



# 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:**

Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 27** – No Wednesday Class
- Nov. 28** – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov. 29** – Office Closed
- Dec. 3** – Men's/Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- Dec. 8** – Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting
- Dec. 8** – Youth Group Christmas Party at the Webb's House
- Dec. 10** – Golden Gals' Christmas Party
- Dec. 17** – Men's/Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10-11 a.m.
- Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6-7 p.m.
- Dec. 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec. 26** – Office Closed
- Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve (Office Closed)
- Jan. 1** – New Year's Day (Office Closed)

**Pantry Stats:**

We had a record number of pantry patrons served this month! This November, we served 348 people!

**Wednesday Meals:**

There are **no** meals provided before class on Wednesday nights in the month of December.

**Order of Worship**

<b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>
.....	<i>Unto Thee O Lord</i>
.....	<i>Father of Love</i>
.....	<i>As the Deer Thirsts</i>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
.....	<i>Thank You Lord</i>
.....	<i>Gratitude</i>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Robb Mills</b>
<b>Servers</b> .....	<b>Kaiser Webb, Terry Sherrill, Jeff Owen</b>
.....	<b>Roger Unruh, Michael Armour</b>
.....	<i>Redeemed</i>
.....	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>
<b>Sermon: ReBuilding with God-God's Ways</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
.....	<i>There's a Fountain Free</i>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Pat Meek</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Katana Jones, Reeta Williams</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Jim Coker</b>

**Sermon Scripture:**

Nehemiah 5

**Sermon Thought:**

While the Jews were rebuilding Jerusalem, there were still the daily needs of taking care of those in need. A life following God is not one just of making sure OUR lives are good, but also loving those around us.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Take a moment to think of Bible verses that talk about how we ought to live our lives as individuals, then take a moment to think of Bible verses that talk about how we ought to live our lives in regard to others. What stands out to you?
2. What responsibilities do we have to those around us?
3. How we are in relationship to others has a direct impact on our relationship with God, how so?

**Next Week's (12/1/24) Servants:**

**Song Leader /Welcome:** Jim Coker

**Communion Talk:** Dee Plummer

**Servers:** Keaton Francis  
Isaac Taylor  
Dallas Darrow  
Brooks Wilson  
Chester Peyton  
Jeff Owen

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Terry Sherrill

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** Dudley Darrow

**Nursery: Wed. Toddler/ Preschool Teacher 27<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**This Week's Birthdays:**

**Nov.**  
**24<sup>th</sup>**.....Faye Garrison  
 .....Brian Wright  
**26<sup>th</sup>**.....Bruce Swart  
**28<sup>th</sup>**..... Krystal Wright  
**30<sup>th</sup>**.....Alyssa Plummer

**For Our Guests:**

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- If you would like individual communion cups, they are located on the small table behind the pillar in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies that would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room that is accessed by walking through the nursery.
- We have a special "Children's Church" available for children 3 years old up through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. During the sermon, there will be a lesson, singing, etc. for these children in the classroom off the foyer.

**Taming the Tongue: Four Principles To Use Our Words Wisely**

It is no secret that our mouths frequently get us in a lot of trouble. It may be harsh words spoken in anger, letting profanity flow from your lips, telling a parent to "shut up" as a child, or not speaking up when there has been an injustice against someone. It is no wonder that scripture says in James 3:6 that the tongue has the spark to set one's whole life on fire!

It doesn't have to be this way. As Proverbs 12:18 says, "*The tongue of the wise brings healing.*" Consider the following four principles that can help us be wise with the use of our words.

**Don't speak** is the first principle to be wise with our words. That's right, sometimes the best use of our words is to just shut up and not use any words. Proverbs 17:28 says that "*even fools are thought wise if they keep silent,*" and Proverbs 10:19 says, "*the prudent hold their tongues.*" Sure, silence can be awkward, but plenty of unhelpful words have been spoken by people who didn't know what to say and insisted on speaking anyway.

The second principle is this, **think before you speak**. Consider these verses, Proverbs 29:20, "*Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them,*" and James 1:19, "*be quick to listen, slow to speak....*" We've all had those moments when we say something, then immediately regret what we just said. Most times, if we simply pause a few moments to collect our thoughts before speaking, it will go better for us.

Third, when you do speak, **don't say too much**. The author of Ecclesiastes says this in 5:2, "*let your words be few,*" and in 10:14 he writes, "*fools multiply words.*" I'll admit, as a preacher, I've been guilty of a few "long-winded sermons." Hopefully they are few and far between. Several years ago, I had someone say to me (probably after a long sermon), "It is okay to make a point and let it set. God can do the rest." So, say what needs to be said, and leave out all the rest.

Finally, **speak only helpful words**. This one is probably the most complicated because there are a lot of useful words that are hard words. Here are several verses that give insight into the words we do need to speak: Proverbs 15:7, "*lips of the wise spread knowledge,*" Proverbs 31:8-9, "*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...speak up...defend the rights of the poor and needy,*" Proverbs 28:23, "*whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor,*" and Ephesians 4:29 says, speak, "*only what is helpful for building others up....*"

**Erik Granberg**

