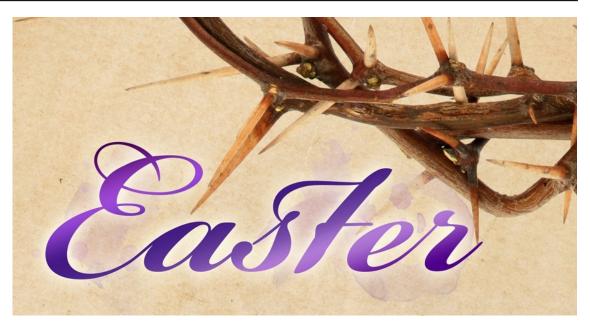


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Save the Dates:

- CIY Believe March 2-3
- Superstart March 2-3
- Deeper Life Retreat March 23-25
- Good Friday Service March 30
- Easter Egg Hunt March 31
- Easter Breakfast April 1
- Intentional Church Conference April 21
- Christian Women's Conference April 25
- Baby Dedication May 13
- Graduation Sunday May 20
- Cookson Hills Mission
 Trip June 2-9
- Youth Group Kick-Off June 10
- CIY Move June 18-23
- Party in the Park July 21
- Taste of Northwest July 22
- Fairview Pool Party August 5
- High School Lock-in August 24
- Fall Fest October 31
- Decorate for Christmas November 25
- Christmas Eve Service December 24



Good Friday

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on March 30th as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins.

Easter Day

On Sunday, April 1st, we will be having our Easter Services at Northwest Christian Church. We will have two identical services: one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 10:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. nursery only, 10:00 a.m. all kid's ministries). Breakfast will be offered at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, at Oak Grove Park. Birth - 6th grade are welcome to participate. Bring your own basket and join us for fun in the park! In case of bad weather we will move the event to the church.

Opportunities to Serve

We need volunteers to collect, stuff and hide eggs. We are collecting small individually wrapped candies, any size plastic eggs and prizes for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off your donations in the Connection Center by Sunday, March 25th. We will fill the eggs on Friday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Set-up for the Egg Hunt is at Oak Grove Park at 9 a.m. on March 31st. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Michelle (429-4278).

Easter Lilies

We will be taking orders for Easter lilies. The lilies will be used during the worship service and you may take your purchased lily home at the end of service. Order forms will be in the bulletin. Cost for the lilies will be \$12.00.



Join us this month on the Lower Level as we continue to study worship in the Psalms. Each Sunday we'll use music and interactive worship stations to create an experience where students and adult leaders can all participate together in glorifying God as we study the Psalms in a uniquely creative way. Middle school (6th-8th grade) and High school (9th-12th grade) groups meet together on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm on the Lower Level. At youth groups, students can expect a place to belong with plenty of fun games and activities, Bible study and small group discussion split by age group. The Lower Level opens 30 minutes before youth groups each week.



CIY Believe is a high-energy weekend retreat for Middle school students (6-8 grade) at the Bank of Springfield Center in Springfield, IL on March 2-3. The cost for registration and hotel is \$100 per person.

We'll leave from Northwest on Friday, March 2nd at 4:00 pm and return by 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 3rd.



Jr/Sr High events calendar:

March

2nd-3rd: CIY Believe

Middle School (6th-8th grade)

4th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)
Middle school & High school

11th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)
Middle school & High school

18th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm) *Middle school & High school*

23rd-25th: Deeper Life Retreat *High school & College age*

25th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm) *Middle school & High school*

Apr. 1st: NO Youth Groups (Easter)



Cookson Hills Mission Trip

The Missions Team at Northwest is partnering with the Student Ministry this summer to present the Cookson Hills Mission Trip. We are sending a multi-generational team of volunteers to serve on-campus at Cookson Hills school in northeast Oklahoma during the week of June 2-9, 2018. Cookson Hills provides home, school, and therapy for kids who are at-risk, and it's a mission our church has supported for many years. The trip is open to anyone age 12 and up who is interested in serving and will cost \$300 per person to pay for food, lodging, travel expenses and work projects. The specific work projects will be determined closer to the trip dates and will depend on the ages, skills, and abilities of the team members as well as the specific needs at Cookson Hills during that time frame.

There are three primary ways that you can be involved in this great opportunity:

- 1. Pray for the ministry at Cookson Hills and for the team Northwest will send this summer.
- 2. Go consider giving a week of your summer to join the team and serve.
- 3. Give if you are unable to make the trip yourself, consider helping financially so others can go. If you designate funds to the "Cookson Hills Trip" they will be used to reduce the cost for those who need assistance.

We only have a few more months left in the school year to bless Oak Grove School. We are always accepting Snack Pack nonperishable food donations, backpacks, and volunteers to help in the classrooms. Contact Michelle for more information. (429-4278)

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Monthly Financial Information

Date	Attendance	Giving	Now is the Time	Budget
2/4	136	\$4455.15	\$1395.00	\$6776.90
2/11	88	\$4244.50	\$265.00	\$6776.90
2/18	138	\$5716.00	\$1104.00	\$6776.90
2/25	151	\$5953.50	\$826.00	\$6776.90

Elders

Jim Seggerman

Zone 1 - Jay Dexter

Steve Wiese

Zone 2 - Brent Owen James Zelhart

Zone 3 - Pat Owens Travis White

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am Clothing Rm 7pm Committee Mtgs	Win-a-	3 sperstart / Believe
4 Food Pantry Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	5	6 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	7 6pm Praise Team Practice	8 9am Clothing Rm 7pm Elders' Mtg	9	10
11 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	12	13 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	14 6pm Praise Team Practice	15 9am Clothing Rm	16	17
18 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	19	20 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	21 6pm Praise Team Practice	22 9am Clothing Rm	23 Deeper Life	24 Retreat - 25th
25 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-7:30pm Youth Group	26	27 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	28 6pm Praise Team Practice	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday	31 Easter Egg Hunt 10am at Oak Grove

March Birthdays

03	Alexander Orme	17Duane Prentice	28 Aryssa Roth
04	Taylor Jones	22Maverick Oberheim	31 Ken Bel
05	Tracey Parks	24Faith Gerton	
08 80	Tyler Orme	27Nancy McCormick	
13	Pat Owens	28Emma Hembrough	Happy Birthday
14	Keith Chapman	28Janet Huth	nappy birunday