

# September 2021 Newsletter

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## Mary Hill Davis Offering

This month, we will be receiving funds for missions in the state of Texas. Our church goal is \$3,800, and the week of prayer is Sept 12-19.

## Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, please consider joining our fall Bible Study, *Better*, a study on the book of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin. This 10-week study will be offered on Friday mornings (beginning Sept 10) at 9:30 am in the Seminar Room. Cost of book is \$20. Childcare is available by request only (contact Sarah). Please sign up on Realm or contact the Church Office if you plan to attend.

## Operation Christmas Child Meeting

*Sat, Sept 11, 9:30—11:30 am, Seminar Room*

This year, Northlake will serve as a local drop center for Operation Christmas Child. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and how you can help, contact David Clark or the Church Office, and plan on attending this volunteer meeting.

## Guest/New Member Lunch

*Sun, Sept 12, noon, Fellowship Hall*

Guests and new members are invited to join us for lunch to get to know our staff and learn more about our church. Please RSVP on your Connection Card or call the Church Office if you plan to attend.

## Adult Choir

*Sat, Sept 11, 9:00—11:00 am,  
Choir Room*

Do you enjoy singing? The Adult Choir needs singers as they prepare for their Christmas music presentation in December. There are four Saturday rehearsals, and everyone is invited to join us!







**SABBATICAL**...what a wonderful word! It may conjure images of disconnecting for a while to enjoy life. At Northlake, it means something very different. For decades, the church has granted full-time ministerial staff members **A SABBATICAL MONTH** after 8 years of service (and every subsequent 7 years), *but it's so much more than an extended vacation!* We use these weeks to attend ministry conferences, visit other churches to gain insights on their approaches, read books and connect with God on spiritual retreats. This month, **ANDREW LEWIS** will be on **SABBATICAL**, so other staff members and volunteers will be serving in his absence. Please pray for Andrew as he steps into this season of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** and **MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT**. Ask God to shape him, lead him and reveal Himself in new ways. Biblically, the term **SABBATH** goes back to the 10 Commandments (which we've swept away in our rush to get things done.) *May God do great things for Andrew this month, and strengthen his ministry effectiveness upon his return!*

Finally, after a yearlong, COVID-driven hiatus, Northlake's ESL ministry resumes this month. **YAY!** As in past years, I'll help teach a class in this community ministry; Pat Brown will lead our Wednesday night Bible study. Some have asked why I serve in ESL instead of teaching the class for our members; *my answer is simply that it helps me to lead by example!* Our **MISSION** is to connect with those outside our doors (Telling His Story), which ESL lets me do; it's also why I volunteer at Weaver. I preach often about the need to take His love to people beyond our walls; *why wouldn't I do the same?* By serving in these ministries, I'm showing that what matters most is reaching more—**SHOWING** and **SHARING** His love. Yes, I enjoy teaching God's Word (and do co-teach a class on Sunday), but I also need to do community ministry. Are you?

This month, we turn our attention to the work of Texas Baptists, supporting the **BGCT** through the **MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING**; our 2021 goal is \$3,800. Every dollar given goes to fund the many **BGCT** ministries across our state—from planting churches, to ministering on the border, to reaching those in crisis. *Last year, 77 different programs were helped by your MHD dollars!* Let's join with Baptists from across the state to pray, give and serve. God can do great things when we choose to work together as **ONE!** (If only our politicians could learn that lesson!)

As always, know that it's a privilege to be your pastor...

*Bro. John*

## Recent Giving

August 1—\$15,007.62

August 8—\$15,500.48

August 15—\$12,512.67

August 22—\$13,965.22

**Weekly Need: \$15,683.00**

## Recent Bible Study Attendance

August 1—162

August 8—177

August 15—173

August 22—169



# September 2021 Calendar



**Wed, Sept 1—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)  
ESL Classes begin (7:00 pm)**

**Thurs, Sept 2—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)**

**Mon, Sept 6—Church Office closed for Labor Day holiday**

**Wed, Sept 8—Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)**

**Fri, Sept 10—Ladies Bible Study Class begins (9:30 am)**

**Sat, Sept 11—Adult Choir Rehearsal (9:00 am)**

**Operation Christmas Child Meeting (9:30 am)**

**Sun, Sept 12—Sun, Sept 19—Week of Prayer for Mary Hill Davis  
Offering**

**Sun, Sept 12—Adult Directors Meeting (9:00 am)**

**Guest/New Member Lunch (12:00 pm)**

**Wed, Sept 15—Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)**

**Reaching Upward Together Prayer Time (7:00 pm)**

**Thurs, Sept 16—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)**





## New Members

Northlake welcomes our newest members!

Grey Medcalf  
Joined August 8

Isabelle Taylor  
Baptized August 22

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Wed, Sept 8—Finance Committee Meeting  
(6:00 pm)

Wed, Sept 15—Missions Committee Meeting  
(6:00 pm)

## Fall Family Festival

Sun, Oct 31, 4—6 pm, South Parking Lot

This year, Halloween falls on a Sunday.

We are moving the time from 5-7 pm to 4-6 pm instead. More info will be coming soon about how you can be involved!

## Youth Event

Sat, Sept 25, 6-10 pm, Andrew's House

6317 Hayden Ct, Rowlett

Youth Hangout Night!

Guys, bring a 2-liter to share.

Girls, bring a snack to share.

## Reaching Upward Together Prayer Time

Wed, Sept 15, 7:00 pm, Worship Center

Join us as we seek God's face in prayer corporately. We will pray together for our church, our community, and other specific needs.

## Weaver Volunteers

This year, volunteers will be allowed back in public schools! Volunteers can help in a variety of ways (such as tutoring students, making photocopies, cutting out shapes or other lesson prep work, lunchroom help, office or nurse help, school-wide functions, etc). If you are interested in serving an hour a week volunteering at our partner school, Weaver Elementary, please contact Neva Gresso or the Church Office.

## Sabbatical

Northlake has a practice of giving our ministers a month at the end of their first 8 years (and every 7 years thereafter) to research ministry methods, attend conferences, and spend time in personal reflection and renewal. Andrew has just celebrated his 8th anniversary and will be on sabbatical in the month of September. He plans to attend a personal spiritual retreat, study ministry methods at Indiana Ave Baptist Church in Lubbock, attend a Missions Leadership Conference at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, and visit several other churches on Sundays and Wednesdays to study their ministry methods.

## ESL Ministry

Do you know of someone who could use English as a Second Language classes? Classes will begin on Wed, 9/1 at 7 pm. Contact Mary Rodriguez or the Church Office for more info.