

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:

Elders/Deacons Meeting: After worship

LTC Practice: 1-4 p.m.

Youth Group Super Bowl Party: 5:30 p.m. @ the Mills'

Upcoming Events:

Feb 14 – Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

Feb 20 – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair

Feb 21 – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Dessert Feb 24 – Cheryl Siders Memorial:

10:00 a.m. at North Garland **Feb 25** – Jones' Baby Shower: 2:00

p.m. in the fellowship building **Feb 28 –** Meal: Mexican Casserole,

Chips & Salsa, Cole Slaw, Dessert March 6 – Baked Potatoes, Green Salad. Brownies

March 13 – Meal: Sweet & Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Vegetable Stir Fry, Fruit Salad, Dessert

March 19 – Save the Date: Golden Girls Party! More info to come.

March 20 – Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

March 27 – Meal: Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Pasta Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert

April 3 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Green Salad, Brownies

April 10 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad. Fruit Salad. Dessert

April 17 – Meal: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Baked Beans, Dessert

April 24 – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Cole Slaw, Relish Tray, Dessert

April 30 – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair

Order of Worship

	I Will Enter His Gates
Song Leader/Welcome	Robb Mills
Pilgrim's Praise	Erik Granberg
	Mighty Is Our God
	Wonderful, Merciful Savior
	How Great Is Our God
Prayer	TBD
	Highest Place
	O Lord, You're Beautiful
Communion Talk	Brian Wright
Sermon: Better God's Way-Purpose	
	I Am a Sheep
Shepherd's Prayer	Terry Sherrill
Nursery	Jeanita Meek
Sound Booth/Slides	Jim Coker

Sermon Scripture:

Genesis 1:27

Sermon Thought:

People often wonder about the meaning of life. We want to know if there is rhyme or reason behind all of what we do. Without a purpose people often express a feeling of emptiness inside. Many have tried to find purpose in things that are unsatisfying. In God we find meaning and purpose in life.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. What do you find fulfilling in life?
- 2. What correlation or overlap can you see between the physical tasks we do and our spiritual lives?
- 3. What stood out to you from today's Sermon on purpose?

Prayer Requests:

<u>Bonny Gainey</u> – Beverly Carroll's sister; her husband passed away <u>Christine Harris</u> – former member, teacher at Glenwood; diagnosed with cancer

<u>Siders Family</u> – pray for them as they grieve the loss of Cheryl. Her memorial will be here at NG, Feb. 24th at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Mary Bales</u> – friend of Jovita Lang; was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer.

Next Week's (2/18/24) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim's Praise: Trey Johnson

Communion

Talk: Terry Sherrill

Shepherd's

Prayer: Brent Dittmeyer

Sound Booth/

Slides: Ally Coker

Nursery: Kelli Moore

Greeters For

February: Jacqueline

Anderson Wyatt Unruh

This Week's Birthdays

11 th	Johna Wrigh
13 th	Sue Die
15 ^{th.}	Bryce Thornton

Anniversaries

14th.....Larry & Deana LeCrone

Revealing God

In the Beginning

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:1-2). Our human minds can't even begin to grasp what that eternal moment was like. There was nothing that existed and the Spirit of God was moving toward a new beginning – to make something very special out of nothing. From my perspective, I have a difficult time even making something out of the things that exist. When I set out to build something, I had to wait until I was finished to decide what it was.

It would have really been neat to be with God in the beginning to see what it was like when there was nothing, and to see how he brought everything into existence. So, in the beginning of a new year, I want to focus on our God who created the heavens and the earth. Revealing God as he is characterized through the pages of scripture will draw us closer to him in our personal relationship. As I begin this spiritual endeavor, my thoughts and reflections are also "without form and void," but in faith, I know God will walk with me to guide my thoughts as we reveal who he is and how he operates in the world we live in. In our personal lives, each day is a new beginning because we can't see the things that lie ahead of us. They only come into view as we move forward in faith, trusting in God to help us accomplish what we set out to do and to protect us from harm. You see, in the beginning when God set out to create the heavens and the earth, he could see our physical bodies moving about and wanted to make sure we were well taken care of by the things he created. Prepare to open your eyes to the unseen as we reveal God through the pages of his holy and divine Word.

Gordon Jantz

Be Advised

Be advised, there will be construction on Chestnut for about a month with road closures. There will also be big equipment being parked on part of our property during this construction.

Thank You: Christians in Action

Thank you to the 48 Christians in Action who came last Wednesday to pack sacks of household essentials for pantry patrons. Your love is shining through.

Mark your calendar on May 29 for our next project. We will be doing outside yard work for members of our congregation, or you can choose to help deep clean the building.

2023 Giving Statements

All Giving Statements have been either emailed or mailed out. If you did not receive one and need it, let Mandy know ASAP. 580-541-9699

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

