



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:

NWOSU students from the Alva Bible Chair lead worship

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 15** –Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Nov 19** – Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.
- Nov 22** – No Wednesday Class
- Nov 23** – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov 24** – Office Closed
- Nov 29** – Meal: hotdogs, Frito chili pie, chips, dessert
- Nov 29** – 5th Wednesday Outreach: Backpacks for foster children
- Dec 3** – 2024 Women's Ministries Brainstorming Meeting: 2-3 p.m.
- Dec 9** – Host Area Wide Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
- Dec 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec 26** – Office Closed
- Dec 29** – Office Closed
- Jan 1** – Office Closed
- Jan 12-14** - Winterfest

***** There will be no Wednesday night meals in the month of December. *****

***** If you are able to make a dessert or salad for Dean Johnson's family funeral lunch on Wednesday, please let Mandy know. Text 541-9699.*****

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise/Welcome	Erik Granberg
Song Leader	TBD
Prayer	TBD
Communion Talk	TBD
Sermon	TBD
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek
Nursery	Kelli Moore
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow

Help!

Jared and Christine Skipper are moving to New Jersey this week and are needing help loading their moving truck. If you are available to help, please meet at 308 N. Cimmaron Drive after church. They will be providing lunch.

NOC Women's Basketball Schedule

If you would like to encourage and support the young women from NOC who have been attending worship with us, here is their basketball schedule. These home games are played at the NOC Maybee Center Fieldhouse on Main St.

- Tuesday, Nov. 28 @ 5:30 pm
- Friday, Dec. 8 @ 5:30 pm
- Monday, Jan. 8 @ 5:30 pm
- Monday, Jan. 15 @ 5:30 pm
- Thursday, Jan. 18 @ 5:30 pm
- Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 5:30 pm
- Monday, Jan. 29 @ 5:30 pm
- Monday, Feb. 5 @ 5:30 pm
- Monday, Feb. 12 @ 5:30 pm
- Thursday, Feb. 22 @ 5:30 pm
- Thursday, Feb. 29 @ 5:30 pm

Pantry Patron Dinner

Our annual pantry patron dinner is almost here!! It is next Sunday the 19th at 5 p.m. Sign up to help on the table in the lobby. You can also donate by scanning the QR code to the right, contribute online through the gift option on our website checking the Pantry Patron fund box, or give a check to one of the elders or Cory Moore.



North Garland Church of Christ
Pantry Patron Dinner
<https://bpay.co/2BoV27ODG18>

Prayer Requests:

Luann Burford – recovering from knee replacement surgery
Dean Johnson Family – he passed away this week. His funeral will be at the church building, Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Carol Jantz – having shoulder replacement surgery December 1

Birthdays:

15thKent Chesser
 16thJourney Johnson
Robb Mills
 17thGina Thornton
 18thJasmine Granberg

Next Week's (11/19/23) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome: Glenn Walker

Pilgrim's Praise: Trey Johnson

Communion Talk: Cole Roberts

Shepherd's Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/ Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Susan Oldham

Greeters For November: Pam Denney
Linda Swart

Waiting

I don't know how much of my life I have spent **waiting**. At Disney land, my family waited in lines with signs that post the wait time for rides...30 minutes, 45 minutes, 90 minutes sometimes. At the DMV I've waited up to 3 hours (I know, some of you have waited longer there). The airport allows lots of time to wait in multiple lines: Check-in, TSA security check, boarding line, waiting to take off, waiting to land, and finally waiting on luggage. Most of this waiting is done with nothing to do other than stand or sit while slowly moving forward one or two steps every few minutes.

Followers of God are also familiar with another form of waiting...**waiting for the glorious return of Jesus Christ**. John wrote Jesus' words in John 14:3, "*if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*" After Jesus ascended to heaven angels asked Jesus' disciples, "*why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven,*" Acts 1:11. Finally, Jesus says in Revelation 22:12, "*Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*" So here we are again...**waiting**.

Luckily for us, waiting for Jesus' return doesn't mean standing in line doing nothing. He has given his followers plenty to do while we wait. Jesus said, "*(A lamp) gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven,*" Matthew 5:16. Shining your light means living life in a way that reflects God: giving generously, forgiving freely, working hard to make lives better and speaking truth with our words. So, **waiting for Jesus** means working and waiting, waiting, and working...simultaneously...go forth and work! (while you wait).

Erik Granberg

Prayer and Fasting

We had a good weekend with Randy Willingham who is providing insight for our church as we seek God's direction for North Garland over the next few years. An emphasis from last weekend was "counting the cost." Jesus clearly tells his followers that following him means giving up something. Following Jesus may cost time, energy, comfort, money, expectations and more. **I invite you to participate with me in a time of reflection, prayer, and fasting to help keep us open to God's direction.** The goal is for **30 people** to fast for one meal this week. During that time, reflect upon and pray about the following:
 -**Read** Luke 14:25-35, "The Cost of Being a Disciple"
 -**Consider**, what would it look like to be uncomfortable for God?
 -**Reflect** on this quote, "*Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open.*" -**Corrie Ten Boom**
 -**Pray** that we be people who seek God not comfort.
 Please text Erik and let him know if you will be participating.

5th Wednesday Outreach

Mark your calendars for November 29, to help with our next outreach to the community. We will be making fringed blankets to go into a backpack with other articles, to bless children who have been removed from their homes by DHS. God has called us to help, and so we help. If this is your passion, please come at 5:30 p.m. for supper and begin working by 6:15 p.m. Check the Wednesday email updates for articles still needed.

Colorado Christian Services

Colorado Christian Services, an adoption agency that a couple of our families have worked with in the past, does a fall fundraiser. If you would like to help, you can make your checks payable to "Colorado Christian Services" or contribute online through the gift option on our website, checking the CCS fund box. Checks can be put in the boxes in the back or given to any of our elders, Cory Moore, or Jim & Patty Long.