



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:

Mandy will be taking pictures today for our 2024 Communication Directory. Stop by to update your info and picture! **This will be the last Sunday for pictures.**

Upcoming Events:

- April 24** – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Cole Slaw, Relish Tray, Dessert
- April 26-27** – Church Garage Sale
- April 28** – Garland Girls: Lunch & Mother's Day gifts (After worship)
- April 30** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- May 1** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Salad, Brownies
- May 8** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- May 19** – Senior Sunday

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- Communion cups are located on the small tables behind the pillars 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.

Order of Worship

Song Leader/Welcome	Jim Coker
.....	<i>You Are the Song That I Sing</i>
Pilgrim's Praise	Cole Roberts
.....	<i>Blessed Be the Lord, God Almighty</i>
.....	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
.....	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>My Life Is In You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>Listen To Our Hearts</i>
.....	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>
Communion Talk	Cory Moore
Servers	Wayne Williams, Boston Burford, Dudley Darrow, Michael Granberg
.....	<i>Give Thanks</i>
.....	<i>Ring Out the Message</i>
Sermon: New Wineskins	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Only A Step</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Sue Diel, Audrey Darrow
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon scripture: Mark 2 & 3

Sermon thought:

It is easy for us to get hung up on the past. The good old days, how it used to be and so on. Jesus came bringing a new teaching. We must be willing to let go of our hang ups to follow him.

Sermon questions:

1. Had you been one of the people in the crowd with Jesus, what would have been your biggest hang up?
2. What is an example of knowledge of your own that has changed for the better over time?
3. Why is it so hard to let go of incorrect thinking?

Next Week's (4/28/24) Servants:

- Song Leader /Welcome:** Glenn Walker
- Pilgrim's Praise:** Chris Taylor
- Communion Talk:** Shannon Elledge
- Servers:** Dan Kent
Hudson Plummer
Todd Anderson
Dylan Anderson
- Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** Dudley Darrow
- Nursery:** Wendy Taylor
Eleanor Taylor
- Greeters For April:** Jacqueline Anderson
Judy Watson
Jovita Lang

This Week's Birthdays:

24thTrenn Watson

This Week's Anniversaries:

23rd.....Cory & Kelli Moore
.....19 Years!

**Revealing God
Blessing the Nations**

There is no way to know how the things we do affect the world around us. The contributions we make to our jobs, our city, our state, and our nation may seem small and insignificant, but when you put it together with what is done by all the citizens, it becomes a great blessing. I was confronted with this reality as a young officer in the Air Force when I was competing for the Junior Officer of the Year Award. The board posed a national security issue in China and asked me what I would do about it. My answer, without thinking, was "by doing my job the very best I can". That is the essence of life and what God calls us to do.

Abraham's example of doing what God asked him to do stands as a model for us to live by. God even told him what the outcome would be by his faithful response. "And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves" (Gen. 12:2-3). Just look at biblical history and the spiritual kingdom we now live in and we quickly see what the blessing of nations was that Abraham achieved. By leaving his country and family, the great nation of Israel became a powerful reality which eventually brought about our salvation through the life and sacrifice of Jesus. Granted, we will never fully know how the things we do touch people's lives and change the future of our great nation, but we can rest assured that they will. That is what the apostle Paul tells us. "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men" (Col. 3:23). When we do that, our work will be a blessing of nations, just as Abraham's life was. We can go forth with confidence that God will bless everything we do, and he will be glorified as a result. We are his chosen people just like Abraham.

Gordon Jantz

Garage Sale

Our church wide garage sale is scheduled for April 26 & 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is one of the final events to help fund the church planting in the Philippines in 2025. Bring your stuff to the church starting Monday April 22. If you have furniture or extra-large items, please wait until Thursday to bring them. The building will be open in the mornings, and your things can be put in the middle school classroom. We will need lots of help, so sign up at the welcome center.

Alva Bible Chair Lunch Donations

We will be providing lunch at the Alva Bible Chair on April 30th for around 100 students. **Instead of asking for food donations, we are asking for monetary donations.** We will serve pulled pork sandwiches, chips, veggies, and dessert. Give your donation to Cory, Mandy in the office, or Jovita.