



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

H.O.P.E. Group

Upcoming Events

- April 19** – Prayer & Praise Night
- April 19** – Meal: Chicken & Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Cake
- April 21-23** – Randy Willingham Visits
- April 26** – Prayer & Praise Night
- April 26** – Meal: Ham & Cheese Sliders, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, and Dessert
- April 30** – Taylor Life Group/Young Adult Volleyball night at Crosslin Park: 5:00 p.m. (Bring your own picnic supper)
- May 7** – Senior Sunday (David Granberg)
- May 21** – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting After Worship
- May 21** – Women's Ministry Paint Party 2-5 p.m.
- May 31** – 5th Wednesday Outreach
- June 3** – Men's Breakfast
- June 2-3** – LCCC Beginner Session
- June 11-17** – LCCC Junior Session
- June 24** – Mayson Pettus Wedding Shower
- July 9-15** – LCCC Xtreme Week
- July 15** – Ladies' Ministry: Cookie Decorating 2:00 p.m.
- July 16-22** – LCCC Senior Session & Pettijohn Springs Session Ocho

Birthdays:

- 18th** Dudley Darrow
- 21st** Cory Moore

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	TBD
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Bruce Swart
#63.....	<i>I Will Call upon the Lord</i>
#777.....	<i>Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer</i>
#778.....	<i>Be with Me, Lord</i>
#779.....	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
Prayer	Kent Chesser
#608.....	<i>He Gave Me a Song</i>
#359.....	<i>I Love the Lord</i>
Communion Talk	Gordon Jantz
#535.....	<i>The Glory-Land Way</i>
Sermon: Are There Secret Books in the Bible?	Erik Granberg
#943.....	<i>Do You Know My Jesus?</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Gina Thornton
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow

Sermon Scripture:
2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

Sermon Thought:

Maybe you've heard comments about "secret books of the Bible." Or maybe you've been told that the Bible has been changed. How can we know the Bible we have is right?

Sermon Questions:

1. What questions or comments have you had or heard people ask about the Bible's authenticity or reliability?
2. How do you find confidence in the scripture as God's word?
3. What stood out to you from today's sermon?

Consultant Weekend

The elders have asked Randy Willingham to work with North Garland over the next year as we pray, discern and plan for the next 5-10 years. Saturday, April 22nd from 9:30-12:00 there will be a dialogue session open to anyone in the church who would like to participate. The goal is for Randy to learn as much as possible about North Garland, like our strengths, areas we could improve, and hopes and dreams for the future.

New Prayer Concerns:

Jenny Burnett – Barbara Holland’s daughter; dealing with custody issues
Lorie Manly – will be having surgery soon for blocked arteries
David Holland – Barbara Holland’s husband; is at OU Med recovering from 5 surgeries and an infection
Kathy Dittmeyer – getting chemo treatments
Willie Russell – recovering from kidney stone surgery

Next Week’s (4/23/23) Servants:

Song Leader
/Welcome: Jim Coker

Pilgrim’s Praise: TBD

Prayer: Gordon Jantz

Communion
Talk: George Gordon

Shepherd’s
Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/
Slides: Terry Sherrill

Nursery: Kassidy Roberts

Fill Communion
For April: Kelli Moore

Wash Baptismal
Garments for
April: Kassidy Roberts

A Spiritual Journey The Perils of Travel

Our earthly journeys are often hampered by various natural elements. The road conditions are laced with rough stretches and sometimes with potholes. Weather conditions are not always favorable, and present us with rain, storms, and wind. Then there is the traffic that can often be heavy at times, slowing the progress of our journey. These natural elements all exhibit **the perils of travel** for the progress and safe arrival at our destination.

The spiritual journey God intended for us in the beginning of creation has also been affected by the introduction of sin. What was once perfect, smooth, and clear sailing became laced with pain, hardship, and natural disasters. God said to the woman, “*I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.*” To the man he said, “*...cursed is the ground because of you; ...thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; ... In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*” (Gen. 3:16-19). Our spiritual journey has never been the same, but we have to endure the many consequences of sin in the world. We will see these **perils of journey** constantly played out as we focus on a spiritual journey this year. It will be interesting to note how these perils affect human life, but also how they touch the holiness of God. He planned a better journey for us, and he is ever with us as we embrace Satan’s temptations in our daily lives. He has given us our spirit and breath of life. He is present with us as we walk hand-in-hand toward that eternal home he has prepared for us. Yes, our spiritual journey will not always be easy, but as we commit our lives to serving him, he will give us the strength and courage to overcome **the perils of travel**. Praise the Lord!

Gordon Jantz

Save the Date

Join us for the Women’s Ministry Paint Party May 21st from 2-5 p.m. in the fellowship building. It will be a fun afternoon of fellowship and painting, with no talent necessary. Templates and instruction will be included. This is for all women of the congregation along with friends, family, and neighbors. More information to come.

We also will be doing cookie decorating on July 15th at 2:00 p.m.

College Gift Card Drive!

Donations are needed for our North Garland College students. Please give Mary Sherrill your college student’s updated address and gift cards by May 1. Let’s use this ministry to make sure our college students know that we support them during finals and the end of the school year!

Lariat Creek Christian Camp

A few Sundays ago, a special contribution was taken up for Lariat Creek Christian Camp. You all were so generous, \$9,385.00 was raised!! This money will help take care of our Enid cabin, updating the bathrooms (new tile being put up in pictures below), and several other projects that have needed attention for a long time. Thank you!

