debbie Martin's grandson; having stomach & bowel problems. May have surgery  
**Julie Parker** – Gordon & Carol's niece; at home recovering from Covid-19  
**Brent Hughs** – Brenda Wright's brother; recovering from open heart surgery  
**Dianna Simmons** – having a lot of anxiety from her essential tremors; she has been sick over two years now  
**Rustin Osburn** – will be finding out how much cancer is left in his colon

### Next Week's (6/6/21) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Dee Plummer  
**Opening Prayer:** Bruce Swart  
**Communion Talk:** Robb Mills  
**Shepherd's Prayer:** Dan Kent  
**Sound Booth:** Matt Nichols  
**Slides:** Jim Coker  
**Nursery:** Beverly Carroll  
Jeanita Meek  
**Children's Worship:** Derek, Kim, Nate  
Tinius

- Please let Stephen know by TODAY if you are going on the float trip

These days, it is hard to stay on top of things when people are hurting, their confidence is shaken, and all the dread of COVID-19 is around us. What is even more worrisome is not just the physical effect that Covid can bring to our lives, but it is also the emotional & mental impact it is having on people's daily lives. More people now are stressed, anxious, and depressed.

As a church, how should we adapt & navigate our ministries to meet these challenges & needs? Do we feel powerless, ineffective, and just leave things the way they are? Or will we find new opportunities & ways to reach out & touch as many lives as we could?

Winston Churchill once said, "The pessimist is someone who always sees difficulty in every opportunity, while an optimist is someone who sees opportunity in every difficulty." What should be our position then, resigned to pessimism or chose optimism?

We are programmed & designed to be victorious! The Apostle Paul says "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:35-37

During this COVID-19 time, since so many folks are struggling mentally & emotionally, God is giving us a great opportunity to counsel, encourage, and pray for these folks. I may be limited to where I can travel and how we can meet right now, but I am resolved to use my talents counseling to reach out to more folks. I have 4 hours of radio programs going each week. I am doing more counseling & trying to touch lives. I have made many contacts for counseling through the radio programs. I am counseling with a medical student, a filmmaker from Hollywood & his girlfriend, who are currently in Dumaguete. I am doing group/marriage counseling through Zoom. I am also training Christians in Metro-Manila to learn counseling techniques thru Zoom. I believe our commitment to ministry is needed now more than ever before. May God help us all to rise to the new challenges we are facing & help us all to find more ways to be compassionate & caring to those who are hurting & struggling these days. Many are searching for peace & hope. We have the best answer to share- JESUS!

**Richard Emperado**

### Young Professional Class

Starting Sunday June 6th and running through July there will be a Bible class beginning at 9:00 for young professionals and taught by Robb Mills. Come join us as we dive into the book The Prodigal God, "Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith." We will be discovering many aspects of the nature of God and his relationship with his children through the story of the Prodigal Son. Here is a quote from the book, "Religious people will find- perhaps for the first time- insights into themselves and the love of God that just might shatter any outward shell of mere religiosity on which they are depending and draw them into the presence of real light, glory, and salvation- into the presence of Jesus Christ, the Prodigal God Himself."

### Teachers

We are in need of teachers for June and July. All classes are currently available to teach. Please see Robb Mills if you can help in this crucial ministry.

### Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Jesse Elledge and Justin Kellogg Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. It will be held here at North Garland. Jesse and Justin's registry can be found at the following website: [www.zola.com/weddings/justinandjesse.2021](http://www.zola.com/weddings/justinandjesse.2021). There will be a brief meeting after services in the sitting room for all who would like to help with this shower.

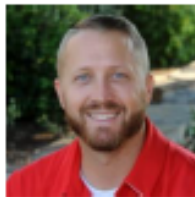
# Reclaiming Education for Christ

## EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Education is a battleground in the war for our kid's souls, the church's future and the morality of our nation. Join us as Christians in private schools, homeschools and public schools come together to consider cultural effects on Christianity's role in education and how Christians can impact the education of today's youth.

Morning program runs 8:45-12:00. Food trucks will be present for lunch. After lunch there will be a Q&A time as well as vendor tables set up from Christian organizations working with public schools, homeschool support groups and local private schools.

**Speakers: Dudley Darrow**    **Jay Mendenhall**    **Wade Burleson**  
Enid Public School    Ok. Bible Academy    Emmanuel Enid



**8:45    NORTH GARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST    JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

More info at [www.northgarlandchurch.org](http://www.northgarlandchurch.org); 580-237-4658; [northgarland@gmail.com](mailto:northgarland@gmail.com)

# *Reclaiming Education for Christ*

8:45-9:00 **Welcome**-Erik Granberg, North Garland Church of Christ

9:00-9:45 **Christianity and Character in United States Education: The Past, The Present, The Future**-Wade Burlison, Emmanuel Enid

9:45-10:00 **Break** (Vendor booths open)

10:00-10:45 **Preparing Our Children for Mars Hill: The role of Christian schools and homeschools in a post-Christian culture (Acts 17)**-Jay Mendenhall, Oklahoma Bible Academy

10:45-11:00 **Break** (Vendor booths open)

11:00-11:45 **Staying strong on the Battlefield: Christians in Public Education**-Dudley Darrow, Enid Public Schools

11:45-12:00 **Continuing Comments**-Erik Granberg

12:00-12:45 **Lunch** courtesy of Starfire Grill (**\$10/person**). Indicate # of meals at pre-registration to guarantee availability. Registrants are also welcome to bring an outside lunch. (Vendor booths open during lunch)

12:45-1:00 **Entertainment**: Starfire Celebrations featuring, "Nate the Great."

1:00-1:45 **Q&A Panel** featuring private, public, and homeschool representatives

1:45-2:30 **Vendor Hall Open:**

- Enid Area Homeschoolers
- Hillsdale Christian School
- Classical Conversations
- Oklahoma Bible Academy
- Charlotte Mason Study Group of NW Oklahoma
- Homeschool 101

## **Other Information:**

- Children are welcome. There is an unattended nursery, but childcare is NOT provided.
- Pre-registration is not required but helps with event planning.
- Lunch combo from Starfire Grill food truck is \$10 a person.
- Kids lunch from Starfire (hotdog, fries, and drink) is \$6 a person.