


Northwest Christian Church

A growing family journeying together to be more like Jesus

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START WHY

September 10th **Why Love?**

September 17th **Why Be Encouraged?**

September 24th **Why Purity?**

October 1st **Why Compassion?**

October 8th **Why Perseverance?**

October 15th **Why Hospitality?**

BUILDING UPDATE

We have received a scope of work and a quote for the engineering drawings for the expansion and updates of the foyer. We will also add an ADA family bathroom where the coat room is currently. After reviewing and accepting the drawings we will move forward with the General Contractor we have retained.

Additionally, work will start in the next week on the removal of the tile floor in the old sanctuary and side rooms which will take two weeks to complete. Carpet squares will replace the tile for easy care and replacement.

We are meeting with several heating and air conditioning contractors to obtain bids for the replacement of the unit in the old sanctuary to be installed this fall. It is also our intent to replace the flooring in the hallways upon the completion of the renovation of the foyer.

Thank you for your patience during the many steps of this process.

Pat Owens

SPIRIT OF SILAS MEMORIAL EVENT

On the bulletin board, across from the church office, is a flyer about the Spirit of Silas event, (September 30th), showing that this year's event is NOT simply a motorcycle fun(d) run. We have been working hard to provide an afternoon/evening of family friendly events. My reasoning for insisting on that concept was that **a:** Silas was only 16 when he passed. He was a kid; **b:** Silas' friends would be only about 18 now. Very few would be of an age they could frequent the "bar scene"; and **c:** Many of Silas' friends, and our family's friends, who might want to participate, are church-going folks who might not be interested in 1 - the Motorcycle run or 2 - staying out late on a Saturday night to listen to the bands!

My point is, I want you to know about the many events - including the auction - that will be taking place at TIMBUKTU that day...AND that we need help! ALSO - all proceeds go to the charity that Silas himself chose before he died: Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (they raise awareness of all childhood cancer, and most importantly fund research for a cure of childhood cancer).

- First** - we need 3 or 4 volunteers to help load up tables and chairs from the fellowship hall that morning about 8am, to take to the event site by about 9am, and follow the trailer out there to help set them up for the auction and registration tables. 1-1/2 to 2 hour commitment.
- Second** - we need 3 or 4 volunteers to help load up tables and chairs at the site, following the auction about 8pm, to bring back to the church and set them back up in the fellowship hall for Sunday School class, and store/re-stack the others. Again, 1-1/2 to 2 hour commitment.
- Third** - we need donations for auction items or baskets. These can be small or large. This would be an ideal opportunity for small groups! I can provide receipts for the items or baskets. Individuals may also make monetary donations if desired. All donations are tax deductible, as well. The tax i.d. for those purposes is 56-2496146. Items or baskets may be given to me at church, or dropped off at my house. I can arrange for our auction chairman to pick them up as well. I can give ideas, if needed, or let you know what we already have.

Please call with any questions.

Thank you for your help.

Blessings on your day!

Gloria Martin
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OAK GROVE BACKSNACK PROGRAM

Our BackSnack program will begin on Friday, September 8. We are helping 20 Oak Grove students have food for the weekend. You can drop off your non-perishable food donations all school year long in the Connection Center. The BackSnack food item lists are located by our Visitor Coffee. Look for the yellow paper. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Oberheim.

ADOPT AN OAK GROVE TEACHER

We are offering the opportunity to adopt an Oak Grove teacher and class again this year. This is a way to spread some love to our neighbors. If you are interested, check out the Oak Grove bulletin board next to the Kidzone Check in for more details.

KIDZONE

Kidzone will be moved to the Adult Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall for a few weeks starting Sunday, September 17, because the gym floor is being updated.

FAITH ON FILM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

During this 11-week Bible study, we will examine some of the messages in popular movies and discuss how they line up with the Christian faith. This class will meet during the 9am Sunday school hour in room F2 from September 10th - November 19th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer will guide us through the elements of God's armor for us that is applicable to every aspect of our lives. Join us to study God's plan for us to be aware, armed and victorious over the invisible war that wages around us.

Registration after service Sunday, September 10 and September 17 in the hallway by the office. Workbooks are \$13.00.

