



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.

Today's Events:

Children's Church Starts

H.O.P.E. Group at the Roberts'
3314 N. Lincoln St.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 29** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- Oct. 30** – Meal: Frito Chili Pie
- Oct. 30** – 3rd Annual DHS Backpack Outreach
- Nov. 5** – Men's/Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- Nov. 6** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies
- Nov. 10** – Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting
- Nov. 13** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- Nov. 19** - Men's/Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- Nov. 20** – Meal: Soups & Sandwiches, Cheesecake
- Nov. 24** – Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3** – Men's/Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- Dec. 8** – Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting
- Dec. 10** – Golden Gals' Christmas Party

Bible Study Info

The Men's/Women's Tuesday Bible Study on Nov. 5th, will be held in the education building since the main building is used as a voting place. The ladies will be starting lesson 3.

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome	Dee Plummer
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Prayer	TBD
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Communion Talk	Brian Wright
Servers	Kaiser Webb, Terry Sherrill, Robb Mills
.....	Jeff Owen, Roger Unruh, Michael Armour
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Sermon: "Get Back on Track"	Erik Granberg
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Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Kim Burford
.....	Kelli & Emily Moore
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture:

Ezra 6

Sermon Thought:

We have all stumbled, fallen, been lost or distracted. Sometimes it hurts; other times it is embarrassing. But every time, we must get back on track. The Israelites stopped building the temple when the opposition came their way. However, they finally finished the temple once they began work again. In our lives following God, we will fall, we will stumble, we will have times when we mess up. However, when that happens, we need to get back on track, get back on the path and finish the journey.

Sermon Questions:

1. What building projects can you think of that have stopped part way through the building process? Do you know why they stopped?
2. What are some of the things that you find distracting from your life of faith?
3. What are some of the actions you take to keep you focused?

Next Week's (11/3/24) Servants:

**Song Leader
/Welcome:**

**Communion
Talk:**

Keaton Francis

Servers:

Chris Taylor
Isaac Taylor
Dallas Darrow
Dan Kent
Dee Plummer
Jeff Owen

**Shepherd's
Prayer:**

Pat Meek

**Sound Booth/
Slides:**

Nursery:

Lisa Granberg
Kira Granberg
Jasmine
Granberg

This Week's Birthdays:

Oct.

29th.....Tina Perosi

31st.....Renee Fuksa

Nov.

2nd.....Larry Cochran

In Season or Out of Season

As the four Americans from Boerne, Texas were about to land in Iloilo City last Sept 14, the heavy rains welcomed them at the airport. The MOSES team had already been traveling for two to three days as well from across the country in heavy tropical rains.

From Iloilo airport, the entire MOSES team with Chris Palmer, Alex Duncan, Allen & Becky Lay headed west by land towards San Jose, Antique in a never ending downpour of rain. The weather bureau declared it as a severe tropical storm. As a team leader, I was anticipating what might happen in the mountain roads known for landslides and erosion. Every time we stopped, I always asked the local residents & motorists about the condition of the roads. I was ready to take the long route by the coast, however after getting enough information, I believed the mountain roads were passable and would save us several hours of travel.

As we arrived at the Merrace Resort Saturday night, where we had made reservations for the whole team to stay, cook, and hold the Gospel meetings at night, it was still pouring down rain. After the team worshiped that first Sunday morning, I prepared the whole team (50 Filipinos & 4 Americans) about how to interact with the prospects, what our evangelism would look like day to day, how we would divide in teams, and so forth. The pouring rain had never stopped. The rain & the winds were getting stronger. We could hear the waves crashing on the beach. The church planting campaign was supposed to start Monday morning. Some Filipinos & I were afraid the Americans thought we might cancel going home to house.

Based on my past experiences, I know the storm will turn out to be one of our greatest tools in church planting and sharing the gospel. Parents can not go to work if they are fishermen or farmers, so they will be in their homes. Government will shut down offices and schools. The majority of folks will be in their homes. I sent the ladies to the department store with the money we had collected from our church offering that morning and they bought 50 umbrellas!

Rain or shine, we were ready to go! The rain would not stop us, we would use the rain for good. We would go home to house, mornings & afternoons for several days in the pouring rain. We made so many contacts, the Filipinos dislike seeing folks walking in the rain, they are a very hospitable people, inviting us into their homes. We invited folks to the Gospel Meetings at night as well, not sure what kind of turnout we would get because of the rain, but each night we had more adults and kids come. Becky Lay and the ladies made impromptu Bible classes for the kids to attend while their parents attended the Gospel Meetings. We were blessed to have folks wanting to be baptized after the third day. The first couple of baptisms we had to do in a pool at the resort next door. The ocean waves were too big & strong for us to try and wade out in.

Through all the rain, wind, and storms, the 43rd church planting of San Jose, Antique sponsored by the Boerne Church of Christ was one of the most successful ones so far. God challenged a faithful team of 54 workers to go forth in spite of the circumstances and 18 beautiful people lives were changed. 18 souls were baptized and added to the kingdom and a new group of believers worship together each Sunday now.

I introduced to the young church to emulate Acts 2:42- to devote themselves to the apostles teachings, and to fellowship and to sharing meals together, and to prayer. We have two MOSES workers we left behind, Donald, his wife, Junevel, & their two young children, along with Darfren from Mindanao are living there now and following up on contacts and continuing to study with the young Christians. Jonah Nierve, a MOSES worker from Guimaras (nearby island) goes there from time to time to help Donald & Darfren with follow-up work as well. Every Sunday the young church always has a potluck lunch together, and we know the extra time spent together every week is helping them grow closer together as a family.

We are so thankful to the Boerne church for the sacrifices made to sponsor the church planting and send the team of four to labor in the field with our MOSES team. I know many were pushed out of the comfort zones going home to house during the tropical storm & monsoon rains, but God had a plan to use it to His glory, like the Psalmist says: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Much Love,
Richard & Becky Emperado