



**We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.**

**Current Phase of Elder Selection:**

**Feb. 23-March 2**

Congregational Affirmation: Congregants will make known their choices for those who will serve as elders using the forms available. Forms must be signed for consideration. To move forward in the eldership process, one must receive support on at least 65% of these forms. **Today is the last day to turn forms in.**

**Today's Events:**

Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting:  
After Worship

**Upcoming Events:**

**March 4** – Men's/Women's Bible Study: 10 – 11 a.m.

**March 5** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Brownies

**March 9** – H.O.P.E. Group (Granbergs)

**March 12** – Meal: Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

**March 18** – Men's/Women's Bible Study: 10 – 11 a.m.

**March 23** – H.O.P.E. Group (Plummers)

**March 26** – Meal: Sliders, Mac & Cheese, Green Salad, Dessert

**Prayer Requests:**

**Gilbert George** – Geneva Osburn's brother; has cancer

**Order of Worship**

- Song Leader/Welcome**..... Robb Mills
- Prayer**..... TBD
- Communion Talk**..... Dudley Darrow
- Servers**..... Boston Burford, Jeff Owen, Isaac Taylor  
..... Todd Anderson, Dylan Anderson, Chester Peyton
- Sermon: Identity-A people of One God**..... Erik Granberg
- Shepherd's Prayer**..... Dan Kent
- Nursery**..... Patrece Allen, Jacqueline Anderson
- Sound Booth/Slides**..... Jim Coker
- Children's Church Teacher/Helper**..... Gina Thornton, Macy Mills

**Sermon Scripture:**

Exodus 20:1-7

**Sermon Thought:**

The Israelites had just come from Egypt, a land of many idols and many gods. It was common to worship many gods to get the maximum number of blessings. Today we can allow many things to become gods to us. No one sets out with the intention to worship these things. But by the amount of time we devote to them, we can allow them to grow into gods that ultimately control our thoughts and energies.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What topics consume the majority of your thought life?
2. When you have to make a decision with long-term implications in your life, what are steps in your decision-making process?
3. If you asked someone to name the three most important components of your life, what do you think people would say?
4. Based on the answers to the previous questions, how are you doing as a person who follows one God and not many "gods"? What changes could be made?

**Revealing God – The Lord’s Church  
A Light to the World**

It is only with light that we are able to move around and function in life. When we are in total darkness, we are lost and in danger of hurting our human bodies. We need light to accomplish the things we need to do, and fulfill God’s plan for us. In the spiritual realm of God’s creation, light is again essential for us to know where we are going and carry out his work. Jesus tells us, “*You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*” (Matt. 5:14 & 16).

To maintain God’s presence with his people and to carry out his will, he established the Lord’s Church to be **a light to the world**. On the rock of Peter’s confession that Jesus was “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Matt. 16:16-18), the Lord’s Church was built. Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 5:21), and is the source of its light. As John writes, “*The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not*” (Jn. 1:9-10). It is, therefore, the duty of the church to make known Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The apostle Paul testifies of this purpose and his ministry in the Lord’s Church: “*to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him*” (Eph. 3:9-12). That my friends, as **a light to the world** that the Lord’s Church provides, shining glorious light on the eternal salvation we have in Christ. May each day be brighter by the light that shines in us.

*Gordon Jantz*

Dear North Garland Family,

First, I apologize for taking so long to write. My last CAT scan showed my lump nodes had shrank and my cancer markers are down to 10 from 24!

Thank you for your love and prayers, notes, and gifts – the blanket feels very comforting on my bald head late at night. LOL I am so blessed to have you in my life!

Kathy Dittmeyer

**This Week’s Birthdays:**

5<sup>th</sup> .....Lisa Granberg

**This Week’s Anniversaries:**

5<sup>th</sup> .....Kent & Deanna Chesser

**Next Week’s (3/9/25) Servants:**

**Song Leader**

**/Welcome:** Wesley Boyd

**Communion**

**Talk:** Robb Mills

**Servers:**

Dee Plummer  
Houston Moore  
Brett Thornton  
Michael  
Granberg  
Butch  
McComas  
Cory Moore

**Shepherd’s**

**Prayer:** Pat Meek

**Sound Booth/**

**Slides:** Robb Mills

**Nursery:**

Cheryl Kent  
Jeanita Meek

**Children’s**

**Church:** Gina Thornton  
Meredith  
Plummer

**Wednesday**

**Toddler/**

**Preschool**

**Teacher:** Jacqueline  
(5<sup>th</sup>) Anderson

**Greeters**

**For March:** Judy Watson  
Luann Burford

**Communion**

**Prep for March:** Carol Baxter

**Wash**

**Baptismal** Kendra  
**Garments:** Brownell