

# April 2024 Newsletter



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## Men's Cornhole Tournament

*Sun, April 7, 6 pm, Multi-Purpose Center*  
Men, join us for a night of cornhole (bean bag toss). A delicious BBQ dinner will be served (\$5/person). Please register on Realm or contact the church office to register.

## Quarterly Business Meeting/Ice Cream Social

*Sun, April 21, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall*  
Bring your favorite ice cream to share (homemade or store bought). The church will provide toppings and drinks.

## Baskets for Firefighters

We invite all Sunday School classes to help us extend our gratitude to the Garland & Sachse Fire Departments. We are asking each class fill 1-2 baskets up with snacks or small gift items! Classes will deliver the baskets at our outreach event on Sun, April 21.

## Prayer First

*Wed, April 3, 7:00 pm, Seminar Room*  
We meet each month on the first Wednesday night of the month to pray for our church, our community, and our world. Make prayer a priority by joining us!

## Parent's Night Out for Weaver Families

*Sat, April 20, 5 pm, Multi-Purpose Center*  
We have an excellent opportunity to connect with families in our community! Weaver Elementary students are being invited to come to Northlake for a Parent's Night Out. We will have pizza, games, activities, and a Gospel presentation. 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 volunteers help make it happen. Please sign up on the "Volunteers for PNO" Registration Event on Realm or contact the church office to volunteer.



With Easter now behind us, it's time to "march" forward into April—a month of new growth in nature and new opportunities for spiritual growth. *On the other side of Easter, how will YOU live as a child of the resurrection?* Will you dig deeper into His Word in personal study (consider joining our BIBLE RECAP group)? Will you commit to sharing your faith more intentionally by focusing on your ONE? Will you embrace more consistent giving to help us meet—and exceed—our new budget, investing in ministry to expand His Kingdom? Is there a specific area of personal ministry where you can help us fulfill our mission? May we never forget that the church isn't about buildings, budgets, programs or staff positions...but PEOPLE. It's only as we each make the great INVESTMENT in the great COMMISSION through the great COMMANDMENT that we can become church God desires. *So, are you fully committed to stand together with other members to Tell His Story, Build His Body and Seek His Glory?*

This month, we continue our commitment to NORTHLAKE CONNECTS—being more intentional in **personal evangelism** (Reach Your One), **strengthening relationships** (HomeGrown), **engaging church fellowship** and **pursuing purposeful rest** (Practicing Sabbath). Perhaps the least understood part of that four-part emphasis is "Reaching Your One," which we set aside the first week of each month to engage. The undeniable reality of our post-Christian society is a growing disengagement from organized faith; *about 30% of Americans now identify as NONE (no particular religious affiliation)*. Very few unbelievers simply show up on their own; we must take the initiative to connect, start conversations, pursue relationships and share Jesus. The only way we will grow is for individual members to step UP and reach OUT—looking for those outside your Christian circle with whom to cultivate friendship. It may be a neighbor, co-worker, fellow student or someone on your assigned street in Northlake's ongoing Community Connection effort. The point is it begins with YOU: Pray for God open your eyes to that person in whom you should invest—a not-yet-believer that needs to know Christ...*who may be drawn to faith by your love*. The answer to empty seats is engaged saints who take the Great Commission seriously and personally. *Are you being obedient to SEEK and REACH your "one"?*

Please join me in praying for our STUDENT MINISTER SEARCH TEAM as they seek God's will for the future of our Student Ministry. We've posted the position and begun calling for resumes; our next step is to evaluate individual candidates to find the next person for this critical role. The process can't be rushed, but it must be prioritized as we strive to strengthen and expand this ministry area at Northlake. *Lift up the team who stands in the gap to hear God's voice!*

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

*Bro. John*

## Recent Giving

March 3—\$18,669.56

March 10—\$15,256.83

March 17—\$10,871.35

March 24—\$10,389.75

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

## Recent Bible Study Attendance

March 3—134

March 10—148

March 17—157

March 24—134

# April 2024 Calendar

Wed, April 3—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)

Prayer First Prayer Time

Thurs, April 4—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)

Ladies Bag-Stuffing Event for Weaver Teachers (7:00 pm)

Sun, April 7—Men's Cornhole Fellowship (6:00 pm)

Mon, April 8—Fri, April 12—Northlake Loves Weaver Week

Wed, April 10—Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Sat, April 13—Senior Adult Potluck Lunch & Game Day (12:00 pm)

Sun, April 14—Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)

Home Grown Small Groups

Wed, April 17—Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Thurs, April 18—Senior Adult Trip to Mt Lebanon (10:00 am)

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)

Fri, April 20—Parents' Night Out for Weaver Families (5:00 pm)

Sun, April 21—Guest/New Member Lunch (12:00 pm)

Quarterly Business Meeting (6:00 pm)

Sunday School Classes Distribute Fire Fighter Baskets

Fri, April 26—Senior Adult Trip to DBU Hymn Sing (12:30 pm)

**Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."**

**Matthew 9:37-38**

## Northlake Connects

Week of April 7—Reach Your One  
April 14—Home Grown Small Groups  
April 21—Ice Cream Social  
April 28—Sabbath Rest

Sign up for a Home Grown group in  
the Gathering Hall.

## Guest/New Member Lunch

*Sun, April 21, 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.  
There is no cost to you, but we do need  
a headcount by April 17 to order food.  
RSVP on your Connection Card or on  
Realm or call the Church Office if you  
plan to attend.

## Northlake Loves Weaver Week

*Week of April 8-12*

You can help us show appreciation to  
Weaver Elementary School staff in 2 ways:

Blank notecards are available at the  
Missions Table in the Gathering Hall.

Take one or more, write notes of  
appreciation, and return the cards  
to the Missions Table by Wed, April 3.

Also, ladies are invited to join us on Thurs,  
April 4 from 7-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be filling bags with candy for  
Weaver Elementary staff & teachers.

## Monthly Meetings

Wed, 4/3—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)  
Wed, 4/10—Finance Committee (6:00 pm)  
Sun, 4/14—Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)  
Wed, 4/17—Missions Committee (6:00 pm)

## Senior Adult Activities

*Sat, April 13, 12-3 pm, Fellowship Hall*  
Potluck Lunch & Game Day

*Thurs, April 18, 10-3 pm*

Trip to Mt. Lebanon for Lunch and SpokenFor  
in concert. Cost is \$15 per person. Meet at  
the church at 10 am to ride the bus.

*Friday, April 26, 12:30-4:30 pm*

Trip to DBU for Annual Hymn Sing No cost.  
Meet at the church at 12:30 to ride the bus.

## Pickleball

*Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, Multi-Purpose Center*

Anyone interested in playing Pickleball  
is invited to join us on Tuesday nights.

No experience necessary. Bring your  
equipment if you have it; if not, we  
have some you can borrow.

## The Bible Recap

The Bible Recap is a year-long Bible reading  
plan. Many people in our church are walking  
through God's Word together. It's not too  
late to join! You can pick up where we are.  
Contact Sarah to find out more information.

Optional discussion groups are offered on  
Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Prayer Room OR  
Fridays at 6:30 am in the Prayer Room.