



**November  
2023  
Newsletter**

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## **Operation Christmas Child**

You can sponsor boxes with a donation of \$30 per box (includes box, contents, and shipping). You may give toward this effort at the Mission Table or online through Realm with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line. You are also welcome to prepare your own boxes and donate them. Our goal is 150 boxes. Check the progress toward our goal on the poster near the library!

## **Shoebox Packing Party/Pizza Lunch**

*Sun, Nov 12, noon, Multi-Purpose Center*

Join us for our church-wide packing party to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There is no charge for the lunch, but we kindly ask for a \$5 donation per person if you are able. Please register on Realm, on your Connection Card, or at the Missions Table so that we have an accurate headcount from which to order food.

## **OCC Drop-Off Ministry**

*Nov 13—20, various times*

Northlake is serving as a central drop-off location for our area. We will need volunteers to help us receive shoeboxes and load them onto a truck.

Sign up for a time slot to help at the Missions Table. Learn more about how you can volunteer at the Packing Party on Nov 12.

## **Parent's Night Out**

*Sat, Nov 11, 5-9 pm, Multi-Purpose Center*

We have the opportunity to connect with families in our community and we need your help! Weaver Elementary students have been invited to come to Northlake for a Parent's Night Out. We will have pizza, games, activities, a Gospel presentation, & a movie. This will be a great chance to spread the Good News to children and to meet their parents. All activities are planned; we just need folks willing to come help make it happen. Please sign up on the "Volunteers for PNO" Registration Event on Realm or contact the church office to volunteer.

## **Thanksgiving Banquet**

*Sun, Nov 19, 6 pm, Multi-Purpose Center*

We hope you can join us for our annual Thanksgiving Banquet. Sign up begins on Sun, Oct 29. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. At the catered meal, you will learn of opportunities to help with this year's Christmas Shop ministry.

## **Deck the Gathering Hall**

*Tues, Nov 28, 6 pm*

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas! Please sign up on your Connection Card if you can spare an hour or so to help out. No experience needed!



♪ Oh, it's the most wonderful time of the year! ♪ No, I'm not talking (or singing) about Santa; I was describing my love affair with FALL—when leaves change, temperatures fall, and I pull out some of those long-sleeve shirts. It's not a stretch to say that this is my favorite time of the year (well, except for raking all those leaves). There are so many activities at Northlake to embrace as the seasons shift and November arrives: Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, our annual Thanksgiving meal, decorating the church for Christmas, and (new this year) A Parent's Night-Out Event for Weaver families. **Please** pay attention to your GOLDSHEET, mark your calendars (or put it on your phone), and join us for these fellowship and community-oriented events. Fall makes me think of FAMILY—both biologically and spiritually. Tracy and I are thankful to call you our family, and we so enjoy the times of ministry we've shared. Indeed, it's ♪ the most wonderful time of the year! ♪

As you may have noticed, we've been talking a lot about CONNECTING with COMMUNITY—giving you opportunities to build bridges of relationship with our neighbors. Some of you helped us in mid-September by knocking on doors and handing out flyers—inviting folks to a Pickle-Ball event. **But that was just the FIRST of what will become SEVERAL outreach efforts!** The next is **Sunday afternoon, December 10**, when we'll invite people to join our GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING CONTEST that Saturday (December 16). Each time we go out, we need a large group of volunteers to walk streets, visit homes and look for "people of peace" with whom to connect. We will fulfill God's vision for Northlake only by engaging and embracing our community—one house, one family, one person at a time! My prayer is that we have a team (2 or more people) who will "adopt" every street around the church that they visit repeatedly—both with scheduled Northlake outreach events and personal follow up efforts. **Will you COMMIT to CONNECT?**

Please continue to pray for those who have been (or may be) asked to serve our members as part of NORTHLAKE'S DEACON MINISTRY. You were given opportunity to nominate individuals in September; now, we're moving forward by asking some of those (who are biblically qualified) to pray about this ministry role. Such men who meet the guidelines of 1 Timothy 3—and are willing to be considered for this SERVANT role—will then be interviewed by our current deacons, presented to the church, and eventually affirmed with a service of commitment. Pray with me for the Father to raise up godly men who—along with their wives, if married—are both CALLED and GIFTED for this ministry to our members here at Northlake!

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

Bro. John

## Recent Giving

Oct 1—\$14,647.02

Oct 8—\$14,330.65

Oct 15—\$13,499.10

Oct 22—\$8,415.10

**Weekly Need: \$14,151.00**

## Recent Bible Study Attendance

Oct 1—128

Oct 8—151

Oct 15—165

Oct 22—156





# November 2023 Calendar

**Wed, Nov 1—Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)**

**Prayer First Prayer Time (7:00 pm)**

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

**Fri, Nov 3—Sun, Nov 5—Fall Fastbreak Student Retreat**

**Sun, Nov 5—David Clark's Anniversary**

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

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

**Senior Adult Monthly Lunch Outing (noon)**

**Parents' Night Out for Weaver Elementary Parents (5:00 pm)**

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

**Operation Christmas Child Box Packing & Pizza Lunch (noon)**

**Wed, Nov 15—Lunch & a Movie Event (noon)**

**ESL Thanksgiving Banquet**

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

**Sun, Nov 19—Thanksgiving Banquet (6:00 pm)**

**Wed, Nov 22—no Wednesday night activities**

**Thurs, Nov 23—Fri, Nov 24—Church Office Closed**

**Tues, Nov 28—Deck the Gathering Hall Night (6:00 pm)**

## Happy Anniversary!

**This month, we celebrate David Clark's 11th anniversary as Director of Missions. Thank you, David, for all you do for Northlake!**

## Senior Adult Activities

### Saturday Lunch Outing

Sat, Nov 11, 12:00 pm

We will be eating at Meteor Hamburgers in Wylie. If you want to ride the church bus, meet at the church by 11:30 am.

### Lunch & a Movie

Wed, Nov 15, 12:00 pm, Room E-115

Everyone is invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us to watch *Sarah's Choice*, a film celebrating the gift of life.

## Pickleball

Anyone who is interested in playing pickleball is invited to join us in the Multi-Purpose Center from 6—8 pm each Tuesday.

## Prayer First

Wed, Nov 1, 7 pm, Seminar Room

We meet each month on the first Wednesday of the month to pray for our church, our community, and our world. We hope you will make prayer a priority by joining us!

## Fall Fastbreak

Fri, Nov 3—Sun, Nov 5

Mt. Lebanon Camp, Cedar Hill

All 6th—12th graders are invited to join us for our annual fall retreat. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign up on Realm.

## Time Change Sunday

Time Change Sunday is Nov 5.

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on Sat, Nov 4.

## Thank You Note from Deanna

Dear Northlake Family: To say thank you for all you've done for us over the last many months of Roy's illness and subsequent passing is too small, but I do thank you! For all the prayers, visits, phone calls and texts, cards, encouraging words, expressions of sympathy, flowers—the list fills my grateful heart. This has been and continues to be the darkest time of my life, but with God's help and your support and prayers, hopefully, I'll make it. Thank you!

Deanna Almond and Family



**Give thanks to  
the LORD,  
for he is good.  
*His love endures  
forever.***

**Give thanks to the  
God of gods.  
*His love endures forever.***

**Give thanks to the  
Lord of lords:  
*His love endures forever.***

**Give thanks to the  
God of heaven.  
*His love endures forever.***

**Psalm 136:1-3, 26**