



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:

**Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting:
After Worship**

**Area Wide in Burlington:
Bus leaves the church building at
3:00 p.m.**

Upcoming Events:

Nov 8 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

Nov 12 – Worship lead by students from the Alva Bible Chair

Nov 15 –Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Nov 19 – Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

Nov 24 – Office Closed

Nov 29 – 5th Wednesday Outreach: Backpacks for foster children

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. *****

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise.....	Brett Thornton
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Dee Plummer
Prayer	TBD
Communion Talk.....	Gordon Jantz
Sermon: God is the Hero.....	Erik Granberg
Shepherd's Prayer.....	Dan Kent
Nursery	Jeanita Meek
Sound Booth/Slides.....	Jim Coker

Sermon Scripture:

Esther 10

Sermon Thought:

At the end of Esther, we are able to look back and see God's activity behind the scenes. We see God putting people in just the right place at just the right time for just the right purpose...even if he is working with less than perfect people.

Sermon Questions:

1. What do you find amazing about Esther and Mordecai's actions in the events of Esther?
2. This sermon series is titled, "Esther-looking for God's activity." What activity do you see God doing?
3. After today's sermon which viewed Esther and Mordecai in a different light, what can we learn about the amazing God that lets imperfect people accomplish his will?

Thank You

Thank you for all the texts, cards, prayers, and thoughts the last few weeks during the difficult time of Avanel's passing. We also want to give a big thank you to everyone who came to the visitation and funeral. The plants were beautiful too! Having this church family to lean on during times of struggle is the biggest blessing. We all love you so much.

In Him,

The Long Family

Prayer Requests:

David Petrik Family – his niece passed away from a long battle with cancer. She was only 50 years old.

Birthdays:

5thHouston Moore
.....Pat Meek
7thJace Williams
.....Krosbi Smith
9thDallas Darrow
.....Kelli Moore

Anniversaries:

5thRoger & Tania Unruh

Next Week's (11/12/23) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome: Robb Mills
Pilgrim's Praise: Derek Tinius
Communion Talk: Terry Sherrill
Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Meek
Sound Booth/ Slides: Dudley Darrow
Nursery: Kelli Moore
Greeters For November: Pam Denney
Linda Swart

Count Your Many Blessings

There is an old song we used to sing entitled "When Upon Life's Billows". The chorus says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings see what God hath done."

A few years ago, I received one of those forward emails that was intended to encourage people to thank God for their blessings. Within the email the writer asked what blessings one should thank God for. Some of the answers that were included are:

- "If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world."
- "If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy."
- "If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."
- "If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

I did not check out the current statistics that were stated, but the point is we are a very blessed people.

Matthew 6:25-34 tells us not to worry. Verse 32 tells us that our heavenly Father knows what we need.

While we celebrate Thanksgiving Day during November, I encourage you to count your many blessings and take time each day to thank our heavenly Father for all He has done for you.

May God Bless each of you. **Dan Kent**

Doors

In John 10:7, Jesus says "I am the door". What does Jesus mean by this? What are doors for?

Doors primarily have one job – to keep people in or out. They are the final step in completing the perimeter of a structure. It doesn't matter how strong your walls are: If you don't have a door, you don't have a completed building. In modern language, Jesus might have said "I am the lock". Modern day doors have locks as the final piece of security for your home or business. Doors with functioning, engaged locks are essential to the safety of our church. In the last month, doors have repeatedly been left unlocked after hours. This opens our church up to theft and vandalism, as well as creating a danger of unknown intruders. We want to be a church who welcome all to come to Jesus, and we use our building as a tool to serve our community. We need to be more thorough in our lock up procedures after every use of the building. Please help the safety team by checking all the exterior doors when you are leaving the building. If you have any questions, please ask Bill, Chris, Jim, or Wendy.

Ladies' Class Topic

Our next Wednesday night Ladies class will begin in January 2024. If you are interested in helping us choose our topic, please attend a short meeting this coming Wednesday evening (Nov. 8) from 5:15 - 6:15 in the 4th & 5th grade classroom. Feel free to enjoy the Wed. evening meal provided during our meeting. Bring any material, book, ideas, etc. you think might be a good choice. We hope to select several topics that can be used for the next few years.

Kleenex Drive

Our Kleenex drive for Glenwood Elementary is in full swing! Please consider picking up a box or two when doing your monthly shopping. They can be placed on the east wall where the Glenwood table is located. All Kleenex will be delivered to Glenwood in January for the second semester of school. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought food to serve the students of the Alva Bible Chair. A big thanks also to Connie Johnson, Christy Cochran, Linda Swart, & Pat & Jeanita Meek for coming out to serve. This is such a wonderful ministry!