

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:

July 3 - H. O. P. E. 7:30-9:00 p.m. July 5 – Meal: Mexican Stack Ups, Sopapilla Cheesecake July 9-15 – LCCC Xtreme Week July 12 – Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Strawberry Dessert July 29 - Ladies' Ministry: Cookie Decorating 2:00 p.m. July 16-22 - LCCC Senior Session & Pettijohn Springs Session Ocho July 19 - Meal: Chicken & Rice, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Sheet Cake July 26 - Sub Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Chips, White Sheet Cake Aug 18-20 - Weekend with Randy Willingham

Birthdays:

2nd	Dena Schoeling
3rd	Tom Raloff
4th	Reeta Williams
6th	Kendra Brownell
	Dee Plummer
7th	Alexia Bowman
8 th	Hannah Hurt

Anniversaries:

2 nd	Derek & Kim Tinius
	29 Years!!
3 rd	Larry & Christy Cochran
	53 Years!!
4 th	Steve & Tammi Long
	40 Years!!

Order of Worship

Song	
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	
Pilgrim's Praise	
797	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
4	
Prayer	TBD
286	Wonderful Story of Love
337	Hallelujah! What A Savior!
Communion Talk	Dan Kent
569	Sweeter Than All
543	Wonderful Words of Life
Sermon: The Successful Life	Erik Granberg
945	Kneel At The Cross
Shepherd's Prayer	
Nursery	Kim Tinius
Sound Booth/Slides	

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 4; Matthew 5:16

Sermon Thought: One of the great leveling components of Christianity is that success is not determining by what gets accomplished. Instead of WHAT gets accomplished, God measures success by HOW it gets accomplished.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. What does a "mature Christian" look like?
- 2. What does the difference between anger that is sinful and anger that is not sinful look like?
- 3. Why is how we accomplish things more significant that what gets accomplished?

Next Week's (7/9/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: TBD

Communion

Talk: Roger Unruh

Shepherd's

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery: Reeta Williams

Fill Communion

For July: Mary Sherrill

Wash Baptismal Garments for

July: Carol Jantz

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2602 Old Mallard Enid, OK 73703

A Spiritual Journey

Mindful of God's Intent

The story of Joseph being sold into Egyptian slavery by his brothers is a valuable lesson to **keep in mind** for our spiritual journey (Gen. 37-47). In spite of the hateful intent of his brothers, God used Joseph to bring about an abundance of good. As he told his brothers when he identified himself to them, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life" (Gen. 45:4-5). "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today" (Gen. 50:20). Now mind you, Joseph's years in Egypt was not a piece of cake, because he was accused of sexual intent and thrown in prison. But in all Joseph did, God was with him and he became second in command to Pharaoh and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

We certainly must be mindful of God's intent when we encounter challenging times in our spiritual journey. I can identify with Joseph's experience when I received a military assignment to Germany with Carol being seven months pregnant and me having a protruding disc in my back. My prayer was that God had a purpose for sending me to Germany and I stepped out in faith being mindful of God's intent. After several job changes, which were very frustrating, I was put in charge of providing communications support of the military airlift activity for all of Europe. This turned out to be a blessing for a very successful Air Force career, just like Joseph experienced in Egypt. Above all, God healed my protruding disc and gave us two wonderful sons. There will be times in our spiritual journey we don't know why things happen the way they do, but when we remain mindful of God's intent, we will be blessed beyond measure. Gordon

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for David's service, but most of all, the prayers and concern for our family.

Love,

Barbara Holland & Family

We want to thank John Wright for serving years as an elder at North Garland. Many thanks also to Brenda for her role as an elder's wife. Recently, John has been having some health troubles and will be taking a sabbatical to work on getting healthy. Please thank him for his shepherding and pray for good health. Thank you, Wrights, we love you!

"Dear Self" Exercise

Over the June 16th weekend, Randy Willingham visited with us about our personal values and loyalties. During this time, he challenged anyone interested to write a letter to self on the topic, "Why I exist." We encourage as many as possible to do this before the next consultation weekend, August 18-20. If you need guidance for this letter, write about these 3 areas: what gives your life purpose, direction or meaning? Include scripture that speaks to that and identify a few standards or "rules for life" that help you walk that path. Feel free to talk with Erik if you want more information.

580-237-4658 www.northgarlandchurch.org Sunday: 9:00 Class, 10:00 Worship Wednesday: 6:15 Class