



North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 9, 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:

Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 12 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

Aug. 13 – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Aug. 20 – Pantry: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Aug. 23 – H.O.P.E. Group Pool Party at the Plummer's House

Sept. 7 – Office Closed-Labor Day

Sept. 13 – H.O.P.E. Group

Sept. 20 – Beau & Kylie Brownell

Wedding Shower: 3 p.m.

Sept. 27 – H.O.P.E. Group: Pickleball

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

.....	<i>Light the Fire</i>
Song Leader/Call to Worship	Bruce Swart
.....	<i>Hosanna</i>
.....	<i>Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You</i>
Opening Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>
.....	<i>His Grace Reaches Me</i>
Communion Talk	Hudson Plummer
Servers	Brian Wright, Brett Thornton, David Burford
.....	Cory Moore, Carl Dowell, Cole Roberts
.....	<i>The Greatest Commands</i>
Sermon: What Must I Do?	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Roger Owen
Door Attendants	Derek Tinius, Roger Unruh
Nursery	Patrece Allen, Amarah Granberg
Sound Booth/Slides	Dudley Darrow
Children's Church Teacher/Helper	Gina Thornton, Emily Moore

Sermon Scripture: Acts 2:37, Luke 18:18-20

Sermon Thought:

Joshua challenges Israel to examine their motivations and consciously choose whom they will serve, reminding them that every person lives out some definition of what is "good." Throughout Scripture, people who ask, "*What must I do?*" are really wrestling with the deeper question of what they trust, value, and believe will lead to life. This lesson invites us to evaluate our own motivations, compare the alternatives, and commit ourselves—heart and action—to following the Lord.

Sermon Questions:

1. When people in Scripture ask, "What must I do?" what motivations do you see behind their question?
2. There are many different alternatives to following God available. What alternatives compete for people's loyalty today?
3. How does your definition of "good" shape the choices you make about following God?
4. If someone asked you, "How do I follow God?" what would your answer be?

This Week's Birthdays:

11th Beau Brownell
12th Mike Felton

This Week's Anniversaries:

9th Gene & Pam Denney
10th Jim & Patty Long
13th Trenn & Judy Watson
15th Jim & Geneva Osburn

Next Week's (8/16/26) Servants:

Song Leader

Welcome: Glenn Walker

Communion

Talk: Gordon Jantz

Servers:

Wayne Williams
George Gordon
Bryce Thornton
Terry Sherrill
Dudley Darrow
Aaron LeCrone

Shepherd's

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/

Slides: Jim Coker

Nursery:

Lisa Granberg
Jasmine
Granberg

Children's

Church: Gina Thornton
Macy Mills

Door Attendants:

Brian Wright
Wendy Taylor

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

The Essence of Life – Professional Careers

Seeking God's Input

It is interesting to listen to the responses of young children when they are asked what they want to be when they grow up. The amazing thing is how many actually become what they say. We have a good friend who wanted to be a doctor, and that became his professional career. In my formative years, I spent a lot of time in prayer **seeking God's input** into what he wanted me to be. As for me, I wanted to be a farmer, but God had other plans for me. He gave me a professional career in the Air Force but also provided me a spiritual path for what he needed me to do in each and every assignment. I often mused over the years that Uncle Sam thought he was in control of my career, but God always had a spiritual mission for me. You see, God was preparing me for what he wanted me to do after I retired. That was a second career in ministry. **Seeking God's input** has proven to be a wonderful blessing and the joy of my life.

The story of God's people is replete with them **seeking God's input** for what he wanted them to do. "After this David inquired of the Lord, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' And the Lord said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' And he said, 'to Hebron'" (2 Sam. 2:1). It turns out that is where David was anointed as king over the house of Judah (vs 4). When God's people inquired of the Lord, they were successful in everything they did. When they failed to inquire of the Lord, they were defeated. That means it is very important for us to **seek God's input** in the things we do, and he will bless us with great success. Each one of us can look back on our lives and see how God has molded and shaped us to be the servants he wants and needs us to be (Is. 64:8). So, what did you want to be in life, and how did God bless you as his humble servant? The Victory is ours!

Gordon Jantz

Church Directory Update

Thank you for your patience as we've worked to update our communication directory! It has taken a little longer than expected, but we're excited to be getting close.

Copies of the directory information are available in the adult Bible classes, at the Welcome Center, on the entryway tables, and one is located on each row in the auditorium.

Please take a few moments this week or next to review your family's information. If everything is correct, simply initial beside your listing. If something needs to be changed, write the correction in the margin, and the office will update it.

If you or your family are not listed, please use one of the blank spaces to write your names, mailing address, email address, phone number(s), birthdays, and anniversary, or see Mandy Coker for an information form.

Thank you for helping us keep our directory accurate and up to date!