



March 2024 Newsletter

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Celebrate the Resurrection!

Sun, March 24—Choir presents *My King Is Known By Love* (10:45 am)

Fri, March 29—Good Friday Service (7 pm)

Sun, March 31—Resurrection Sunday!

Join us at 9:30 in the Multi-Purpose Center for an Easter morning shared potluck brunch (brunch foods needed!). Then join us for our celebration service, followed by an Easter egg hunt for children.

Variety Show & Pizza Dinner

Sun, March 17, Dinner at 5, Show at 6

A pizza dinner will be served at 5 pm in the MPC, followed by the variety show in the Worship Center at 6 pm. There is no cost to attend (donations are accepted), but you must register on Realm, sign up on your Connection Card, or contact the church office so that we have an accurate headcount. Also, we need entertainment! Can you make us smile? If so, please sign up to perform at the Missions Table or contact David Clark.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Each year, we receive offerings around the Easter season for North American Missions. Our goal this year is \$3,200. The week of prayer is March 3-10.

Home Grown Groups

Sun, March 10

We will start season 2 of *The Chosen* in our home groups. It's not too late to join a group—you can sign up in the Gathering Hall.

Neighborhood Outreach

Wed, March 27 at 6:30 pm

Please join us as we go out into the streets around the church to invite our neighbors to join us for Easter Brunch, Service, and Egg Hunt. The church will provide a flyer about our Easter events. We just need the volunteers to distribute them! Help us love our neighbors well.



Spring has (almost) sprung...although March has a tendency to throw one last freeze our way. Yet, we know warmer—and longer—days are coming, bringing hope of new growth and rebirth. As we move into March, we’re also seeing “growth” in the next phase of our **Student Ministry**. In late February, the Personnel Committee made the unanimous decision to hire **Katie Cave** as our *Interim Minister of Students*—bringing a wealth of experience, training and biblical wisdom to the role (she just finished her Masters from Dallas Theological Seminary). Also, we voted to appoint a STUDENT MINISTER SEARCH TEAM to begin the task of seeking the person God will bring to that permanent role. There’s no way for us to know how long it may take, but please join me in praying for this team (and Katie) as they invest in this critical area of our ministry. **May He do greater things for our good and His glory!**

This month also launches the 2024 edition of **NORTHLAKE CONNECTS**—striving to be more intentional in **personal evangelism** (Reach Your One), **group relationships** (HomeGrown), **church fellowships** and **purposeful rest** (Practicing Sabbath). On the subject of *Reaching Your One*, let me address the outreach we’re doing to meet our neighbors. We’ve always had multiple local ministries (ESL, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Weaver Volunteers, etc.), but last year we began connecting more proactively. We sent out teams with street assignments, **going door-to-door to meet those around us**...people from whom we’ve largely become disconnected. Usually, we’ve given a flyer inviting them to an activity at Northlake...*but our primary goal is making connections, planting seeds for future relationships*. Now, many aren’t interested, they may not speak English or they don’t even answer the door. But it has never been about reaching EVERYONE; it’s about connecting with SOMEONE—finding a “person of peace,” willing to listen. And, it’s a LONG-TERM EFFORT—measured in months and years, not weeks. I implore you, as your pastor, leader and example: **Join this COMMUNITY CONNECTION EFFORT!** Many streets, many doors and many souls await, so we need willing walkers to get it done. Our next outreach event is Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 pm. **So, talk with me and take a street!**

Finally, just a reminder that March is the month when we present our **Proposed Budget** for the next fiscal year (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025). On Sunday morning, March 10, we approach this in a **different** way than I’ve done it before—giving a “big-picture” view of what we feel God is calling us to accomplish, complete with personal testimonies from faithful givers. We’ll also send out PLANNED-GIVING CARDS to enlist your commitment toward our goal. You’ll be able to ask questions between March 10 and March 24 when we vote to adopt this new budget.

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

Bro. John

Recent Giving

Feb 4—\$20,269.26

Feb 11—\$6,174.96

Feb 18—\$15,077.20

Feb 25—\$16,511.74

Weekly Need: \$14,151.00

Recent Bible Study Attendance

Feb 4—142

Feb 11—113

Feb 18—139

Feb 25—149



March 2024 Calendar

Fri, March 1—Sun, March 3—Ladies Retreat

Sun, March 3—Sun, March 10—Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Week of Prayer

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

Prayer First Prayer Time (7:00 pm)

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

Sat, March 9—Wedding Shower (Braden Jones/Jayme Davis) (12:00 pm)

Senior Adult Monthly Outing (12:00 pm)

Sun, March 10—Time Change Sunday

Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)

Budget Presentation (10:45 am)

Choir Rehearsal (12:00 pm)

Home Grown Small Groups (5:00 pm)

Wed, March 13—Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Sun, March 17—Planned Giving Cards Received (10:45 am)

Variety Show & Pizza Dinner (5:00 pm)

Wed, March 20—Budget Q&A (6:00 pm)

Missions Committee (6:00 pm)

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

Sat, March 23—Choir Rehearsal (9:00 am)

Sun, March 24—Budget Vote (10:45 am)

Northlake Choir Presentation (10:45 am)

Wed, March 27—Neighborhood Outreach (6:30 pm)

Fri, March 29—Good Friday Service (7:00 pm)

Sun, March 31—Easter Brunch, Service & Egg Hunt

Proposed 2024-25 Budget

Proposed Budget Presentation
Sun, March 10, 10:45 am, Worship Center

Planned Giving Cards Received
Sun, March 17 during Worship Service

Proposed Budget Q&A Session
Wed, March 20, 6:30 pm, Seminar Room

Budget Vote
Sun, March 24 during Worship Service

Northlake Connects

This month, we will resume our Northlake Connects emphasis.

Week of March 3-9—Reach Your One
March 10—Home Grown Small Groups
March 17—Variety Show
March 24/31—Sabbath Rest

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

Wedding Shower

*Sat, March 9 at 12 pm at the Wyatts' house
(10717 Nantucket Dr, Rowlett)*

You are invited to a co-ed wedding shower for Braden Jones (son of Jason & Cindy Jones) and Jayme Davis. Their registry is available on [theknot.com/jones24](https://www.theknot.com/jones24).

Time Change Sunday

Sun, March 10

Don't forget to "Spring Forward!"

Senior Adult Lunch Outing

Sat, March 9, 12 pm

Villa Vinci, 117 N. Ballard Ave, Wylie
If you want to ride the bus, please meet at the church at 11:30 am.

Prayer First

Wed, March 6, 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!

2024 Flower Calendar

Sign up on the church office doors to provide altar flowers for the Sunday of your choice in honor or in memory of a loved one. Arrangements are \$40 each (payable in advance).

Monthly Meetings

Wed, 3/6—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)
Sun, 3/10—Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)
Wed, 3/13—Finance Committee (6:00 pm)
Wed, 3/20—Missions Committee (6:00 pm)

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.