



May 2024 Newsletter

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Prayer Walk and Neighborhood Outreach

Wed, May 1, 7:00 pm, Meet at Welcome Desk

Join us as we invite our neighbors to attend VBS/Middle School Madness (June 3-7). We will canvas the neighborhood to hand out flyers and make connections with our neighbors. Meet at the Welcome Desk at 7 pm (or earlier if you can make it) to pick up a stack of flyers and a map.

Gladys Moore Offering

This month, we will be receiving gifts for missions in Dallas & Rockwall counties.

Our church goal is \$1,500, and the Week of Prayer is May 5-12.

Blood Drive

Wed, May 22, 2—7 pm, Front Parking Lot

Northlake is hosting a Carter Care Blood Drive. The link to the online sign up sheet to give blood is on our website.

Police Appreciation

On Tues, May 21, Northlake & Dos Banderas will co-host a police appreciation lunch for all GPD officers. You are invited fill out a Thank You card (available at the Missions Desk). The first 30 people to write on a card at the Missions Table will receive a gift! You are also welcome to attend the lunch to say thank you to officers in person!

All-Church Work Fellowship

Sun, May 19, 5 pm

Join us to do a little spring cleaning around the church followed by a pizza dinner. We will also have a group preparing VBS materials. Please sign up on Realm or your Connection Card or call the Church Office if you plan to attend.

Mother's Day

Sun, May 12

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Northlake mothers!



What a season of change we're experiencing at Northlake! For so long, we avoided what other churches often face—staff transitions. *Now, it seems we're catching up!* Yes, we GRIEVE Sarah's departure (so soon after Andrew), ***yet we REJOICE that God is doing something new!*** We're not yet sure what that means or who He may bring, but nothing catches God by surprise. He will always "*work all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes*" (Romans 8:28). We've already seen evidence of His work: Not only did He bring a great Interim Student Minister in KATIE CAVE, but He opened the door for both an Interim Kid's Ministry Director (KELLY CHRONISTER) and Interim Music Ministry team (DAVID & SHERYL RICKERSON), all of whom will begin service this month. So let's give Him thanks even as we seek what comes next. ***He has shown Himself continually faithful!***

As some of you may know, our daughter Melody is expecting a baby to be born in July. While this was a surprise to us, we obviously love and support her—*not to mention relishing the arrival of our first grandchild!* We covet your prayers as she and her boyfriend (Jeremiah) move towards marriage and building their family together. Some of our members are hosting a baby shower for them (announced in Sunday's GoldSheet), for which we're humbled and grateful. Thank you for the love you've shown to Melody over the years of her childhood; this church has been such a blessing to our family. We arrived at Northlake in 2007 with a strong-willed, blonde-headed preschooler...*who will soon have one of her own!* Yes, the gift of life is undeniable, and we give Him praise for this precious child soon to change our family forever.

Please continue to pray for our STUDENT MINISTER SEARCH TEAM as they seek God's will for future leadership. Resumes have begun to arrive, and we're working with the DBA to help us evaluate what/who we should be seeking in light of our community and cultural changes. 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!*

Finally, remember to be ***intentional*** and ***obedient*** in connecting with not-yet-believers in our community, your neighborhood or other parts of your sphere of influence. As a believer, it's your responsibility to take the initiative by going to them (re-read the Great Commission), rather than expecting them to come to us. "Reach Your One" isn't an assignment reserved for a small percentage of our congregation; it's an expectation laid at the feet of every follower of Christ. ***So, who are YOU investing in beyond the walls of our church and your Bible study class?***

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

Bro. John

Recent Giving

March 31—\$18,459.58

April 7—\$13,999.56

April 14—\$12,918.87

April 21—\$10,347.60

April 28—\$10,795.72

Weekly Need: \$14,151.00

Recent Bible Study Attendance

April 7—135

April 14—153

April 21—129

April 28—115



May 2024 Calendar

Wed, May 1—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)

Prayer First Neighborhood Outreach (7:00 pm)

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

Sun, May 5—Sat, May 11—Week of Prayer

Sun, May 5—Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)

Guest/New Member Lunch (12:00 pm)

Home Grown Small Groups

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

Sun, May 12—Mother's Day

Wed, May 15—Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

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

Sat, May 18—Baby Shower for Melody Carl/Jeremiah Peña (2:00 pm)

Sun, May 19—VBS Volunteer Meeting (4:00 pm)

All-Church Work Fellowship (5:00 pm)

Tues, May 21—Police Appreciation Lunch

Wed, May 22—Carter Care Blood Drive (2:00 pm)

ESL End-of-Year Celebration (6:30 pm)

Mon, May 27—Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Northlake Connects

May 5—Home Grown Small Groups
Week of May 12—Reach Your One
May 19—All-Church Work Fellowship
May 26—Sabbath Rest

Prayer Emphasis

Northlake is joining with several local churches to commit to a week of intentional prayer. Our church has been assigned the week of May 5-11. On May 5, we will have a sign up sheet for you to sign up to pray an hour a day for a week. A prayer guide is available to help guide you as you pray.

Guest/New Member Lunch

Sun, May 5, 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 29 to order food.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday is coming up on Sun, June 2. We will recognize our high school & college grads. If you know of a college graduate with ties to Northlake, please contact the Church Office with their name, degree, and college so that we can recognize them on that date.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Sun, May 19, 4 pm, Seminar Room

If you have already volunteered to help in VBS or are interested in helping, please attend this volunteer meeting. Afterward, stay and help prepare VBS materials during our All-Church Work Fellowship.

Baby Shower

*Sat, May 18 at 2 pm at the Chronisters' home
(4804 Aldridge Dr, Sachse)*

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Melody Carl and Jeremiah Peña and their Baby Boy! They are registered at babylist.com.

Summer Mission Trip

This summer's mission trip is to Texarkana Sat, July 27—Thurs, Aug 6. There will be an informational meeting on Sun, June 2 in the Seminar Room immediately following the service.

Monthly Meetings

Wed, 5/1—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)
Sun, 5/5—Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)
Wed, 5/8—Finance Committee (6:00 pm)
Wed, 5/15—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. An optional discussion group is offered on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Prayer Room.

Memorial Day

Mon, May 27

The Church Office will be closed on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.