April 2025 Newsletter

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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 April 6-13.

Celebrating the Resurrection

Sun, April 13, 10:45 am Northlake Choir presents *Journey to Jesus,* a dramatized Easter musical. Please invite your friends!

Sun, April 20—Resurrection Sunday Join us as we celebrate the resurrection together. Who will you invite to be your guest?

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sun, April 27, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall Bring your own dinner ("brown bag" it!), and join us for fellowship and a brief business meeting.

Parenting and Communication Seminar

Sun, April 6, 4-5:30 pm, Seminar Room Northlake will be hosting a free Parenting & Communication Seminar led by Bro. Bob & Ellen. Please register on Realm or contact the Church Office if you plan to attend. You can help us by praying for this event and by inviting others to attend. Who can you invite?

Children's Easter Event

Sun, April 6, 4-5:30 pm During the Parenting & Communication Seminar, 3-year- olds—5th graders are invited to a Joy-filled, Easter Egg-stravaganza with activities, snacks, crafts, & the true meaning of Easter! Sign up on Realm with the Parenting Seminar. No cost.

VBS Volunteer Training

Sun, April 27, 5-6 pm, Seminar Room All VBS Volunteers are asked to attend this training meeting to prepare for VBS (June 2-6).

Dear Church Family,

I think the most important holiday each year is Easter because it is about the Resurrection of Jesus. We have made plans in these next weeks to celebrate Jesus, our Risen Lord.

March 30	"Binding Up the Brokenhearted" – Isaiah 61
April 6	"Good News About Jesus" – Isaiah 52-53 - Lord's Supper 4:00-5:30 pm Parenting Seminar/Children's Easter Event
April 13	Easter Musical Drama – Journey to Jesus The program will present how the Risen Lord transforms lives.
April 20	EASTER SUNDAY - "He Will Swallow Up Death Forever" – Isaiah 25
April 27	"Faith: Living Out the Reality of God" – Hebrews 11:1-3 Special Guest - Dr. Travis Dickinson, Professor, Christian Apologist

Here is some information about Dr. Dickinson from his website (www.travisdickinson.com): "I'm convinced that pursuing truth and thinking well can be an act of worship as we love God with our minds. I am currently the Professor of Philosophy at Dallas Baptist University where I teach all things philosophical. My scholarly research interests center on epistemology and philosophy of religion (and all related areas!). I'm the author of *Wandering Toward God: Finding Faith amid Doubts and Big Questions, Logic and the Way of Jesus,* and *Everyday Apologetics,* and the coauthor of *Stand Firm: Apologetics and the Brilliance of the Gospel.* I'm also a regularly contributing writer for the *Christian Research Journal* and get the privilege to regularly speak at churches and conferences. I once had some hobbies but now I spend most of my time exploring the good life with my wife and four children." - Dr. Travis Dickinson

Daily Devotions for Passion Week

Our Interim Youth Minister, Preston Cave, has prepared some daily devotions for the Passion Week. These devotions will be available digitally (Realm, emails) or in print.

Would you join me in doing these things during this Easter month? Thank you for participating.

- Pray daily for God to use these events for His Glory.
- Be in attendance each Sunday.
- Invite others to come. We have Yard Signs and flyers that you can use to invite others.
- Participate in the Passion Week devotions and use this time for spiritual renewal.

In Christ, Bro, Bob

> Recent Giving March 2—\$15,703.12 March 9—\$13,818.30 March 16—\$14,371.23 March 23—\$7,577.27 Weekly Need: \$14,992.00

Recent Bible Study Attendance March 2—140 March 9—126 March 16—132 March 23—130

April 2025 Calendar

- Wed, April 2—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Thurs, April 3—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)
- Sun, April 6—Sun, April 13—Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- Sun, April 6—Baby Shower for Queenie Thompson & Dean Hamilton (12:30 pm) Parenting & Communication Seminar (4:00 pm) Children's Easter Event (4:00 pm)
- Mon, April 7—Fri, April 11—Northlake Loves Weaver Week
- Wed, April 9—Senior Adult Lunch & Game Day (11:00 am) Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Sat, April 12—Choir Rehearsal (9:00 am)
- Sun, April 13—Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am) Northlake Choir Easter Presentation (10:45 am) Home Grown Home Groups
- Wed, April 16—Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Thurs, April 17—Food Pantry/Clothes Closet (1:00 pm)
- Sun, April 20—Resurrection Sunday
- Sun, April 27—Russell McKenzie's 23rd Anniversary VBS Training (5:00 pm) Quarterly Business Meeting (6:00 pm)

Northlake Loves Weaver

April 7-11

Each year, we show love and share encouragement with teachers & Staff members at Weaver Elementary School.
This year, on one of the days during Northlake Loves Weaver Week, we will give every staff member a hand-written card thanking them for all their hard work.
Adult Sunday School classes will write in cards on March 30. If you cannot participate that day but would like to write in a card, please contact the church office.

Home Grown

Sun, April 13 Home Grown groups are small groups who meet once monthly to watch an episode of *The Chosen*. If you are not already in a group but would like to join one, please contact the Church Office.

Happy Anniversary!

This month, we celebrate Russell McKenzie's 23rd anniversary as Maintenance Director. Thank you, Russell, for all you do for Northlake!

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Senior Adult Lunch

Wed, April 9, 11 am, Room E-115 Join us for a brown bag lunch and games! Bring your own lunch. Anyone is welcome to join in!

Baby Shower

Sun, April 6, 12:30 pm, Multi-Purpose Center You are invited to join us for a baby shower honoring Queenie Thompson & Dean Hamilton and Baby Girl. Light refreshments will be served.

Monthly Meetings

Wed, 4/2—Deacons Meeting (6 pm) Wed, 4/9—Finance Committee (6 pm) Sun, 4/13—Adult Director's Meeting (9 am) Wed, 4/16—Missions Committee (6 pm)

Pastor Search Committee

Please continue praying for our committee: David Clark, Tammy Disch, Craig Donham, Kevin Dunham, Karen González, Jason Jones, Dan McKenzie, & Caleb Miller.