



**North Garland**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 15, 2025

**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:**

Father's Day

LCCC Xtreme Week Begins

**Upcoming Events:**

- June 15-21** – LCCC Xtreme Week
- June 17** – Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- June 18** – Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Veggie Tray, Strawberry Sheet Cake
- June 19** – Pantry: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- June 25** – Poppy Seed Chicken, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Delight
- June 28** – Darrel & Dianna Simmons 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship building
- June 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship & Potluck
- July 3** – Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Chips, Cookies
- July 9** – Meal: Lite Lasagna, Bread, Green Beans, Cherry Cheesecake, Lemon Bars
- July 10** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- July 13-19** – LCCC Senior Session
- July 13 – 19** – Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp Session 8
- July 16** – Meal: Chicken & Rice, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Sheet Cake
- July 17** – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- July 19** – VBS (Sat. Only)
- July 23** – Meal: Taco Bar, Strawberry Dessert
- July 30** – Meal: Sub Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Chips, White Sheet Cake

**Order of Worship**

<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Glenn Walker</b>
.....	<i>Father</i>
.....	<i>Lord, Take Control</i>
.....	<i>On Bended Knee</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>Why Did My Savior Come to Earth</i>
.....	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Shannon Elledge</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Wayne Williams, Butch McComas, Gordon Jantz</b>
.....	<b>Cooper Thornton, Dudley Darrow, Aaron LeCrone</b>
.....	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>
.....	<i>Father, I Adore You</i>
.....	<i>Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty</i>
<b>Sermon: Ecclesiastes-There is Meaning</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>Hold to God's Unchanging Hand</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Pat Meek</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Carrie Mills, Joy Williams</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Jim Coker</b>
<b>Children's Church Teacher/Helper</b> .....	<b>Gina Thornton, Meredith Plummer</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 12:13

**Sermon Thought:**

Much of what we find within Ecclesiastes is not necessarily a list of imperatives about how we should live life. Rather, it is an honest look at what so many of us feel about life and the questions we have as we mature in life. Sure, in the grand scheme of things life is a blip, but there is so much going on in that little blip. Ultimately, meaning can be found in life, but only in God.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. A word used repetitiously within this section of text is vanity. What does it mean and where do you see it out in the world?
2. Do you find it liberating or frustrating to know that life is repetitive and why?
3. How does God bring ultimate meaning to our lives?

**Camp Mail**

We have several North Garland kids going to Xtreme Week at Lariat Creek this week! If you would like to send them mail, the address is: Lariat Creek Christian Camp

C/O Camper  
94495 N 2560 Rd.  
Geary, OK 73040

The campers going are **Baylor Burford, Boston Burford, James Burnett, Hudson Plummer, Meredith Plummer, Houston Moore, Michael Granberg, Amarah Granberg, John Granberg, Kira Granberg, and Ally Coker.**

### Update from Richard Emperado

Howdy! When we started this pioneering work back in 1998 of planting churches in capital cities, the Philippines had 75 capitals and 31 had churches of Christ, 44 capitals were untouched. This year, we will be planting the church in the 44<sup>th</sup> capital city in Calapan, Mindoro. The North Garland Church of Christ in Enid, Oklahoma, who was our former sponsoring church, and has been a crucial partner in this work since the very beginning, will be sponsoring this last church planting and sending a team of 13 to partner and work with the MOSES workers. The church planting is scheduled to take place July 26-August 3. We are so excited about this last church planting!

In the beginning, we knew the dream was so big and we wondered how we would carry the mission out to reach out to so many capital cities that were untouched, but God blessed our plans. The vision attracted cooperation. He provided great partners, churches in the U.S. that would sponsor and send teams to work alongside our Filipino partners. We are so thankful for all the churches and individuals who have sponsored church plantings. We are thankful for all the folks who sacrificed time and funds to come labor in the field with us.

Here in the Philippines, the vision catches fire as well, so many church members volunteer to get involved with planting churches. We knew we needed to train as many regular members in evangelism across the country. The school or classes would need to be mobile, to go where the Christians were, so we created a program called "MOSES", which stands for Mobile Outreach School of Evangelism and Shepherding. We choose one church to host one weekend each month, then invite folks from all the neighboring churches to join. I recruited 2-3 other teachers to help teach & train. We focused on teaching how to share the Gospel in classes in the evening and morning, then we divided all those who attend into two person teams and send them out going to house to house. We had folks from 12-92 years old going house to house. I witnessed the dynamic impact of "putting boots on the ground". Everyone involved felt happy, fulfilled, and useful in the His kingdom. It was great to see the spirit of cooperation and relationship building this work created in all the churches involved. I never had anyone in the team express regret or disappointment about being part of reaching out to the lost.

As the church planting in capital cities finishes up this year, our focus will need to shift from church planting to growing the churches to the next level. We need to focus on greater church discipleship, leadership building, and evangelism that is reaching out to neighboring towns and cities. We want the churches planted in capital city to be the radiating point. We want to empower the churches planted to be more reproductive in their evangelism. We want to be about church growing! Since January we have been focusing on having more MOSES classes each month in churches we have planted and them inviting neighboring churches to join.

From January to May, we have already had 60 baptisms as a result of intentional evangelism and training to churches we planted as well as neighboring congregations. The MOSES program works! Taking the school to where the Christians are, in their home place. I know it is not enough just to hold classes and tell folks what they need to be doing to grow the kingdom. We have to show folks, we have to challenge ourselves and other to get out of our comfort zone and go out and seek the lost. Each week, I am getting reports in Messenger and phone calls from folks and churches we have worked with about baptisms and the outreach work they are doing. In Diwan (pronounced Day-On), the ladies have a team that goes out every Monday to do evangelism. Churches in Southern Mindanao are working together doing monthly evangelism, planting churches in nearby towns. Our mustard tree is getting very big, it branches are far reaching!

This is what I do each month now, schedule MOSES classes in different places around the country. As we travel from host church to host church, we stop and visit as many churches along the way. It is not always easy to travel and hold classes in remote places, to be away from our families for long periods of time, but God gives us great joy to see the Christians who are farmers, teachers, fishermen, housewives, students, doctors...just regular church members, who are burning with passion to seek and save the lost. "Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy." Psalm 126:5

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

On Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Darrel & Dianna Simmons are having a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary party in the fellowship building. There will be plenty of food and cake provided for all. Hope to see you there!

#### This Week's Birthdays:

17<sup>th</sup> ..... Gene Denney  
18<sup>th</sup> ..... Jamie Barr

#### This Week's Anniversaries:

16<sup>th</sup> ..... Willie & Diana Russell

#### Next Week's (6/22/25) Servants:

##### Song Leader

**/Welcome:** Wesley Boyd

##### Communion

**Talk:** Hudson  
Plummer

##### Servers:

Kaiser Webb  
Derek Tinius  
Steve Long  
Brandon Jones  
Robb Mills  
Michael Armour

##### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Terry Sherrill

##### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Aaron LeCrone

##### Nursery:

Patrece Allen  
Jacqueline  
Anderson

##### Children's

**Church:** Gina Thornton  
Audrey Darrow

##### Wednesday

##### Toddler/ Preschool

**Teacher:** Kelli Moore  
(18<sup>th</sup>)

##### Greeters

**for June:** Jovita Lang  
Susan Oldham

##### Communion

**Prep for June:** Reeta Williams

##### Wash Baptismal Garments

**in June:** Jamie Barr