

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

Picture Day!
Come see Mandy in the foyer to have your picture taken for our 2023 Communication Directory

There are also forms on the welcome center to update any information.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: After Worship

Upcoming Events

Feb 15 – Meal: Meatballs, Macaroni & Cheese, Potatoes, Salad, Yummy Dessert

Feb 19 – Last chance for pictures

Feb 19 – H.O.P.E. Group

March 15 – Meal: Cold-cut sandwiches, Mac N' Cheese, Veggie Tray, Chocolate & White Sheet Cake

Birthdays:

15th Bryce Thornton

Anniversaries:

14th Larry & Deana LeCrone

Record for 2-5-23

Morning Worship 145
Contribution \$6,254.19
Budget \$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Dee Plummer
Pilgrim's Praise	Erik Granberg
Prayer	Nate Tinius
Communion Talk.....	Derek Tinius
Sermon: Q&A-Why are Christians Fake?	Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer	John Wright
Nursery	Cheryl Kent
Sound Booth/Slides.....	Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 23:27-28

Sermon Thought: Christians are commonly criticized as being fake. There are legitimate reasons behind the criticism but often it is unfair. This sermon looks at the pursuit of God's followers to be faithful, truthful, honest people with themselves and others.

Sermon Questions:

1. Why do you think it is hard for Christians to be honest with their shortcomings?
2. How can we do better at remaining true and yet desiring change?
3. What benefits does being "authentic" followers have on self, the church, and unbelievers?

LCCC Summer Camp

Registration is open for this summer's camp sessions at Lariat Creek! Sign up online today for a discounted rate and to make sure your camper gets a spot.

2023 Summer Camp Sessions

Beginner Session	June 2nd-3rd
Junior Session	June 11th-17th
Oasis	June 18th-24th
Xtreme Week	July 9th-15th
Senior Session	July 16th-22nd

Beginner Session \$15 | All Others \$155
LARIAT CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

"I Yam What I Yam"

New Prayer Concerns:

Emmy Bohnenblust – Krystal Wright's niece; recovering from a surgery to remove most/all of a tumor on her spinal cord

Avanell Long – Mandy Coker's grandmother; being treated for a blood clot in her leg

Next Week's (2/19/23) Servants:

Song Leader

Welcome: Robb Mills

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: Dee Plummer

Communion

Talk: David Granberg

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/

Slides: Brynna Brownell
Kira Granberg

Nursery: Gina Thornton

**Fill Communion:
For February** Mandy Coker

Was Baptismal Garments for

February: Cheryl Kent

I find quite odd the memories that get stuck in my mind sometimes. One such memory is of an old Popeye cartoon in which Popeye the Sailor Man sings a song with the lyrics, "I yam what I yam." After looking it up, I found it came from the second short film of Popeye which was produced in the 1930s and is a play on the words, "I am what I am."

The phrase, "I am what I am," carries with it two underlying messages, a message of acknowledgement and a message of defiance. The acknowledgement is that the person saying it admits, at least on some level, to certain flaws he or she may have. It is sort of an, "I know I'm not perfect, but I don't claim to be." The second, and more troublesome message, is that the person is unwilling to change. When combined, the idea being communicated is, "Sure, I have some issues, but I'm fine just how I am."

Let's consider those two messages for a moment. To acknowledge one's mistake or flaws is healthy. Confession is so important. James 5:16 says, "confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." It is very freeing to admit the truth and doing so often reveals that we aren't the only ones battling with our struggles.

The defiant message I find very troubling. The purpose of knowing and admitting my flaws is to change and improve. One of Jesus' greatest attributes is to meet people where they are (that is acknowledgement) but then expect them to change. Consider John 8:1-11. In this account, the religious leaders, looking for ways to discredit Jesus, bring a woman who had been caught in adultery before Jesus. The law said to stone her, but Jesus preached forgiveness. To pick one would go against the other. Jesus turns the pressure back on the accusers by saying, "Let any of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone...." Eventually the mob leaves and Jesus tells the woman something incredibly honest, loving, accepting and simple, "Go now and leave your life of sin." The message that God's followers should share is, "Yes, I have issues, but I'm working on them."

Erik Granberg

Picture Time

Do you or your family look different than two years ago? Let's get your picture updated! Mandy will be in the foyer today and next Sunday taking pictures for our 2023 Communication Directory. This is also a great time to update your email, phone number, or address!

Mailboxes

You may have noticed several bright colored boxes in the foyer. Church, we need your help in mailing our children notes of encouragement, small gifts, or treats. A list of our kiddos is below and also available on the table with the boxes. Have fun and be creative.

Jasmine Granberg
Emily Moore
Dylan Anderson
Eleanor Taylor
Isaac Taylor
Hannah Hurt
Sam Hurt
Audrey Darrow
Preslee Swart
Sofia Simmons
Peyton Wright