



North Garland

CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 23, 2026

**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:

H.O.P.E. Group: Pool Party at the
Plummer's House (3931 Rockwood)

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 26 – Meal: Fried Rice, Teriyaki
Chicken, Beef with Broccoli, Egg
Rolls, Dessert

Sept. 7 – Office Closed-Labor Day

Sept. 13 – Elders/Deacons/Minister
Meeting

Sept. 13 – H.O.P.E. Group

Sept. 20 – Beau & Kylie Brownell
Wedding Shower: 3 p.m.

Sept. 23 – Meal: Fried Tacos, Refried
Beans, Rice, Queso & Chips, Dessert

Sept. 27 – H.O.P.E. Group: Pickleball

Sept. 29 – Serve Lunch at the Alva
Bible Chair

Oct. 28 – Meal: Meatballs, Mac &
Cheese, Potatoes, Dessert

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- If you would like individual communion cups, they are located on the small table at the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies who would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room accessible by walking through the nursery.

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Call to Worship..... Robb Mills

Opening Prayer..... TBD

Communion Talk..... Bill Oldham

Servers Todd Anderson, Michael Granberg, Roger Unruh

..... Dylan Anderson, John Granberg, Michael Armour

Sermon: Tradition! Tradition...... Erik Granberg

Shepherd's Prayer..... Dan Kent

Door Attendants..... Bruce Swart, Wendy Taylor

Nursery..... Carrie Mills, Macy Mills

Sound Booth/Slides..... Terry Sherrill

Children's Church Teacher/Helper..... Gina Thornton, Ally Coker

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 15:1-3

Sermon Thought:

This sermon considered how human traditions can quietly replace genuine obedience to God. This can be seen in scripture, in church history, and in our own lives. Thankfully, there are always people looking back to the scriptures as guidance. We must do the same ourselves.

Sermon Questions:

1. What are some beneficial traditions that our own church has?
2. When do you see traditions being helpful and when can they cause trouble?
3. What have you learned from the last two weeks about church history that you found interesting?

This Week's Birthdays:	
27 th	Ally Coker
This Week's Anniversaries:	
19 th	David & Luann Burford
23 rd	Bill & Susan Oldham
25 th	Roger & Charlotte Owen
28 th	Brett & Kayla Thornton
Next Week's (8/30/26) Servants:	
Song Leader	
/Welcome:	Dee Plummer
Communion	
Talk:	Keaton Francis
Servers:	Jim Coker Kaiser Webb Shannon Elledge Steve Long Cory Moore Dee Plummer
Shepherd's	
Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth/	
Slides:	Aaron LeCrone
Nursery:	Kelli Moore Emily Moore
Children's	
Church:	Gina Thornton Meredith Plummer
Door Attendants:	Butch McComas Julie McComas
Greeters:	Amarah Granberg Julie McComas
Welcome Center:	Faye Garrison
Wash Baptismal	
Garments:	Kelli Moore
Bake Bread	
for Visitors:	Christy Cochran
Fill Communion	
Trays:	Judy Watson

Two times the last month I have heard some say, “There are five gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and you.” There must be some video making the rounds that has caught people’s attention. It is a good remind about the role we have in showing Christ to those around us. Paul gave the same message in 2 Corinthians 3:3, “You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” If we are going to share the good news with those around us, we must indeed have the good news evident in our own lives, in our hearts, in our minds for ready recollection.

I have stumbled on a new way to have scripture recalled on a regular basis. It started when I bought a cryptex randomly at Park Avenue Thrift. A cryptex is a cylindrical, portable vault designed to securely store messages or objects, unlocked only by aligning the correct combination of letters or symbols. I picked a phrase from scripture with six words and used the first letter of each word as the pass code. Then, I told my kids there was money in it that belonged to whomever opened the cryptex using a scripture that was used during the sermon. For example, "For God so loved the world," became: FGSLTW.

Since then, I have been doing the same thing whenever I need to reset passwords. I found that every time I enter a password, I am saying scripture in my head. It is one small, brief way to constantly keep the word of God at the forefront of my thoughts.

Should you find yourself going through a rough patch, remember: MHCFTL (Hint: Psalm 121, NIV).

Erik Granberg

Begins September 1 — The Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will meet in the room across from the lobby on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month at 10:00 a.m.**

This study will focus on the different names of God using Cassandra Martin's book, *God, Pass by Me*. If you did not order a copy, the book is available on Amazon.

We hope you will make time to join us for a meaningful time of study, encouragement, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

If you ordered a book, please pick it up at the Welcome Center. You may give your \$20 payment to Pam Denney, Mandy Coker, or Cory Moore.

The card to the right is from Glenwood Elementary School as a thank you for the back-to-school treat bags that were sent to them from North Garland.

