



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

Happy New Year!!

Upcoming Events

- Jan 2 – Office Closed
- Jan 8 – Youth Area Wide in Dewey
- Jan 13-15 – Winterfest
- Jan 22 – H.O.P.E. Group
- Feb 5 – Youth Area Wide (We are hosting)

Birthdays:

- 1st Patty Long
- 2nd Jim Osburn
- Kelly Ward

Pantry Numbers:

November:

- Total Households 260
- New Patrons 36

December:

- Total Households 217

Order of Worship

- Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader** **Jim Coker**
- Pilgrim's Praise** **Erik Granberg**
..... *He Has Made Me Glad*
..... *Sing and Be Happy*
..... *In Moments Like These*
- Prayer**..... **Gordon Jantz**
..... *We Will Glorify*
..... *He Paid a Debt*
..... *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
- Communion Talk**..... **Terry Sherrill**
..... *I Am a Sheep*
..... *Firm Foundation*
- Sermon: Come to Jesus with Gifts**..... **Erik Granberg**
..... *Seek Ye First*
- Shepherd's Prayer** **Pat Meek**
- Nursery** **Kim Tinius**
- Sound Booth/Slides**..... **Robb Mills**

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 5:14

Sermon Thought:

Today's sermon looked at the idea of who we are in Christ, that is, what we exist as should remain a constant, impact what we do and effects everything. One of the biggest struggles of humanity is giving in to various pressures when they push against us. Sometimes there are political, could be relational, maybe cultural or any of many other pressures.

Sermon Questions:

1. What hobbies do you have and why do you have them?
2. Make a list of 10 words that describe who you are.
3. When do you feel a push and pull against your faith?

New Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Dittmeyer – undergoing chemotherapy
Lotte Lang – Jovita's great granddaughter; recovering from RSV

Next Week's (1/8/23) Servants:

Song Leader
Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: Chris Taylor

Communion
Talk: Robb Mills

Shepherd's
Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/
Slides: Dee Plummer

Nursery: Reeta Williams

Fill Communion: Carol Baxter
For January

Wash Baptismal
Garments
for January: Carol Jantz

Be Transformed

Therefore, I urge you, brothers [and sisters], in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2.

As a teen, I preached one Sunday to my home congregation. I chose this verse thinking I could change the minds of the *other* folks in church...oops.

Now, after 20+ years of being a follower of the Way, I realize that the only mind that I can transform, is my own. Only I can choose to follow God's pleasing and perfect will. Others will have to make up their own minds to follow the Way. It's up to me to either conform to the world or be transformed by God.

Perhaps, this is why Jesus chose to come as a servant and teach us to be servants. A servant is not in a position of power, a servant can't force anyone to be transformed. A servant is only in control of their own actions. The only person I can offer as a living sacrifice...is me.

Chris Taylor

Wednesday Night Ladies Class

We will be meeting in the family room at the church building from 6:15-7:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening during the months of January, February, and March. We will be looking at many biblical examples as we discuss "The Joys of Women's Friendships."

Five of our ladies have agreed to facilitate our class on different nights, and we look forward to seeing each of you there.

Winterfest

Winterfest is coming up January 13-15. We need a tentative headcount of youth and adults who are interested. Please let Dee Plummer know by the end of the month.

