



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

Easter Breakfast

Upcoming Events

- April 12** – Prayer & Praise Night
- April 16** – H.O.P.E. Group
- April 19** – Prayer & Praise Night
- 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 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
- July 9-15** – LCCC Xtreme Week
- July 16-22** – LCCC Senior Session & Pettijohn Springs Session Ocho

Birthdays:

- 10th Nicole Johnson
- 12th Boston Burford
- Jeff Owen

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	TBD
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Robb Mills
.....	<i>Hail Jesus You're My King</i>
.....	<i>That's Why We Praise Him</i>
Prayer	Brian Wright
.....	<i>Wonderful, Merciful, Savior</i>
.....	<i>Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</i>
.....	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Communion Talk	Hal Johnson
.....	<i>You Are Holy</i>
.....	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>
Sermon: Jesus the Firstborn	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Beautiful One</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright
Nursery	Kim Tinius
Sound Booth/Slides	Jim Coker

Sermon Title: Jesus the Firstborn

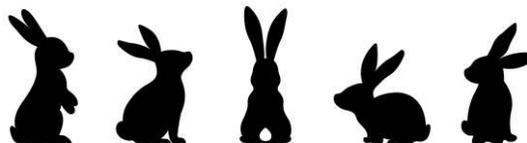
Sermon Scripture: Colossians 1:15-21

Sermon Thought:

As we dedicate extra time today to consider the resurrection of the Christ, we consider what it means when Paul described him as, "the firstborn from the dead." When Jesus was raised from death, his resurrection proved his lordship over the material world. His life means life for us. God gives life, sustains life, and renews life.

Sermon Questions:

1. In your own words, why does the resurrection of Christ mean life for us?
2. What thoughts do you have knowing that believers like you and I are "co heirs" with Christ?
3. What has caught your attention from this Easter season?



New Prayer Concerns:

Lorie Manly – will be having surgery for blocked arteries

Willie Russell – having kidney stone surgery April 10th

David Holland – Barbara Holland's husband; is unconscious at OU med. He has had 2 brain surgeries & an infection

Kathy Dittmeyer – getting chemo treatments

Next Week's (4/16/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Bruce Swart

Pilgrim's Praise: TBD

Prayer: Kent Chesser

Communion

Talk: Bruce Swart

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/

Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Gina Thornton

Fill Communion

For April: Kelli Moore

Wash Baptismal

Garments for

April: Kassidy Roberts

Wedding Shower

Please see Susan Oldham if you would like to help with Mayson Pettus' wedding shower June 24th.

Communication Directory

Please check your information on the first draft of our 2023 Communication Directory on the welcome center. If everything is correct, initial your picture or info section.

Seeking Peace and Prosperity of the World

Jeremiah 29:7 is an interesting verse given to the Israelites when they were taken captive into Babylon. It reads, "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." What I find interesting is that the captive Israelites were to seek the prosperity of their captors. Again, these strangers, who were forcibly taken into a foreign land, were commanded by God to do what was best for their captors. That just doesn't make sense. It seems backwards. Here is what I want us to consider through this verse, don't let the situations we find ourselves in change who we are as followers of God.

As followers of God, we ought to conduct ourselves in a worthy manner no matter what situation we find ourselves in. Period. Think about it, Jesus said, "love your enemies," not, "love your enemies as long as they treat you well." Consider also what Jesus said in what we call the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Luke 6:31. It doesn't say, "as long as they treat you well also." Too often we treat others how they treat us. If someone is rude to us, we are rude in return.

Look through scripture and you will find example after example of people who were placed in situations that would have been natural for them to look out for themselves, yet, they chose to follow God. Think about Joseph who found himself as a slave yet took care of Potiphar only to be thrown in jail. Even then, he followed God and was raised up first in jail, then in all the land. Think also about Daniel standing firm in the lion's den, Esther pleading for her persecuted people, Paul and Silas rejoicing in prison.

In John 17 Jesus prays not only for his disciples who he says, "are not of the world," but also for those who come to believe. Anyone who is a follower of God is "not of the world." We are strangers in a foreign land. And while we are strangers here, we must seek the peace and prosperity of the world. We find ourselves here for but a short time; seek the betterment of the world, in your family, at work, in your neighborhood and city, and those you have conversations with.

Erik Granberg

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.

Thank You

Thank you for helping make the meal at Alva Bible Chair a success. Approximately 90 meals were served. Thank you to each person who donated food and money. Thank you, Bruce Swart, Judy Watson, Connie Johnson, Cheryl Kent, Jeanita Meek, and Christy Cochran, for going to serve. Thanks, Elders, for letting us use the van. All your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jovita Lang

Thank you so much to the 52 people that came out to our March 5th Wednesday Outreach. We packed up 100 Easter goodie boxes for the residents at Garland Road Nursing. A special thank you to the youth who delivered these boxes: McKenna Wright, Ally Coker, Kira Granberg, Houston Moore, John Granberg, Dallas Darrow, and Hudson Plummer. The youth group also packed up toiletry bags for the YWCA. Our church family is amazing and works to truly help the people in our community.

Love and appreciation,
Christians in Action