



**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**

The group that went to Winterfest will be back at 5:00 p.m.

Art of Parenting Class 2: 6:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

- Jan. 18 – Ladies' Bible Class 10-11 a.m.
- Jan. 23 – Digital Parenting Workshop
- Jan. 25 - Ladies' Bible Class 10-11 a.m.
- Jan. 30 – Art of Parenting: Class 3
- Feb. 1 - Ladies' Bible Class 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 6 – North Garland Area Wide
- Feb. 8 - Ladies' Bible Class 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 13 – Art of Parenting Class #4
- Feb. 15 - Ladies' Bible Class 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 20 – Art of Parenting Class #5
- Feb. 22 - Ladies' Bible Class 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 27 – Art of Parenting Class #6
- March 6 – Art of Parenting Class #7
- March 13 – Art of Parenting Class #8

**Birthdays:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> ..... David Petrik
- 17<sup>th</sup> ..... George Gordon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Lorie Manley

**Record for 1-9-22**

Morning Worship..... 144  
 Contribution ..... \$7,545.00  
 Budget ..... \$6,642.00

**Order of Worship**

- Pilgrim's Praise** ..... **Derek Tinius**
- Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading** ..... **Erik Granberg**
- Song Leader** ..... **Glenn Walker**  
 ..... *He Has Made Me Glad*  
 ..... *You Are the Song That I Sing*  
 ..... *In Moments Like These*
- Prayer**..... **Chris Taylor**  
 ..... *He Paid a Debt*  
 ..... *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
- Communion Talk**..... **Cory Moore**
- Dismiss Children**.....  
 ..... *O, How I Love Jesus*  
 ..... *We Will Glorify*  
 ..... *Sing and be Happy*
- Sermon: Jesus the Messiah-Even Strong Faith Has Uncertainty**..... **Erik Granberg**  
 ..... *When We All Get to Heaven*
- Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **John Wright**
  
- Children's Worship**..... **Brigitte Elledge**
- Nursery** ..... **Lisa Granberg**
- Sound Booth/Slides**..... **Terry Sherrill**

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 11-12

**Sermon Thought:**

John the Baptist was the man who prepared the way for Jesus. He preached, baptized by the river, unrepentant people, and pointed the way to Jesus. But there were times when even he had moments of uncertainty, Was Jesus really the Messiah? These times will come in our lives too and they will go as well. Through it all, Jesus is still Lord...Lord of all.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What role, if any, does doubt have in the life of a Christian?
2. Read 11:18-19. Why might Jesus and John have been so different? Why were neither accepted?
3. Is there anything wrong with wanting evidence of God? Why or why not?

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Cory Marsh** – Mike Felton’s stepson; recovering from Guillain-Barre’ syndrome

**Ryan Simmons** – Dianna Simmons’ granddaughter; is needing prayers at this time

**Jacqueline Anderson** – recovering from a hysterectomy with complications

**Carol Jantz** – has a tear in her left shoulder and will have to have surgery

**Brent Dittmeyer** – recovering from pneumonia

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### Next Week’s (1/23/22) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Jim Coker

**Opening Prayer:** Scott Mick

**Communion Talk:** Robb Mills

**Shepherd’s Prayer:** Brent Dittmeyer

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** Dee Plummer

**Nursery:** Cheryl Kent

**Children’s Worship:** Mandy Coker



### Pilgrim’s Praise Memory Assignment:

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

## Heroes of Faith

I imagine we all have those people in our lives that we look up to. They are our heroes, and we aspire to be like them. God puts individuals in our lives to mentor us, to guide us, and to encourage us on our life’s journey. One of my heroes was my Academic Advisor and math professor in college. One time I got the highest grade in his class on an exam, and boy was I ever proud of myself. Mr. Cooper was quick to set me straight when he told me everyone in class would have been proud of my grade, but that wasn’t good enough for me. You see, I was a math major, and he expected more from me. That course correction put me on a path of much greater achievements than I ever dreamed possible.

I encourage you to take a journey through the Bible this year and look at the Heroes of Faith that God used to bring about the eternal redemption of mankind. It is my hope that it will inspire you to be like them. They will become mentors to guide us in the development of our faith. As we learn from them, we will grow in our confidence of staying on the pathway of righteousness. That will serve as our spiritual encouragement so we can achieve great things as servants in the Lord’s kingdom. Faith is a phenomenal spiritual attribute. The Hebrew writer describes it like this: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1). As we journey through life, we have hopes for the things we want to do and become. We can’t see the steps it takes in the beginning or what the end result will be, but we can step out in faith believing God will provide the way for our success. Jesus stands at the forefront of our Heroes of Faith. Peter writes, “...Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps” (1 Pet. 2:21). Jesus is our spiritual mentor and guide as we learn from our Heroes of Faith.

*Gordon Jantz*

## Art of Parenting

This series is ideal for parents, stepparents, single parents, and expectant parents who are raising children of all ages. Anyone willing to invest time and effort in their parenting approach will benefit. This is an eight-session, video-driven small-group series designed to help parents raise their children on a biblical foundation. It will be informative, challenging and fun. Please sign up in the church lobby. The cost is \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a couple (to cover the cost of books). The series runs from January 9th through March 13 at 6:00. Childcare will be provided. **Please come join us tonight even if you missed last week.**

## Thank You

Garland Girls,  
Thank you for the cookie mix. Such a thoughtful gift. I’m thankful to know such young girls with giving hearts!

Carol Baxter