



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:

New Year's Eve Party: 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 1 – New Year's Day (Office Closed)

Jan 3 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert

Jan 3 – Ladies' Wednesday Night Class: "Renewing, Transforming, Pursuing" begins

Jan 12-14 – Winterfest (Please let Cole know by Dec. 31st if you are going)

NOC Women's Basketball Schedule:

- Jan. 8 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 15 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 18 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Cole Roberts
Song Leader/Welcome	Bruce Swart
.....	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
.....	<i>I Love You Lord</i>
.....	<i>Father, I Adore You</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Jesus Name Above All Names</i>
.....	<i>He Paid a Debt</i>
.....	<i>Faithful Love</i>
Communion Talk	Chris Taylor
.....	<i>Living by Faith</i>
Sermon: "Now What?"	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Have You Been to Jesus</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Reeta Williams
Sound Booth/Slides	Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture:

Matthew 19:21

Sermon Thought:

In Matthew 19:21 Jesus famously tells a rich man to go and sell everything then come follow. That was a major ask on Jesus' part. If that was the first action Jesus told the man to do, he probably wondered what would be next. A life following God is a life of constantly walking into the unknown. For some, this is exciting! For others, this brings anxiety.

Sermon Questions:

1. What does it mean to follow God?
2. What makes you anxious about following God?
3. What about following God inspires you?

Prayer Requests:

Quincy Nolan Family – Varna & Clayton’s son; passed away the 24th. The service will be at N. Garland next Friday, Jan. 5th.

Family of Kathy Lain – mother of former member Kristin Ebey; passed away

Merick Solis – Debbie Martin’s grandson; having surgery in Feb. to remove tonsils & adenoids & have tubes put in his ears

Debbie Martin – has pneumonia & back issues

Teresa Willems – friend of Debbie Martin; recently diagnosed with dementia

Leitha Summers – friend of Jovita Lang & member at Garriott Road; having multiple health issues

Carol Jantz – having shoulder replacement surgery January 10 at Integris Baptist in OKC

Cheryl Siders – still recovering from open heart surgery; in ICU on a ventilator

Dylan & Kyle Anderson – both recovering from tonsillectomies & adenoidectomies

Birthdays:

Jan.
1st Patty Long
2nd Jim Osburn
..... Kelly Ward

Next Week’s (1/7/23) Servants:

Song Leader
/Welcome: Jim Coker

Pilgrim’s Praise: Chris Taylor

Communion
Talk: Cory Moore

Shepherd’s Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/ Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery: Patrece Allen

Greeters For January: Gina Thornton
Judy Watson

**A Spiritual Journey
Flight 2023 has Landed**

Flight 2023 has taken us on an amazing spiritual journey through the pages of time. We have been blessed to have God the Father as our pilot, his Son Jesus as our co-pilot, and the Holy Spirit as the flight attendant to care for our lives as we traveled. Our flight has touched the bonds of creation, and we have savored the precious moments watching God interact with his people as he carried them forward in completing his will. As our pilot on Flight 2023, God constantly assured us that all would be okay even though the turbulent storms his Son navigated us through. He told us, *“In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”* (Jn. 16:33). With the Holy Spirit caring for our physical and spiritual needs, we were able to see the unseen elements of God’s work giving us strength and courage to embrace our life’s challenges (Josh. 1:9).

We even received a special gift on Flight 2023 – the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord. He took time to visit with all the passengers telling us about the spiritual kingdom in an eternal time dimension we were traveling in. As passengers on Flight 2023, we were all members of the family of God – The Lord’s Church. Jesus has indeed given us rest for our souls and has helped us navigate our spiritual journey on the pathway of righteousness (Matt. 11:28-30). It sure felt good to be on Flight 2023 with him as he called us to follow him into the glory of heaven. We are now able to *“maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Eph. 4:3). As Flight 2023 prepares to land, the Pilot tells us over the intercom, *“Well done good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master”* (Matt. 25:21). **Flight 2023 has landed.** May God bless you and keep you in his loving arms.

Gordon Jantz

New Year’s Eve Party!

Today is New Year’s Eve! Come join us at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Bring your favorite games to play and a snack to share. We can’t wait to see you there!

Special New Year Service

Be here Sunday January 7th for a special worship service as one year concludes and another begins. The elders will give the lesson, "Following Jesus," that day. During this time, the elders will present some of what we have been doing with Randy Willingham. As you may know, we have been working with Randy for several months as we seek to answer the question, "What does it look like for North Garland to follow Jesus?" Immediately after worship, there will be a lunch provided for all elders, deacons, ministers, and their wives to share and pray together.

Kleenex Drive

This is the last week to buy Kleenex for our Glenwood project. We will deliver them the week of Jan. 15-19. Thank you always for your support!

Wednesday Meal Cooking Teams

As a new year begins and we resume providing meals on Wednesday evening, we want to give our North Garland members an opportunity to be part of the Wednesday Meal Ministry. We have cooking teams that plan, prepare, and serve meals each week. If you would like to put a cooking team together or to be part of one of our existing teams, let Gordon Jantz or Mandy Coker know.

Thank You

Dear North Garland Youth Group,
You sure know how to lift someone’s spirits. You were a bright spot in our evening. Thank you for coming and singing to us. We love our church family.

Bill & Susan & Sharon Pendleton Carpenter

Thank You to our youth group for singing Christmas songs to us last week. You have beautiful voices and hearts!!

Jim & Geneva Osburn