Study begins Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 pm in the classroom at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Park in the back parking lot.

HYMN & PRAISE SING

Join in as we gather together to sing some hymns! Sunday, September 17th from 4-6pm in the Sanctuary at Northwest. All are welcome.



Join us this Fall as we explore the habits Christians cultivate below the surface that lead to a fruitful life. This six-week series will meet on the Lower Level each Sunday evening to explore personal worship, Bible reading, Bible study and memorization, prayer, generosity, and serving. Middle school (6th-8th grade) and High school (9th-12th grade) groups meet together on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm.



This Fall, the youth ministry is moving to our remodeled ministry space: The Lower Level. There's a main meeting room with a full stage and sound, a break-out room with comfortable seating for teaching and discussion, and a game room with foosball, ping pong, pinball, and video games for hanging out. These remodeled spaces will open up new ministry opportunities for us and give our students a comfortable space to belong and invite their friends.

Thanks to everyone who helped make these new spaces possible for us to use this Fall!



Fall youth groups kick off on Sunday, September 10th from 1-7pm on the Lower Level. Join us as we launch our new youth ministry space with foosball, ping pong, video games, board games, Jackbox TV games, worship, flag football, and NFL opening weekend football games.

Jr/Sr High events calendar: September

3rd: NO Youth Groups
Labor Day Weekend

10th: Fall Youth Group Kick Off
Middle school & High school (1-7pm)

17th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)
Middle school & High school

24th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)
Middle school & High school

Oct. 1st: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)
Middle school & High school

Missions



THANK YOU NWCC CONGREGATION

The amount of your baby bottle donations to the New Life Pregnancy Center Change for Life was \$919.02. This year all the bottles were taken. Thank you so much for your generosity. Your giving will make a difference in countless lives. You are helping NLPC to continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the men and women who come through their doors, and also save the lives of the unborn.

NEW LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER BANQUET FOR LIFE

Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. This year's speaker is Mike Williams, Pro-Life Comedian. At the banquet you will be given an opportunity to make a financial donation. There is no charge for the dinner. Seating is reserved for 18 years old and above. RSVP by September 12th. To reserve a seat, call 872-5556.

Save the dates

9/10

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

1-7PM on the Lower Level.
Join us as we launch our
new youth ministry space.

9/24

ELDER VOTE

We will have an elder
affirmation vote this
Sunday after service.

9/29

Class Party

You are invited to Win-A-Couple's
Class Party "Take me out to the Ball-
game". Friday, Sept. 29th at 12pm.

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Monthly Financial Information

Date	Attendance	Giving	Now is the Time	Budget
8/6	149	\$6483.50	\$1525.00	\$6776.90
8/13	134	\$6440.93	\$697.00	\$6776.90
8/20	142	\$5743.50	\$690.00	\$6776.90
8/27	139	\$6121.20	\$813.25	\$6776.90

Elders

Zone 1 - Jay Dexter
Steve Wiese

Zone 2 - Brent Owen
Jim Seggerman

Zone 3 - Pat Owens
Travis White

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Food Pantry Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	4 office closed	5 10am Staff Mtg	6 6pm Praise Team Practice	7 7pm Committee Mtgs	8	9
10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 1-7PM Youth Group Kick-Off	11	12 10am Staff Mtg	13 6pm Praise Team Practice	14 7pm Elders' Mtg	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4pm Hymn Sing 6-8PM Youth Group	18	19 10am Staff Mtg	20 6pm Praise Team Practice	21	22	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-8PM Youth Group	25	26 10am Staff Mtg	27 6pm Praise Team Practice	28	29 12pm Win-A-Couple Class Party	30 Silas Martin Memorial

September Birthdays!

07 Lauren Jones	15 Leah Roth
09 Brandan Drake	19 Will Skarupa
11 Jerry Trusner	20 Christine Brown
11 Marilyn Whitehurst	21 Scott Monette
13 Bill Cox	22 Steve Josserand
13 Jason Wiegard	23 Tyler Jones
08 Jerry Parks	23 Joan Ludwick
14 Robert Cochran	24 Bud Wise
15 Leila Frazier	30 Ruth Ward

