

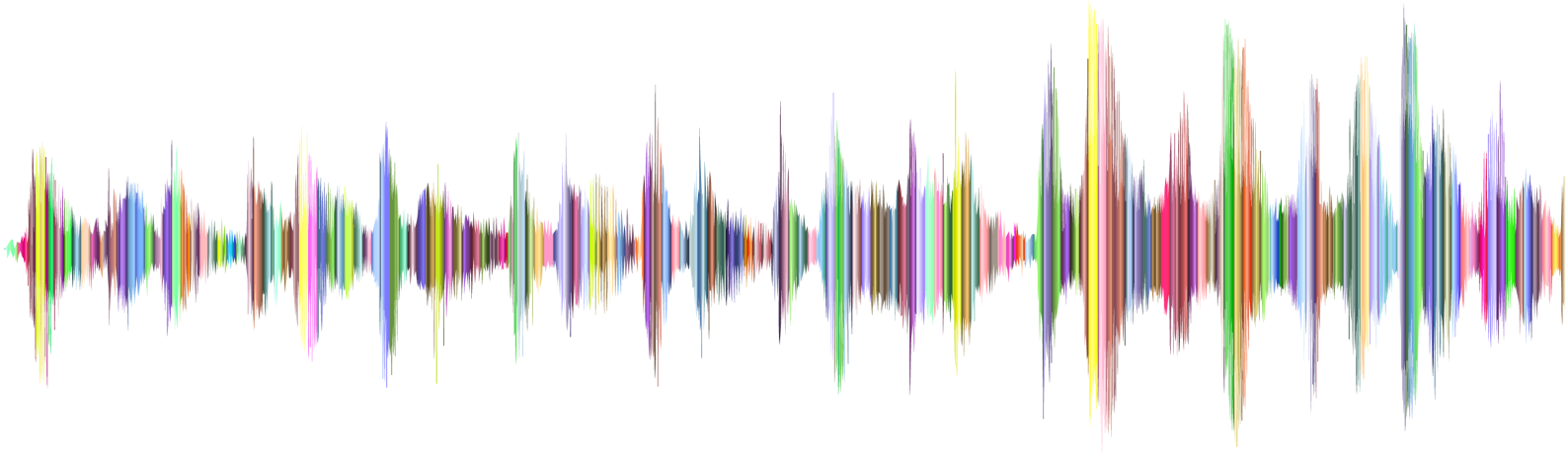


# **NORTHWEST** Christian Church

A Growing Family Journeying Together To Be More Like Jesus

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## The Sounds Of Easter

Sermon Series

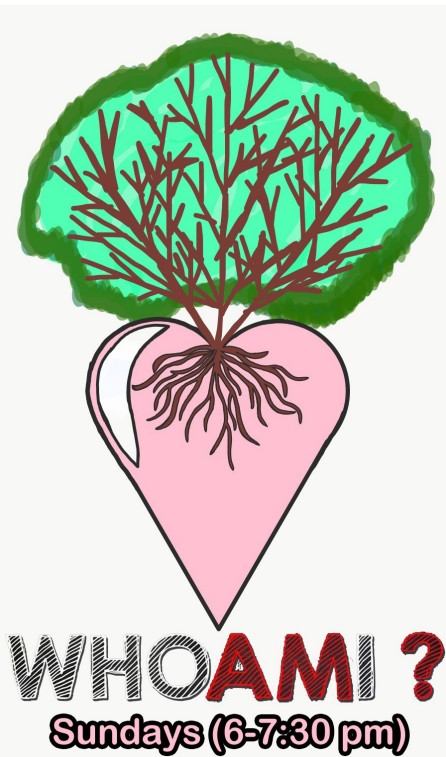
April 7 ..... The Roar Of The Crowd

April 14 ..... The Breaking Of Bread

April 19 (Good Friday) .....The Pounding Of Nails

April 21 (Easter Sunday) .....Fire Crackling

What makes you you? Is it the choices you make or the actions you take? Is it the things you claim to believe? Is it your relationships with family and friends? Maybe your appearance defines you, or maybe it's your gender or sexuality. Who am I is one of the most important questions we'll ever ask of ourselves, and the way you answer it just might define your life. Fortunately, God has a lot to say about the subject...and we're going to spend six weeks exploring His word on the matter. Youth groups for 6th-12th grades meet on Sunday nights on the Lower Level from 6-7:30 pm.



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 1-2. The cost for registration and hotel is \$100 per person, due by Sunday, Feb. 10th. The group will leave from Northwest at 4pm on Friday, March 1st and return on Saturday, March 2nd by 5 pm.



We're all in process; we're not finished growing. This weekend at Little Galilee Christian Camp for high school and college-age students is all about what's "Next" in the process for each of us. The cost to attend is only \$15... all meals included! Join us for a weekend away from your crazy schedule to calm your nerves, quiet your heart, and seek your Savior.

## Events calendar: March

- 1-2: CIY Believe (6th-8th grade)**  
*Friday (4pm) - Saturday (5:30pm)*
- 3rd: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- 10th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- 17th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- 22-24: Deeper Life Retreat**  
*High School/College @ Little Galilee*
- 24th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- 31st: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*

# Missions



## To Operation Christmas Child donors

I am writing to thank Decatur residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Decatur and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.8 million shoe boxes in 2018. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2018, the ministry is now sending more than 100.6 million shoe box gifts to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease and famine.

These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million gift-filled shoe boxes to children to more than 160 countries and territories.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project—many who do so year after year. These simple gifts send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten

**Dana Williams**  
Operation Christmas Child  
Samaritan's Purse

This is an excerpt from an article in the newspaper about one of the missions that Northwest Christian Church supports.

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## Monthly Financial Information

Date	Attendance	Giving	Now is the Time	Budget
Feb. 3	149	\$5681.75	\$775.00	\$7,052.50
Feb. 10	119	\$7449.19	\$275.00	\$7,052.50
Feb. 17	85	\$4656.75	\$75.00	\$7,052.50
Feb. 24	122	\$6518.69	\$75.00	\$7,052.50

## Elders

Jim Seggerman, Chairman  
Zone 1 - Jay Dexter  
Steve Wiese  
Zone 2 - Brent Owen  
James Zelhart  
Zone 3 - Pat Owens  
Travis White

# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SuperStart-Bloomington CIY - Springfield	2
3 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth Group	4	5 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	6 6pm Praise Team Practice	7 7pm Committee Mtgs	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVING 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth Group	11	12 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	13 6pm Praise Team Practice	14 7pm Elders' Mtg	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth Group	18	19 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	20 6pm Praise Team Practice	21	22 Deeper Life - Little Galilee through Sunday	23
24/31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth Group	25	26 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	27 6pm Praise Team Practice	28	29	30

## March Birthdays

03 ..... Alexander Orme	22 ..... Maverick Oberheim	28 ..... Aryssa Roth
04 ..... Taylor Jones	24 ..... Faith Gerton	31 ..... Ken Bell
05 ..... Tracey Parks	27 ..... Nancy McCormick	
08 ..... Tyler Orme	28 ..... Emma Hembrough	
13 ..... Patrick Owens	28 ..... Janet Huth	

