



September 2023 Newsletter

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Pickleball Outreach Event

Sat, Sept 16, 10 am—noon, Multi-Purpose Center

To focus on building relationships with our neighbors around the church, we are hosting a pickleball tournament for our community. We encourage everyone to find a way to help serve—pray for the event, stuff bags to hand out, join us for a neighborhood prayer walk, attend the event itself. Let's not miss an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors.

Prayer Walk / Invite Night

Mon, Sept 11, 5:45 pm, meet in Youth Center

Join us as we go out into the neighborhood intentionally to meet Northlake's neighbors. We will be handing out gift bags & inviting neighbors to attend our upcoming Pickleball event. Join us in putting feet to our faith by meeting our community.

Deacon Nominations

This month, you will have the opportunity to nominate candidates to serve as deacons for our church body. Nomination forms will be available in your Sept 10 & 17 bulletins and must be turned in by Sept 24.

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 10-17.

Land Sale Vote

The Finance and Property/Space Committees have looked into the possibility of selling the land we own just north of our buildings. There will be a Q&A/Discussion on Wed, Sept 13 at 7 pm in the Worship Center. The church-wide vote on the issue will be Sun, Sept 17 during the service. If you will be unavailable to attend on the day of the vote, you may request an early ballot, but it must be turned in to the church office by noon on Fri, Sept 15.

Men's & Ladies' Dinners

Sun, Sept 17, 5:30-7:30 pm

Men will meet in the Youth Center to eat and hear guest speaker Bob Couch. The ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall to eat and hear guest speaker Jessica Prince. Tickets for either catered dinner are \$15. Free childcare is available, but by reservation only. Sign up and pay on Realm or contact the church office to sign up.



It's almost here—our highly anticipated, and much promoted, Community Engagement effort! We'll gather in the Youth Center on **Monday, September 11** at 5:45 pm before Prayer-Walking in small teams through parts of our neighborhood—passing out some small gift bags along with invitations to a **COMMUNITY PICKLE-BALL EVENT** on **Sat., September 16**, 10:00 am to noon. **WHAT DO WE ASK OF YOU?** First, pray for God to bless this effort, for nothing of eternal value happens without His presence. Second, join the Prayer-Walk, engaging our neighbors because we must **GO** instead of waiting for them to **COME**. Most importantly, use those conversations as a bridge—**looking for the one with whom God is leading YOU to build intentional relationship**. Don't just deliver **INVITATIONS**; make **CONNECTIONS**, letting God use **YOU** to reach **THEM**. Much has changed in modern culture; the lost rarely look for churches...**churches must look for the lost**. So, step beyond comfort zones into community. Let God open doors, touch hearts and foster connection **through your intentional efforts!** Begin praying even now for that one person or family with whom you can connect. Remember, the tool is **PICKLE-BALL**, but our goal is **RELATIONSHIP**. *May God bless our efforts to touch this community and Tell His Story.*

This fall, we launch our next **DEACON NOMINATION CYCLE**—giving you a chance to recommend those you would like us to consider for service as a **new** deacon at Northlake. All nominees must be vetted in light of the biblical requirements of 1 Timothy 3; those qualified (and willing) would then be interviewed by the Deacon Body, presented to the church, and affirmed with a service of commitment (ordination) later this year. Join with me in praying for God to raise up men who, with their wives, would be worthy additions to this servant-centered body. Nomination forms will be available beginning on September 10; *all nominations must be received by Sept 24.*

Finally, we've been studying the question of selling land the church owns north of our building (the soccer field), acquired for future facility expansion. Our **FINANCE** and **PROPERTY & SPACE** Committees met to discuss this possibility, opting to bring it before the church. We put together some **PROS VS. CONS** (in full disclosure), and an overview was shared on **Sunday, August 27** by our Church Treasurer. Now, you have another chance for discussion/questions on **Wednesday, September 13** at 7:00 pm, followed by a simple yes-or-no vote (by ballot) during the service on **Sunday, September 17**—*which would require at least 75% approval to move forward*. Now, this is a **BIG** question, worthy of very careful consideration, so please join with me in praying for wisdom and clarity. There are differences of opinion on this issue, to be sure; but, no matter which direction the vote may lead us, let's strive for **UNITY**...even in the absence of **UNIFORMITY**. *May God make His will known TO us and keep us focused on His plan FOR us!*

