

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.**

Upcoming Events

- June 8** – Meal: Lite Lasagna, Bread, Green Beans, Cherry Cheesecake
- June 12** – HOPE Group 6-7:30 p.m.
- June 15** – Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Cake
- June 12-18** – LCCC Junior Session
- June 19-25** – LCCC Oasis Session
- June 22** – Chicken & Rice, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Sheet Cake
- June 29** – Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Veggie Tray, Chips, Strawberry Dessert
- July 6** – Baked potatoes, salad, brownies
- July 10-16** – LCCC Xtreme Week
- July 16-23** – Pettijohn Springs Camp Ocho
- July 17-23** – LCCC Senior Session

Birthdays:

- 9th Gene Denney
- 11th Ava Owen

Anniversaries:

- 8th Trey & Nicole Johnson

Record for 5-29-22

- Morning Worship 140
- Contribution \$1,901.10
- Budget \$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Scripture Reading	Erik Granberg
Pilgrim's Praise	Derek Tinius
Song Leader	Dee Plummer
.....	Song
.....	Song
Prayer	Shannon Elledge
.....	Song
.....	Song
Communion Talk	Bill Oldham
Dismiss Children	
.....	Song
.....	Song
Sermon	Erik Granberg
.....	Song
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Cheryl Kent
Sound Booth/Slides	Jim Coker

Congrats!

Make sure you congratulate Kayla Olson! She passed her nursing license test!



***If you ordered t-shirts, they are in the office ready to be picked up. ***

*** The Sexual Morality Series will not be available to watch online. If you are interested in watching one or more weeks, let Erik know. He has several USB drives available to borrow. ***

Next Week's (6/12/22) Servants:

Song Leader:	Jim Coker
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Owen
Communion Talk:	Chris Taylor
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth/ Slides:	Dee Plummer
Nursery:	Kelli Moore

New Prayer Concerns:

Tom & Mary Raloff – both having health issues; Tom has been in the hospital
Diana & Willie Russell – both having health issues

Public Apology

It has come to my attention that some of the things I have been doing and writing as the Lord's Shepherd have been troubling to the saints here at North Garland. I humbly apologize for my displeasing actions and ask your forgiveness and prayers as I strive to serve the Lord in a more pleasing way. May God's blessing continue to be on North Garland as we serve the Lord together.

In Christ,
Gordon Jantz

What's Needed Today

On February 2, 1984, President Ronald Reagan spoke at the Annual National Prayer Breakfast in the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

After greeting the assembly which included many U.S. Senators and Representatives, President Reagan said: "In a world today that is so torn with strife where the divisions seem to be increasing, not people coming together, within countries, divisions within the people, themselves and all, I wonder if we have ever thought about the greatest tool that we have -- that power of prayer and God's help."

"This power of prayer," continued President Reagan, "can be illustrated by a story that goes back to the fourth century..." Then he told about a monk that lived during the 4th century by the name of Telemachus. Telemachus had been living "in a little remote village, spending most of his time in prayer or tending the garden from which he obtained his sustenance," when he, because he believed it to be God's will, went to Rome.

When Telemachus arrived in Rome, President Reagan explained:

It was at a time of a festival in Rome. They were celebrating a triumph over the Goths. And he followed a crowd into the Coliseum, and then there in the midst of this great crowd, he saw the gladiators come forth, stand before the Emperor, and say, "We who are about to die salute you." And he realized they were going to fight to the death for the entertainment of the crowds. And he cried out, "In the name of Christ, stop!" And his voice was lost in the tumult there in the great Coliseum.

And as the games began, he made his way down through the crowd and climbed over the wall and dropped to the floor of the arena. Suddenly the crowds saw this scrawny little figure making his way out to the gladiators and saying, over and over again, "In the name of Christ, stop." And they thought it was part of the entertainment, and at first they were amused. But then, when they realized it wasn't, they grew belligerent and angry. And as he was pleading with the gladiators, "In the name of Christ, stop," one of them plunged his sword into his body. And as he fell to the sand of the arena in death, his last words were, "In the name of Christ, stop."

And suddenly, a strange thing happened. The gladiators stood looking at this tiny form lying in the sand. A silence fell over the Coliseum. And then, someplace up in the upper tiers, an individual made his way to an exit and left, and others began to follow. And in the dead silence, everyone left the Coliseum. That was the last battle to the death between gladiators in the Roman Coliseum. Never again did anyone kill or did men kill each other for the entertainment of the crowd.

One tiny voice that could hardly be heard above the tumult: "In the name of Christ, stop." It is something we could be saying to each other throughout the world today.

Peace. That's what we need in the world today. Peace between countries, peace within countries, peace in our homes, peace within each of us, and even peace with God.

That's why God sent His Son into the world: that we may have peace with God (Romans 5:1-2), peace with others (Ephesians 2:13-22), and peace within ourselves (Philippians 4:6-7).

It all begins with having peace with God. It is our sin that separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), but Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

"In the name of Christ, stop!" Stop fighting against God and one another. Surrender and submit to the will of God, and then share His grace with everyone around you.

Dan Kent

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