



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

Upcoming Events

- April 26** – Prayer & Praise Night
- April 26** – Meal: Ham & Cheese Sliders, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, and Dessert
- April 29** – Women’s Brunch & Quarterly Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- April 30** – Taylor Life Group/Young Adult Volleyball night at Crosslin Park: 5:00 p.m. (Bring your own picnic supper)
- May 3** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Green Salad, and Brownies
- May 7** – Senior Sunday (David Granberg, Libby Owen)
- 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

Pantry Patrons Served in April.....245

Order of Worship

Pilgrim’s Praise	TBD
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Dee Plummer
.....	<i>Come Let Us Sing</i>
.....	<i>As the Deer Thirsts</i>
.....	<i>Raise a Hallelujah</i>
.....	<i>Here I am To Worship</i>
Prayer	Gordon Jantz
.....	<i>Great Things</i>
.....	<i>Highly Exalted</i>
Communion Talk	Bruce Swart
.....	<i>King of My Heart</i>
.....	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>
Sermon: Is Baptism Important?	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Are You Washed in the Blood?</i>
Shepherd’s Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Gina Thornton
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow

Sermon Scripture: Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermon Thought:

We practice the sacrament of baptism, and for 2,000 years it has been the symbol or mark of being a follower of God. It represents being washed and made clean. It also represents being buried or dying to the old self. It obviously is important, but how important?

Sermon Questions:

1. Share and reflect on your baptism.
2. How much emphasis do you think is needed on baptism?
3. How would you describe the beauty of baptism?

New Prayer Concerns:

Mary Raloff – recovering from knee replacement surgery

Madison Solis – having health issues

Jenny Burnett – Barbara Holland's daughter; dealing with custody issues

David Holland – Barbara Holland's husband; is at OU Med recovering from 5 surgeries and an infection

Next Week's (4/30/23) Servants:

Song Leader

Welcome: Jim Coker

Pilgrim's Praise: TBD

Prayer: Dudley Darrow

Communion

Talk: Dee Plummer

Shepherd's

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

**Sound Booth/
Slides:** TBD

Nursery: Patrece Allen

Fill Communion

For April: Kelli Moore

**Wash Baptismal
Garments for**

April: Kassidy Roberts

A Spiritual Journey

A New Beginning

Sometimes the hazards of our earthly travels become so great that we have to delay our journey and start over. We may have to go at a later time or earlier. There are times we have to take a different route which may extend the time of our journey. Whatever the circumstance, our journey has **a new beginning** so we can get to our desired destination.

The spiritual journey of God's people went through a major change when "*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was so great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... So the Lord said, 'I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the ground... for I am sorry I made them'*" (Gen. 6:5-8). Praise God that "*Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God*" (Gen. 6:9). Because of this, God chose Noah to continue the spiritual journey by building an ark and saving his family from the devastating flood God brought on the earth. After the flood, "*God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth'*" (Gen. 9:1) just as he did Adam and Eve in the beginning of creation. This was **a new beginning** with the earth cleansed of all evil. God made a covenant with Noah that he would not destroy the earth again by a flood, and set a rainbow in the clouds as a sign of his promise (Gen. 9:8-17). It is hard for us to imagine a period in the history of humanity where there was no sin or evil to interfere with our spiritual journey. O what bliss to go forth from the ark with everything pure and holy again. I can just feel the peace and calm Noah and his family experienced as they stepped out on **a new beginning**. We have that precious moment to look back on to remind us of what God desires for us as we too walk with him on our spiritual journey just as Noah did.

Gordon Janz

Senior Bibles

Make sure you stop by the senior table in the foyer. **We have two graduating seniors this year: David Granberg and Libby Owen.** Their bibles have been set out for you to write an encouraging note or underline your favorite verse. A laundry basket is under the table to collect graduation cards and presents. Senior Sunday is May 7th with refreshments served after worship.

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!

Women's Brunch & Quarterly Meeting

Ladies, join us next week at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship building for some great food and fellowship. Contact Mary Sherrill with any questions.