



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:

Special Worship Service:
"Follow Jesus"

Elders/Deacons/Minister/Wives
Lunch: After Worship

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 10** – Meal: Golden Chick
Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Jan 12-14** – Winterfest
- Jan 17** – Meal: Pancakes, Sausage,
Fruit
- Jan 21** – Special Adult Class: "A
Listening Session"
- Feb 21** – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti,
Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- March 20** – Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
- April 17** – Meal: Grilled Cheese,
Tomato Soup, Baked Beans,
Dessert

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

.....	<i>Let Us Worship</i>
Pilgrim's Praise	Chris Taylor
Song Leader/Welcome	Jim Coker
.....	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
.....	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>
.....	<i>Great Are You Lord</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>All Who Are Thirsty</i>
.....	<i>How Deep the Father's Love</i>
Communion Talk	Cory Moore
.....	<i>Boundless Love</i>
.....	<i>You're Worthy of My Praise</i>
Sermon: "Following Jesus"	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>I Am Resolved</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek
Nursery	Patrece Allen
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow

Sermon Scripture:

Matthew 4:18-22

Sermon Thought:

When Jesus called his followers he didn't lay out for them exactly what it would look like to follow him. As his ministry went on, he gave them hints, some as warnings, others as celebrations: "I did not come to bring peace," "they will hate you because of me," you will "receive a hundredfold," "great is your reward in heaven," "count the cost." Jesus' followers often had to give up quite a bit. Sometimes they had to walk into the unknown. We as a church are following Jesus. We don't know where all this is going or how it all works out, but we do know that our responsibility is to follow him.

Sermon Questions:

1. Share some times in your life when you successfully followed Jesus.
2. What fears or concerns do you have that Jesus might ask of you?
3. What talents does our church have that could be used in our community for Jesus?

Prayer Requests:

Vernon Chodrick – friend of Jovita Lang; recovering from a fall

Quincy Nolan Family – Varna & Clayton’s son; he passed away last week

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

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

Birthdays:

10th.....Audrey Darrow

Next Week’s (1/14/24) Servants:

Song Leader

Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim’s Praise: Erik Granberg

Communion

Talk: Brian Wright

Shepherd’s

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/

Slides: Trey Johnson

Nursery: Jamie Barr

Greeters For

January: Gina Thornton
Judy Watson

A Spiritual Journey

Spiritual Maturity

The element of maturing is part of our life from the time we are born until we take our final breath. It is a basic part of the development process God created in us. We mature as we grow physically and learn from the experiences in various elements of life. As mature adults, we are able to use our God given abilities to be successful in the things we do and make a difference in the world around us.

Spiritual maturity is also a necessary part of our journey through life. As we give our lives to Christ, we are expected to grow spiritually, just as he did “...in favor with God and man” (Lk. 2:52). Our **spiritual maturity** comes from reading the Bible, being taught by our Bible class teachers, and the countless number of spiritual people God puts in our lives. When we fail to grow spiritually, it is noticed by those helping to mold our lives. “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need some one to teach you again the first principles of God’s word. You need milk, not solid food; for every one who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil” (Heb. 5:12-14). Our task as disciples of Christ is to step out in faith and do the work he has given us to do. That is how we gain experience and knowledge about what living in the kingdom is all about. Peter provides us with a powerful guide on **spiritual maturity**. “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” (2 Pet. 3:18). Our Christian life is an amazing spiritual journey when we submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit God gave us to guide our thoughts and actions, and to direct our steps. Our **spiritual maturity** makes it possible for us to do the will of our Father.

Gordon Jantz

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.

2023 Giving Statements

2023 giving statements will be going out by the end of January by mail and email. If the office does not have your email or correct mailing address, please add that information to your attendance card and drop it in one of the metal boxes on the pillars in the back of the auditorium. This is also the perfect time to update any phone numbers that have changed or add any birthdays or anniversaries, so we can celebrate you! Thank you!