October 18, 2026

NorthGarland 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.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 20 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Oct. 20 – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
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
Nov. 3 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Nov. 4 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Green Salad, Brownies
Nov. 8 – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
Nov. 11 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
Nov. 12 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Nov. 17 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Nov. 19 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.

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

Welcome/Song Leader/Call to Worship ..... **Bruce Swart**
Guests are invited to register their attendance using the cards located in the chair backs. Guests and members may also use the cards to share a prayer request or an encouraging word. Please place completed cards in the offering plate or in the black collection boxes on the poles at the back of the auditorium. Thank you!.....
..... *Step By Step*
..... *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*
..... *Lord Take Control*
..... *We Bow Down*
Opening Prayer ..... **TBD**
..... *In Christ Alone*
Communion Talk ..... **Justin Snider**
Servers ..... **Shannon Elledge, Brett Thornton, David Burford**
..... **Gordon Jantz, Carl Dowell, Cole Roberts**
..... *How Deep the Father's Love*
..... *He Gave Me A Song*
Sermon: Church Leadership ..... **Erik Granberg**
..... *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
Shepherd's Prayer ..... **Terry Sherrill**

Door Attendants ..... **Johna Wright, Dan Kent**
Nursery ..... **Jeanita Meek**
Sound Booth/Slides ..... **Dudley Darrow**
Children's Church Teacher/Helper ..... **Mandy Coker, Meredith Plummer**

Sermon Scripture: Hebrews 13:17

Sermon Thought:
Biblical submission to authority sits at the intersection of humility, trust, responsibility, and Christ-centered leadership. **While our culture often resists the idea of submission, Scripture teaches us that respecting God-given authority is an important part of maintaining order in society, the church, and the home.**

Sermon Questions:
1. Why is submission such a taboo word in our culture?

2. How does good church leadership strengthen and encourage a church?

3. What has stood out to you recently from the sermon series?

This Week's Birthdays:

16th ..... Dawn Webb
17th .....Deana LeCrone
19th .....Jeanita Meek
20th .....Carol Jantz
21st..... Hadley Snider
22nd.....Renae Snider
23rd .....Wyatt Unruh
24th .....Mary Sherrill

This Week's Anniversaries:

17th .....Beau & Kylie Brownell

Next Week's (10/25/26) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome:	Dee Plummer
Communion Talk:	Houston Moore
Servers:	Todd Anderson Michael Granberg Roger Unruh Dylan Anderson John Granberg Aaron LeCrone
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth/ Slides:	Jim Coker
Nursery:	Gina Thornton
Children's Church:	Mandy Coker Makenna Wright
Door Attendants:	Bruce Swart Butch McComas
Greeters:	Joy Williams Jamie Gaither
Welcome Center:	Carol Baxter
Wash Baptismal Garments:	Linda Swart
Bake Bread for Visitors:	Reeta Williams
Fill Communion Trays:	Jamie Barr

The Essence of Life – *Surrendering to Christ*

Our Pathway to Heaven

As I reflect on my early life on the farm, I remember the cow path that was formed by the cattle moving back and forth from the pasture to our barnyard. It fascinates me how they all knew to follow the same route until a pathway was formed. That is generally how they came home when I called them. I used this same pathway when I went looking for them or when they needed some kind of special care. This pathway provides a fitting image of the way to a desired destination.

Our spiritual lives are also framed by a very important pathway, our pathway to heaven. Jesus marked out this pathway when he left the glory of the Father and came to earth in human form (Phil. 2:5-11). He took those first steps to reveal God's eternal plan for his human creation. Jesus came to earth because we needed special care, healing from our sinful lives by the Great Physician. The apostle Paul reminds us that "we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). From the very beginning of creation, God's plan was for our destiny to be with him in heaven, but our sins caused a separation between him and us (Is. 59:2). Our pathway to heaven was covered by sin, and we were unable to find our way home. But the pathway Jesus opened up for us has restored our hope of being in God's holy presence, just as Jesus is again (Jn. 17:4-5). Jesus tells us, "I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (Jn. 14:6). He truly is our pathway to heaven, and that pathway is being followed by the multitude of saints who have surrendered their lives to Christ. That same pathway will one day bring Jesus back to take us to himself (Jn. 14:3). Praise God for that glorious pathway to heaven that we are now on.

Gordon Jantz



We could use your help! We need 25 bags of regular Fritos to make Frito Chili Pie for the students at the Alva Church of Christ Bible Chair (NWOSU Student Center). If you're able to bring one or two bags by early Tuesday morning, we'd be very grateful.

It's a simple way we can work together to serve and encourage these students. Thank you for your generous hearts and for helping make this meal possible!