



North Garland 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:

- Sept. 25** – Meal: Italian Feast
- Sept. 28** – Men’s Breakfast: 8 a.m.
- Sept. 29** – Areawide at Hydro
- Oct. 1** – Men’s/Women’s Tuesday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
- Oct. 1** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- Oct. 2** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies
- Oct. 7** – Westview Boys’ Home Truck will be here
- Oct. 9** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Oct. 15** – Men’s/Women’s Tuesday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
- Oct. 16** – Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Pretzel Salad
- Oct. 23** – Meal: Fried Tacos, Rice/Beans, Queso, Dessert (& Mac & Cheese)
- Oct. 29** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- Oct. 30** – Meal: Frito Chili Pie
- Nov. 6** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies
- Nov. 20** – Meal: Soups & Sandwiches, Cheesecake

Prayer Requests:

- **Javier Martinez & the Hispanic Mission**
- **Brent & Kathy Dittmeyer:** continued prayers as the navigate the future with the return of Kathy’s cancer

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome	Glenn Walker
.....	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>Holy Ground</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>
.....	<i>Years I Spent in Vanity</i>
Communion Talk	Brandon Jones
Servers	Kaiser Webb, Terry Sherrill, Robb Mills
.....	Jeff Owen, Aaron LeCrone, Michael Armour
.....	<i>A Shield About Me</i>
.....	<i>Hide Me Away O Lord</i>
.....	<i>Wonderful, Merciful Savior</i>
Sermon: “God’s Family Characteristics”	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Mansion Over the Hilltop</i>
Shepherd’s Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Mandy & Ally Coker
.....	Elena & Lily Peyton
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture:

1 John 3:1-2; John 13:33-34

Sermon Thought:

Every family has certain characteristics. It may have similar physical features like eye or hair color. Perhaps the family shares similar interests and hobbies. Scripture gives certain characteristics that those who are part of God’s family possess. One such characteristic is love.

Sermon Questions:

1. Share some characteristics that your personal family has.
2. What would you consider the top 3 most important characteristics to develop in God’s family?
3. What troubles arise when someone doesn’t have the family’s characteristics?

Next Week's (9/29/24) Servants:

- Song Leader /Welcome:** Dee Plummer
- Communion Talk:** Chester Peyton
- Servers:** Roger Unruh
Terry Sherrill
Bryce Thornton
Cory Moore
Keaton Francis
Wayne Williams
- Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** Dudley Darrow
- Nursery:** Katana Jones
Wendy & Eleanor Taylor
- Wed. Toddler/ Preschool Teacher (25th):** Linda Swart

This Week's Birthdays:

- 24thCasey Elledge
- 25thLandis Fuksa
- 26thPam Denney
.....Bill Oldham
- 27thBarbara Holland
- 28thLily Peyton
.....Monte Snider
.....Roger Unruh

This Week's Anniversaries:

- 22ndJ.R. & Carol Baxter
.....Jim & Mandy Coker
- 27thBrian & Krystal Wright

**Revealing God – A Savior
Our Teacher and Friend**

All of our lives have been greatly molded by the many teachers God has put in our lives. The Bible class teachers, public school teachers, college teachers, and professional teachers developed our minds to gives us the ability to navigate through life. Our friends were also instrumental in our mental and character development by their encouragement and presence through all the phases of our journey. These were all part of God's process of transforming our lives into the physical vessels we are today.

Then God sent Jesus as **our teacher and friend** to mold and shape our spiritual lives to be what he created us to be – his divine vessels to do work in his spiritual kingdom. Jesus teaches us the ways of life more perfectly; teaching us to be what God created us to be. He told his disciples, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples; if you have love for one another"* (Jn. 13:34, 35). Love indeed is the essence of life, because *"God is love"* (1 Jn. 4:16). It is what gives meaning to everything we do and accomplish in life. As we love others, it is God's presence in our spiritual lives, and serves to help transform the lives of his precious people. Through Jesus' ministry, he taught us the way of the Lord more perfectly so we can be pleasing to our heavenly Father. Jesus as our friend is also rooted in love. He tells us, *"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you"* (Jn. 15:13). When we surrender our lives to Jesus as **our teacher and friend**, we fulfill God's eternal plan for us. As we listen to him and follow in his steps, we will be filled with joy and peace. Then we will sit at the Master's feet, the God of love, along with Jesus our Savior.

Gordon Jantz

Thank You

Thank you to my North Garland family for all the prayers, cards, and support. I am so grateful for the love that was shown to Kaiser and I during the difficult waiting and surgery. In Christian Love, **Dawn Webb**

Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boys' Home Truck will be here October 7th. Here is the shopping list. Please put groceries in the wooden box in the corner of the foyer by the kitchen.

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| Flour | Tuna Helper | Cough Drops |
| Beef Jerky | Chicken Broth | Shaving Cream |
| Spanish Rice | Coffee Creamer | Assorted Seasonings |
| Parmesan Cheese | Strawberry Syrup | Basil |
| Assorted Puddings | Cheez Its/ Vanilla Wafers | Red Pepper |
| Blueberry Muffin Mix | Graham/Ritz/Club Crackers | Red Mild Enchilada Sauce |

Children's Church

Beginning October 20, we will be offering Children's Church for children ages 3 years old through 1st grade. This worship time will be held in the family room on Sundays, following communion. During this time, children will sing songs and participate in activities that will teach them bible stories along with their daily applications. To make this a successful ministry, we need your help! We need teachers and helpers to facilitate the activities during this time. All curriculums will be provided, and are easy to follow and prepare. We are so excited to get started on this mission! If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact Gina Thornton at 580-548-3086. Feel free to call or text.

Teachers Needed

The new teaching quarter will be starting in October. If you are interested in teaching preschool or elementary aged children, please talk to Robb Mills or Chris Taylor as soon as possible. Thank you!

HELP!!

John and Brenda Wright are still in need of meals for the next few months. Please sign up at the link below. If you are not able or do not want to sign up online, please contact Mandy Coker at 580-541-9699. <https://mealtrain.com/no86g6>