

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

Young Adult Lunch after worship

Upcoming Events

- Aug 24** – Meal: Chicken in a Flash, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Relish Tray, Hot Rolls, & Dessert
- Aug 31** – Meal: Walking Tacos and cookies (5:00 p.m.)
- Aug 31** – Stamp Out Starvation (5:30-7 p.m.)
- Sept 10** – Men's Breakfast
- Sept 17** – Women's Breakfast

Birthdays:

- 21st** Merick Solis
- 24th** Duane Owen
- 27th** Ally Coker

Anniversaries:

- 23rd** Bill & Susan Oldham
..... 36 Years!!
- 25th** Roger & Charlotte Owen
..... 55 Years!!
- 27th** Landis & Renne Fuksa

Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Announcements | Roger Unruh |
| Pilgrim's Praise | Derek Tinius |
| Song Leader | Glenn Walker |
| #242 | <i>Sing Hallelujah to the Lord</i> |
| #615 | <i>He Keeps Me Singing</i> |
| Prayer | Cole Roberts |
| #346 | <i>He Lives</i> |
| #350 | <i>When My Love to Christ Grows Weak</i> |
| Communion Talk | Robb Mills |
| #533 | <i>I Am a Sheep</i> |
| #578 | <i>We Will Glorify</i> |
| #959 | <i>Just a Little Talk with Jesus</i> |
| Sermon: Acts-Paul's 1st Missionary Journey | Erik Granberg |
| #976 | <i>I Shall Not Be Moved</i> |
| Shepherd's Prayer | Gordon Jantz |

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| Nursery | Susan Oldham |
| Sound Booth/Slides | Dee Plummer |

Sermon Scripture: Acts 13-14

Sermon Thought:

When the Holy Spirit prompted them, the church "set apart" (dedicated) Barnabas and Saul to the work God had for them. We too have work that God wants us to do. It may not be going to faraway lands as missionaries, but it may be across the street as missionaries.

Sermon Questions:

1. Paul and Barnabas set of together on the first missionary journey. Paul always went on his journeys with others. What benefits are there to being in a group of believers? Why do some people try to go at it alone?

2. In Acts 13:39 Paul says that a justification is available through Jesus that is not available, "to obtain under the law...." Why is the law or rules, rules, rules not able to provide justification?

3. Are there any takeaways from Acts 14:24, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," for us?

Prayer, A Constant Connection

Next Week's (8/28/22) Servants:

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| Song Leader: | Robb Mills |
| Welcome: | Dudley Darrow |
| Opening Prayer: | Glenn Walker |
| Communion Talk: | George Gordon |
| Shepherd's Prayer: | Dan Kent |
| Sound Booth/ Slides: | Jared Skipper |
| Nursery: | Geneva Osburn |

New Prayer Concerns:

Gene Denney – recovering from back surgery

Betty Litzel – passed away

Pete Tippett – passed away

Bob Willett – passed away

Carol Jantz – will be having shoulder surgery September 2nd

Krosbi Smith & Aaron LeCrone – prayers as they start their new lives as Christians

Rustin Osburn – battling cancer; is now receiving hospice care for pain

Pilgrim's Praise Memory Assignment:

1 Peter 5:7

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares for you.

Items to be collecting for future outreaches:

- Money to help Stamp Out Starvation (give to Cory or Mandy)
- Empty toilet paper rolls (put in wooden box in the foyer)
- Empty paper towel rolls (put in wooden box in the foyer)
- Toiletries from hotels or travel sized (put in basket in main kitchen)
- We have enough backpacks, thank you!

I'm sure you noticed, over the last year or so, crews putting in fiber optics all around town. First the little colored flags show up marking current utilities. Then holes are dug, and the optics are laid. Finally, everything is put back in place like nothing ever happened. Eventually, the whole system will be complete and newer, faster internet will be available. All of this to help us stay connected. Faster connections to the internet and information available there along with clearer connections to those we know. I for one, am looking forward to it and hoping that the cost will be less. Cross your fingers.

Of course, this is assuming you have paid for the service...and that you have the correct routers and modems...and that your devices are connected...and that the power doesn't go out. If any of that happens...no connection.

Now consider the connection available to God through prayer. It is always on...always. God is never asleep nor too busy. He hears the words coming out of your mouth and the words you speak in your mind. There is no special passcode to enter. There is no payment required. God is always available.

In the Gospel of Matthew, there is a section in 6:5-15 where Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer. It is simple and direct. Read through that section. Perhaps even memorize the prayer which is often called, "The Lord's Prayer." I encourage you, use the connection to God that is readily available. God wants to hear from you. For further consider, read these scriptures on prayer:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray continually."
- James 5:13, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray."
- 1 John 5:14, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."
- Ephesians 6:18. "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Erik Granberg

Did You Know:

- * Stamp Out Starvation is a non-profit headquartered in Cherokee, OK
- * Its mission is to provide nutritious meals around the world and even at home
- * Food bags containing rice, soy, vegetables, vitamins, and minerals are packaged by volunteers
- * Each package contains six servings
- * Our \$1500 donation goal will provide almost 7,000 meals-- only \$.23 per meal!!!

For our August 31st Wednesday Outreach, we are setting a goal of \$1500 to be given as a donation to Stamp Out Starvation. We need your prayers, your manpower, and your monetary donations. Please be inviting your friends and family to join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Christianity in Action