



# 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:**

Garland Girls: Lunch & Mother's Day gifts (After worship)

H.O.P.E. Group: At the Robert's House

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 30** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair

**May 1 – 31** – CDSA Diaper Drive

**May 1** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies

**May 8** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

**May 19** – Senior Sunday

**July 14-20** – Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp: Session Ocho

**For Our Guests:**

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- Communion cups are located on the small tables behind the pillars in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies that would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room that is accessed by walking through the nursery.

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Chris Taylor</b>
<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
.....	<i>Jesus, Name Above All Names</i>
.....	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>
.....	<i>Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Shannon Elledge</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent, Hudson Plummer, Todd Anderson, Dylan Anderson</b>
.....	<i>Seek Ye First</i>
.....	<i>Firm Foundation</i>
<b>Sermon: Parables About the Kingdom</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>I Am Resolved</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Pat Meek</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Wendy &amp; Eleanor Taylor</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Dudley Darrow</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

Mark 4

**Sermon Thought:**

Jesus' most common theme in his teaching was about God's kingdom. John Mark uses the phrase, "kingdom of God," throughout his gospel. There are many quizzical layers to Jesus' use of parables including, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear," and "they may be ever seeing but never perceiving."

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What are your favorite reasons to enjoy Jesus' parables?
2. Which parables of Jesus have you wrestled with?
3. What is the kingdom of God in your own words?

**Next Week's (5/5/24) Servants:**

- Song Leader /Welcome:** Robb Mills
- Pilgrim's Praise:** Trey Johnson
- Communion Talk:** Brandon Jones
- Servers:** Bryce Thornton  
Mike Armour  
Jacob Bowman  
Roger Unruh
- Shepherd's Prayer:** Terry Sherrill
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** Jim Coker
- Nursery:** Alexia Bowman  
Meredith Plummer
- Greeters For May:** Patrece Allen  
Jamie Barr

**This Week's Birthdays:**

- 29<sup>th</sup>.....Grayson Bishop
- 30<sup>th</sup> .....Trey Johnson
- 1<sup>st</sup> .....Gerald Hurst
- 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Kassidy Roberts

**2024 Graduating Seniors:**

- Grayson Bishop
- Brynna Brownell
- Joey Burnett
- Casey Elledge
- Emma Holland

**Spiritual Nourishment**

Jogging along on a fine day with a light breeze, pleasant temperature and blue sky, the following thought occurred to me:

- Premise 1: Spiritual nourishment provides spiritual strength.
- Premise 2: Spiritual strength is required to follow Jesus.
- Conclusion: Therefore, spiritual nourishment provides the strength required to follow Jesus.

An athlete rigorously pursues a prize through endurance training and proper nourishment. For the Christian, the prize is ultimately achieved through the intake of good spiritual nourishment that allows for spiritual strength and endurance.

At North Garland, we feed people physical food to provide physical strength for day to day living, but the purpose is not just for physical strength, but for an avenue to deliver the Word of God for spiritual strength. We preach the Word of God for day to day living, to endure day to day life, to endure the spiritual challenges, to remain faithful in pursuit of the prize.

We preach the Word as spiritual nourishment because we are journeying for a purpose that requires strength, to persevere and endure, to obtain the heavenly prize of being in the presence of the King, in His kingdom.

John 6:27 "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

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**Alva Bible Chair Lunch Donations**

We will be providing lunch at the Alva Bible Chair on April 30<sup>th</sup> for around 100 students. **Instead of asking for food donations, we are asking for monetary donations.** We will serve pulled pork sandwiches, chips, veggies, and dessert. Give your donation to Cory, Mandy in the office, or Jovita.

**2024 Communication Directory**

A big thank you to everyone who took new pictures the past few weeks! My picture taking skills have improved over the last 6 years (or maybe just my phone), so if you would like me to send you your family picture, text me at 580-541-9699. Hopefully, they turned out better than Barrett's! Next Sunday, a rough copy will be out on the welcome center and at each pew for you to look over and make sure everything is correct. Then on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, the 2024 communication directory will be ready. Thank you!

