



**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:**

Youth return from Winterfest: 5 p.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Jan 17** – Meal: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit

**Jan 21** – Special Adult Class: "A Listening Session"

**Jan 24** – Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert

**Feb 10** – Fundraising Dinner for the Philippine Church Plant

**Feb 21** – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Dessert

**Feb 28** – Meal: Mexican Casserole, Chips & Salsa, Cole Slaw, Dessert

**March 20** – Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

**March 27** – Meal: Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Pasta Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert

**April 17** – Meal: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Baked Beans, Dessert

**April 24** – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Cole Slaw, Relish Tray, Dessert

**\*\*\*There are several books on the welcome center that have been donated. If you see any of interest, please take them.\*\*\***

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
.....	<i>Holy Ground</i>
.....	<i>Sing Hallelujah to the Lord</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>As the Deer</i>
.....	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Bruce Swart</b>
.....	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>
.....	<i>Hear, O Israel</i>
.....	<i>Mansion over the Hilltop</i>
<b>Sermon: Are You Being a Baby?</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>No Not One</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Terry Sherrill</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Jamie Barr</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Trey Johnson</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

**Sermon Thought:**

Everybody gets older day by day. That happens as time passes. However, maturity does not necessarily come with age. We all know plenty of grown adults who are immature. The same thing happens spiritually. Paul talks about maturing from spiritual milk to spiritual solid food.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What are your earliest memories of learning about God?
2. What spiritual "aha" moments have you had as you have gotten older?
3. Here is the tough question, are you still relying on others to feed you spiritually? If so, you are a spiritual baby. Stop it, start feeding yourself!

## Prayer Requests:

**Vernon Chodrick** – friend of Jovita Lang; recovering from a fall  
**Carol Jantz** – recovering from shoulder replacement surgery  
**Beverly Summers** – recovering from a fall

## Next Week's (1/21/24) Servants:

**Song Leader**  
**/Welcome:** Robb Mills

**Pilgrim's Praise:** Trey Johnson

**Communion**  
**Talk:** Chris Taylor

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Brent Dittmeyer

**Sound Booth/Slides:** Jim Coker

**Nursery:** Mandy Coker

**Greeters For January:** Gina Thornton  
Judy Watson

**The Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## Shopping List:

Egg Noodles  
Brownie Mix  
Cocoa Powder  
Mustard/Ketchup  
Assorted Hot Sauces  
100% Assorted Juice  
100% Ramen Noodles  
Beef Broth  
BBQ Sauce  
Fruit Snacks  
Bisquick/Pancake Mix  
Crunchy Peanut Butter  
Kidney Beans (Canned)  
Mild/Green Enchilada Sauce  
Napkins  
Kleenex

## A Spiritual Journey Spiritual Conduct

How we conduct ourselves as we journey through life is a very important part of who we are. Our parents molded our conduct during our formative years through their loving guidance and discipline. It helped shape who we became and how we touch the lives of those around us. Our daily conduct comes down to the choices we make; do we follow the guidance we have been given and learn from the discipline we have received, or do we ignore all that and follow the evil ways of the world?

God also places a lot of importance on our **spiritual conduct**, just as our parents did. He wants us to be the people he created us to be and to have an enduring intimate relationship with him. That is why he also disciplines us out of his great love. *"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives"* (Heb. 12:5-6). You see, *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death"* (Prov. 16:25). As we go forth on our spiritual journey, we need to be mindful of making the right choices so our conduct is in harmony with God's will and is also pleasing to him. Why? Because he will discipline us if we don't. We must always be thankful that God disciplines our **spiritual conduct** out of his love for us before it is everlasting too late. He desires to keep us on the pathway of righteousness so we can be a light unto the world. Jesus tells us, *"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (Jn. 13:35). That is the **spiritual conduct** we want to be known by; that is how we make a difference in the world; that is how we bring others to the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Love is a powerful force as it molds our **spiritual conduct** to be like God.

*Gordon Jantz*

## Men's and Women's Involvement Forms for 2024

If you haven't received one of the involvement forms for this year yet, please pick one up at the Welcome Center in the church lobby, fill it out, and return as quickly as possible. There are many other activities (including mission work and community outreach) in which our congregation is involved. We hope you will also choose to be involved with some of them as they become available.

## 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.

## Christianity in Action – January 31<sup>st</sup> Service Project

We are going to make household essentials gift sacks for our pantry patrons. These will be full of items that will be useful and give our patrons a little financial relief. We will be making valentines and writing welcoming messages (like what we did for Glenwood) as well. The list of items is shown below. We encourage everyone to shop sales, use coupons, & look at Dollar General and Dollar Tree for these items. And as always - if you would prefer to donate financially, please give your donation to Cory Moore, Chris Taylor, any elder, or the office. We appreciate you all so much.

Dish Soap	Multipurpose Cleaner	Wet Wipes (Lysol type)
Sponges	Toilet Paper (4-pack)	
Laundry Soap	Paper Towels (1 per sack)	

We will need 75 of each item to make our gift sacks. Should you like to purchase additional or different items, we will distribute them into random bags as an extra surprise.

## Book Buddies

Would you like to help change a child's life? Sign up to become a Book Buddy at Glenwood Elementary! There is a sign-up on the welcome center for a 7 week, once a week, commitment, beginning January 22 and going until March 4. Talk to anyone who volunteered last year, and you will hear what a blessing it has been to them and the children they are reading to!!