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

Bro. John

Recent Giving

July 30—\$9,941.00

August 6—\$17,456.80

August 13—\$12,128.28

August 20—\$14,689.50

August 27—\$11,287.92

Weekly Need: \$14,151.00

Recent Bible Study Attendance

July 30—147

August 6—164

August 13—164

August 20—168

August 27—158



September 2023 Calendar

Mon, Sept 4—Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Wed, Sept 6—Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)

Prayer First Meeting (7:00 pm)

ESL Classes begin (7:00 pm)

Thurs, Sept 7—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)

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

Operation Christmas Child Training (9:00 am)

Sun, Sept 10—Cathie Kalb's 1st Anniversary

Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)

Home Grown Small Groups meet today

Sun, Sept 10—Sun, Sept 17—Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer

Mon, Sept 11—Northlake Community Prayer Walk & Outreach Night (5:45 pm)

Wed, Sept 13—Senior Adult Lunch Outing (12:00 pm)

Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Land Sale Q&A/Discussion (7:00 pm)

Fri, Sept 15—Ladies Bible Study begins (9:30 am)

Sat, Sept 16—Community Pickleball Event (10:00 am)

Sun, Sept 17—Land Sale Vote

Men's & Ladies' Dinners (5:30 pm)

Wed, Sept 20—Lunch & a Movie Event (12:00 pm)

Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Thurs, Sept 21—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)

Happy Anniversary!

This month, we celebrate Cathie Kalb's 1st anniversary as Ministry Assistant/Prayer Room Coordinator. Thank you, Cathie, for all you do for Northlake!

Prayer First

Wed, Sept 6, 7 pm, Seminar Room

Join us as we kick-start our monthly prayer meetings after the summer break. Starting this month, our monthly prayer times will be on the first Wednesday night of each month at 7 pm in the Seminar Room. We hope you will make prayer a priority by joining us!

L.M.N.O Tree

Help the Northlake Ladies Minister to the Needs of Others by restocking the Food Pantry! This month, we invite you to take one or more green leaves from the tree near the library, purchase the items on the leaf, return the items, and place a fall leaf on the tree.

Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies, join us on Fridays from 9:30-11:00 am in the Seminar Room as we read through Nehemiah and share what God is teaching us. Class runs from Fri, Sept 15—Fri, Oct 20. Childcare is available by reservation only. Please register for the class on Realm or by contacting the church office.

Operation Christmas Child Training

Sat, Sept 10, 9:30—11:30 am, Seminar Room

This year, Northlake will serve as a central drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to learn more about serving in this ministry, please sign up on Realm or contact the church office to reserve your spot at this informational meeting.

Northlake Connects

Week of Sept 3—Reach Your One—With whom will you share Jesus?

Sun, Sept 10—Home Grown Groups

Sun, Sept 17—Men's & Ladies' Dinners (5:00 pm)

Sat, Sept 24—Sabbath Rest

Weaver Volunteers

Northlake has partnered with Weaver Elementary School to support our community. We are recruiting volunteers who can either serve an hour per week at Weaver or can help with school-wide events as the need arises. Contact the church office if you are interested in learning more. Volunteers must be approved through the garlandisd.net website.

Movie Fellowship

Wed, Sept 20, 12:00 pm, Room E-115

Everyone is invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us to watch *A Man Called Otto*, starring Tom Hanks. When a lively young family moves in next door, grumpy widower Otto Anderson meets his match in a quick-witted, pregnant woman named Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down.

Adult Choir

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

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

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.