



North Garland

CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 20, 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:

Beau & Kylie Brownell Wedding
Shower: 3 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

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
Sept. 30 – 5th Wednesday Outreach
Oct. 4 – New Member Lunch
Oct. 5 – Westview Boys' Home truck picks up groceries
Oct. 6 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Oct. 7 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Green Salad, Brownies
Oct. 8 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Oct. 11 – Elders/Deacons Meeting
Oct. 11 – H.O.P.E. Group: Stamp out Starvation
Oct. 14 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
Oct. 15 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Oct. 20 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Oct. 21 – Meal: Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad, French Bread, Dessert
Oct. 25 – H.O.P.E. Group: Pumpkin Carving
Oct. 28 – Meal: Meatballs, Mac & Cheese, Potatoes, Dessert

Order of Worship

Welcome/Song Leader/Call to Worship **Robb Mills**
Guests, please register your attendance on the cards located in the chair backs. If you have a prayer request or encouraging word, please fill out that side of the card. Place the completed cards in the offering plate or in the black collection boxes on the poles in the back of the auditorium.
Thanks!.....
Opening Prayer **TBD**
Communion Talk..... **Brian Wright**
Servers **Wayne Williams, Kaiser Webb, Bryce Thornton**
..... **Terry Sherrill, Gordon Jantz, Aaron LeCrone**
Sermon: Baptism..... **Erik Granberg**
Shepherd's Prayer **Dan Kent**

Door Attendants..... **Bruce Swart, Roger Unruh**
Nursery **Michelle Pettus, Lacey Snider**
Sound Booth/Slides..... **Jim Coker**
Children's Church Teacher/Helper..... **Kim Tinius, Peyton Wright**

Sermon Scripture:

Acts 2:38

Sermon Thought:

Baptism is the God-given intersection where faith becomes embodied action, death gives way to new life, and physical water mirrors a spiritual washing. In this moment, believers publicly join the story of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

Sermon Questions:

1. How many different symbols can you think of that are represented in baptism?
2. What does the physical act of washing teach us about the spiritual cleansing God provides?
3. Give 3 important "book, chapter, and verse" references about baptism.

This Week's Birthdays:

20thDianna Simmons
24thCasey Elledge
26thPam Denney

This Week's Anniversaries:

22ndJR & Carol Baxter
.....Jim & Mandy Coker

Next Week's (9/27/26) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Glenn Walker

Communion

Talk: George Gordon

Servers:

Todd Anderson
Michael Granberg
Roger Unruh
Dylan Anderson
John Granberg
Michael Armour

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/

Slides: Aaron LeCrone

Nursery:

Mandy Coker
Eleanor Taylor

Children's

Church: Kim Tinius
Emily Moore

Door Attendants:

Butch McComas
Julie McComas

Greeters:

Luann Burford
Cheryl Kent

Welcome Center:

Carol Jantz

Wash Baptismal

Garments: Mary Raloff

Bake Bread

for Visitors: Deana LeCrone

Fill Communion

Trays: Megan Darrow

The Essence of Life – Surrendering to Christ

Recognizing Our Fallen State

The beginning of life is filled with a lot of encouragement to help us be confident in who we are. Our parents want us to develop good skills and abilities to shape our character and help us be successful in life. Our teachers want us to learn and be knowledgeable in the things we need to understand. Our bosses want us to be dedicated and trustworthy performers to accomplish our tasks. In all of this, we do not always do what we should and are given corrective measures to keep us on the right course. The desired end result is for us to believe in ourselves and become honorable citizens.

That is the physical essence of our lives, and it can cause us to not be aware of our spiritual condition. We were created in God's image, and he wants us to be like him, holy and righteous. Our lives begin in this state of pureness, but our sin causes us to be separated from our creator. As Isaiah notes, "...your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear" (Is. 59:2). This separation distracts from our spiritual wholeness and changes who we become in life. That means we must be mindful of **recognizing our fallen state** so we can make things right with God. Just as our parents, teachers, and bosses provided us a way to overcome our errors, so has God provided a way of escape for our sinfulness. Because of his love for us, he sent his only Son to pay the debt of our sin. Peter tells us, "He [Christ Jesus] himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Pet. 2:24). Let us take time to reflect on our physical life and make sure we are in harmony with God's will for our spiritual life. It begins with **recognizing our fallen state** and surrendering our life to Christ.

Gordon Jantz

Westview Groceries:

The Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck will arrive at the beginning of October. Here are the items needed to fill the truck.

Instant Pudding/Jell-O Mix	Candy
Vanilla Wafers	Chef Boyardee Pizza Kits
Taco Shells	Mustard
Muffin Mix	Dill Relish
Hamburger Helper	Fritos

Please put groceries in the wooden box in the corner of the lobby.