



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

Christmas Program

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 20 – No Broken & Mended
- Dec. 20 – Young Adult Christmas Party at the Sherrill's house; bring a gag gift
- Dec. 22 – No Wednesday Service
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candle Lit Vigil
- Jan. 2 – Prayer & Praise: 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8 – Youth Group Service Project
- Jan. 9 – Elders/Deacons Meeting after service
- Jan. 9 – Area Wide in Waynoka
- Jan. 9 – Art of Parenting: Class 1
- Jan. 15-16 – Winterfest
- Jan. 16 – Art of Parenting: Class 2
- Jan. 23 – Digital Parenting Workshop
- Jan. 30 – Art of Parenting: Class 3

Birthdays:

19th..... Kim Burford

Anniversaries:

1st..... Bryan & Kendra Brownell
 Terry & Mary Sherrill
 29th..... Bruce & Linda Swart

Record for 12-12-21

Morning Worship..... 140
 Contribution \$6,634.00
 Budget \$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise **Derek Tinius**
Song Leader **Robb Mills**
 1001..... *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
 997..... *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading **Erik Granberg**
Prayer..... **Gordon Jantz**
 *Your Loving Kindness*
 176..... *Lamb of God*
Communion Talk..... **Matt Nichols**
Dismiss Children.....
 *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*
 *That's Why We Praise Him*
Sermon: Jesus the Messiah: A Simple Birth **Erik Granberg**
 288..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Shepherd's Prayer **Gordon Jantz**

Children's Worship..... **Carrie Mills**
Nursery **Gina Thornton**
Sound Booth/Slides..... **Dudley Darrow**

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (More in Luke 2)

Sermon Thought:

The greatest event in history had just happened! The Messiah had been born! For ages the Jews had waited for this and when it finally happened the announcement came to humble shepherds. The good news is that Jesus came for all, including the plain and the ordinary. Don't think you need extraordinary qualifications to come to Jesus.

Sermon Questions:

1. What were the different responses people had to the birth of Jesus?
2. How do the people's responses in scripture correspond to people's responses today?
3. What life lessons can we learn from the wise men? Shepherds?

New Prayer Concerns:

All who are recovering from covid.

Kylen Arter – David Petrik's nephew; diagnosed with colon cancer

Tom Washburn – former minister; diagnosed with multiple myeloma and will start chemo and radiation soon

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Next Week's (12/26/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Dee Plummer

Opening Prayer: TBD

Communion

Talk: Bill Oldham

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

**Sound Booth/
Slides:**

Jim Coker

Nursery:

Kim Tinius

Children's

Worship: Megan Darrow

It is Finished!

A Wonderful Journey

Our life is a journey. From the time we are born, we are on the move. We encounter a myriad of challenges and experiences as we journey toward our eternal destiny. There are good times, and there are bad times. There is joy and happiness and there is pain and sorrow. There are moments we savor and there are moments we want to forget. All in all, I believe the time we spend in this physical life is **a wonderful journey**. It is what we make of it by how we embrace the events of each day.

As we give our lives to Jesus and become one of his disciples, we are blessed with a spiritual journey. He gives us the strength and courage we need to face Satan's temptations and the challenges this physical life presents. He picks us up when we fall and cares for the wounds we are inflicted with. Peter says "*by his [Jesus'] wounds we have been healed*" (1 Pet. 24). When we walk with Jesus, he guides our steps and gives us the words we need as we share our faith. Our spiritual journey is also laced with good times and bad times. James teaches us to "*Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness*" (Jas. 1:2-3). As we live for Jesus, he will give us the strength to endure the things we suffer and will keep us on the pathway of righteousness. Our spiritual journey with Jesus encompasses the time from creation to eternity which he was a part of and established. As Jesus tells us, "*And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also*" (Jn. 14:3). When Jesus uttered those precious words "**It is finished!**" on the cross, he provided the way for our eternal salvation. Our life is indeed **a wonderful journey** and let us all rejoice that we will someday be gathered together in the glorious presence of God!

Gordon Jantz

Young Adult Christmas Party

This Monday, the 20th, the young adult's will be having a Christmas party at Terry and Mary Sherrill's house, 1202 Cansler Drive. Come join us at 5:00 p.m. and bring a white elephant gift.

Candlelight Service

This Christmas Eve from 6-7 p.m. we will have a simple evening of singing and scripture. Please join us for a special night of worship by candlelight.