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JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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GUEST/NEW MEMBER LUNCH

Sun, July 2, 12 pm, 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.

Call the Church Office if you plan to attend.

TEXARKANA MISSION TRIP

Fri, July 14—Thurs, July 20

Please be in prayer for a team of adults & students headed to minister in Texarkana later this month. If you plan to attend, payment is due ASAP (\$150/person or \$300/family).

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE

Northlake has “adopted” our local elementary school, Weaver. You are invited to help provide uniforms and/or backpacks to help families who are in need. A QR code to the Amazon wish list will be available this month at the Missions Table in the Gathering Hall. You may also donate Amazon gift cards or money toward the effort.

ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP AND BUSINESS MEETING

Sun, July 23, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bring some ice cream to share (homemade or store-bought) and join us for fellowship and our quarterly business meeting. Please sign up on Realm or your Connection Card or contact the Church Office to sign up so that we have a headcount.



We've always been a mission-minded church—supporting our Southern Baptist mission boards (NAMB & IMB) through the Cooperative Program, helping individual missionaries as well as participating in multiple mission projects through the years from local ministries to foreign countries. Thus, we encourage every member to embrace mission opportunities when they can. Currently, Northlake takes just *one* out-of-state mission trip each summer, meaning many of our staff will participate in

Mission Texarkana 2023...leading us to close the church office that week (July 17-21). All ministerial staff members will go, so our administrative staff won't be here for regular office hours; technology lets them answer phones and email from home. *Thank you for encouraging YOUR staff to invest in the Kingdom beyond our walls!*

Our big, church-wide emphasis this year (**NORTHLAKE CONNECTS**) continues through October; *are YOU part of our effort to build the Kingdom together?* This community-focused initiative rests on FOUR pillars: **Reaching Your One** by leaning into relationships outside the church to share His love...**HomeGrown**, small groups gathering to enjoy fellowship and watch *The Chosen*...at least one **Church-Wide Activity**...and then **Practicing Sabbath**, taking time to rest by focusing on faith and family. We invite everyone to seek community through personal relationships (INSIDE and OUTSIDE the church). *Help us make **NORTHLAKE CONNECTS** a life-changing movement here at Northlake—not just in 2023, but beyond!*

Lastly, I've asked our FINANCE and PROPERTY & SPACE Committees to spend time this summer addressing a question raised regarding the vacant lot we own to the north of our facility. I was approached earlier this year and asked if we should sell this land, which was purchased in the late 1990's as a long-term vision for a larger worship center as growth demanded. This is a BIG question requiring careful consideration, so I wrestled with the best way to ponder pros and cons before bringing it before the church. Rather than creating a special study team, it made sense to invite these committees to meet, discuss, evaluate and bring some kind of motion to the church (which alone can make such a far-reaching decision). I'm asking you to join me in praying for wisdom and clarity. No doubt, there are differences of opinion on this question, *but it must be answered by the body*. So, at some point in the not-too-distant future, this group will share their suggestion(s) and then the church will decide; no matter what direction the vote may take us, my prayer is that we find UNITY (even in the absence of UNIFORMITY). We don't have to be of the same mind to stay the same page, seeking His will...together. God will do something great as we seek His face, tell His story and submit to His Spirit. Will you join me?

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

Bro. John

RECENT GIVING

May 28—\$11,059.77

June 4—\$15,638.50

June 11—\$13,374.44

June 18—\$10,834.00

June 25—\$14,358.25

Weekly Need: \$14,151.00

RECENT BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE

May 28—116

June 4—158

June 11—156

June 18—135

June 25—154

JULY 2023

CALENDAR

Sun, July 2—Guest/New Member Lunch (12:00 pm)

Tues, July 4—Church Office Closed

Wed, July 5—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)

Fri, July 7—Fun Day Friday (1:30 pm)

Sun, July 8—Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)

Home Grown Home Groups

Wed, July 12—Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Thurs, July 13—Ladies Book Club (6:30 pm)

Fri, July 14—Thurs, July 20—Texarkana Mission Trip

Sat, July 15—Senior Adult Monthly Outing

Wed, July 19—Lunch & Movie Fellowship (12:00 pm)

no evening activities

Thurs, July 20—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)

Sun, July 23—Andrew Lewis' 10th Anniversary

Ice Cream Fellowship & Quarterly Business Meeting (6:00 pm)

Wed, July 26—no evening activities

Fri, July 28—Fun Day Friday (1:30 pm)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This month, we celebrate Andrew Lewis' 10th anniversary as Minister to Students/Music. Thank you, Andrew, for all you do for Northlake!

LADIES SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Thurs, July 13—Book Club (6:00 pm)
(*All My Knotted Up Life* by Beth Moore)

Tues, Aug 15—Cookie Decorating Class (6:00 pm)

Please sign up for these events on Realm.

FUN DAY FRIDAYS

Most Fridays during the summer, 1:30—5 pm

Kids who have completed K—5th grades are invited to join us for some fun outings most Friday afternoons this summer. July events are:

July 7—Bradfield Pool (\$5/person)

July 28—Texas Skatium (\$5/person)

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Adrian Larabee! Adrian made a profession of faith on Sun, June 11. Adrian's grandparents are Michael & Trina Byrd.

CLOTHES CLOSET/ FOOD PANTRY

The Clothes Closet/Food Pantry will be taking July 6 off for a much-deserved rest. A big THANK YOU goes out to all our volunteers in this ministry!

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is now meeting every Tuesday evening. Anyone who is interested invited to join us in the Multi-Purpose Center from 6—8 pm to play.

NORTHLAKE CONNECTS

Week of July 2—Reach Your One—
With whom will you share Jesus?

Sun, July 9—Home Grown Groups

Sun, July 23—Ice cream Fellowship &
Quarterly Business Meeting(6:00 pm)

Sat, July 30—Sabbath Rest

MOVIE FELLOWSHIP

Wed, July 19, 12:00 pm, Room E-115

Everyone is invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us to watch *True Spirit*, based on the true story of Australian teenager, Jessica Watson, the youngest person ever to sail solo, non-stop around the world.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

There will be no Wednesday night activities on July 19, July 26 or August 2. Our regular Wednesday night schedule will resume on August 9.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Tues, July 4 for the holiday.



**WHERE THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM.
2 CORINTHIANS 3:17**