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**NORTHWEST CHURCH**  
5320 Pleasant Ridge Rd.  
Knoxville, TN 37912

TRUMPETING THE GOOD NEWS

# THE TRUMPETER

## Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am  
Wednesday: 7 pm

## SEPTEMBER TOTALS:

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:  
SUNDAY - 91  
WEDNESDAY - 32  
YOUTH - 16

TOTAL TITHES & OFFERINGS:  
\$12,661.61  
TOTAL EXPENSES:  
\$11,815.95

Please join Northwest Church of God this month in wishing the following people a very

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

8th Joyce Costantino  
10th Martha Tallent  
13th Jennifer Graham



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### From the Editors:

We are very excited to get to introduce the new Children's Pastor's of Northwest Church of God. The editors sat down with Donald and Amanda Russell to get the scoop on what God is doing in our Children's Church, as well as some interesting things about the newest members of our church staff. You can read the interview on the back page of this month's newsletter.

⇒ Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, Sarah Cabezas



...and a good time was had by all!

After weeks of planning and never-ending meetings, the Fall Festival finally came together in a fun-filled night of food, games, and inflatables. The evening ended with a bonfire, s'mores, and trunk-or-treating. It was so much fun...for kids and adults. I can still see Arnold zipping down the inflatable slide! Pastor John got a strike or two as he bowled with a frozen turkey breast. And volunteers enjoyed a big pot of venison chili that Charles brought. The children loved the games, and the cake walk was a big success. Balloon darts, bean bag toss, and plinko brought lots of smiles.

So many people came together to make the event a success that all of our children could enjoy. Even more, there were so many new faces in the crowd who came to enjoy the festivities. We pray that they received a loving touch from our Father and that He blesses each who visited.

Many thanks to all who gave of their time, energy, and love to make the event a rousing success! Our Lord has truly smiled on us.

⇒ Gail Hipsher

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are planning a great celebration!!

On Sunday, November 18th, following our morning service, Northwest Church will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The ham and turkey will be provided by the Young at Heart Life Group. Please bring your favorite sides - dressing, potatoes, and don't forget that famous green bean casserole. Pecan, pumpkin, and apple pie is always a great way to round out the meal. Everyone is invited to bring your family, your in-laws, and even your outlaws to come together as we enjoy each other's company and this wonderful day for giving thanks.



# WATER BAPTISM SERVICE:

*Acts 8:12 "But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized."*

We are always excited to see members of our congregation make the decision to be water baptized. October saw five people take this step in their spiritual walk with Christ.

If you are interested in being water baptized, please speak with Pastor John Wilkinson.

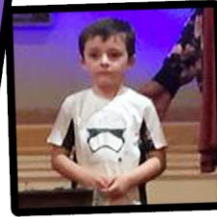
*Kevin Wilkinson*



*Diana Lowery*



*Kaylee Wilkinson*



*Lofton Jones*



*Jake Cabezas*



## NURSING HOME MINISTRY

A lot of exciting things are happening in the Warrior Student Ministries. Our class on Wednesday nights has been awesome. We are seeing God move in a mighty way. We have seen God save, deliver, and baptize young people with the Holy Ghost and fire. Please, if you have a child that is currently not attending, work with us to get them involved.

We have some exciting upcoming events:

The Warrior Youth Bon Fire will be Saturday, November 10, at Pastor Scott's house! We will leave the church at 3 pm if you need a ride.

Warrior Youth will be leading the main worship service on Sunday, November 18. Join us as we worship the Lord!

Our fall retreat, *Fire on the Mountain*, is coming up on December 7-9, 2018, so keep your eyes opened for more details to come and make sure your child is signed up to go.

⇒ Pastor Scott Daugherty

Warrior Youth Ministries meets on Wednesday nights during our regular midweek service, at 7 pm. Come join the fun in the gym before church begins. The gym is usually open around 5:30, but check on Facebook for any scheduling changes. For more information, please contact Pastor Scott or Cathy Daugherty.

Each month the Nursing Home Ministry gets together to visit local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We sing hymns with the residents and enjoy fellowship with those who are limited in their ability to be out and about.

This month we will be enjoying the company of the residents at *Serene Manor Medical Center* on November 20th at 11 am. If you are interested in joining this outreach ministry, please contact Gail Hipsher. We would love to have you join us.

⇒ Gail Hipsher



"Thank you for everything but the broccoli!"



## CONNECT & CAFFEINATE

*Join us for a cup of coffee and breakfast, Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Prayer Room.*

*See John Schober to volunteer to bring goodies!*

# Y@♥ YOUNG AT HEART

It's not too late to get your orders in for more Hot Tamales! Please see Frankie Hipsher or Gail Hipsher to give your order. We have *regular* or *hot*, each for \$15/doz.

This month's meeting will host special speaker Genny Sikes. She will be talking with our group about Humana and the changes in Medicare.

⇒ Gail Hipsher

## Give THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

1 Thessalonians 5:18

### ***Come be a part of our mid-week service!***

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm, for Bible Study. Charles Leger is currently leading us through a series titled *Stepping Towards Victory*, and we look forward to what we will learn next.

**Wednesday, November 7, at 6:30 pm**

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and Bible study. Bring finger foods - enough to feed your family.

## NORTHWEST MUSIC MINISTRY

Our *Worship Life Group* has been meeting once a month to enjoy food, fun, and most of all, fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. This time gives us an opportunity to get together outside of practice and build unity.

The choir welcomes anyone who would like to sing. Choir practice is Wednesday at 6 pm.

⇒ April Underwood

**LIFE GROUPS:** *What are Life Groups?* Life happens all around us, and it's important to keep our focus on Christ in everything we do. One way Northwest Church hopes to help you in this endeavor, through fellowship and encouragement, is with our Northwest Life Groups. We encourage everyone, young or old and everything in between, to join a Life Group this month! Check out our list of meetings below:

### **Ladies Bible Study:**

When: Every Thursday, 10 am

(\*Not meeting Thursday, November 22)

Where: Church, Prayer Room

Contact: Sarah Cabezas

### **Women's Ministry:**

When: Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm

Where: Church, Family Life Center

Guest Speaker: Brooke Maddox

\*Bring finger foods

Contact: Jatina Wilkinson

### **Nursing Home Ministry:**

When: Tuesday, November 20, 11 am

Where: Serene Manor,  
970 Wray St, Knoxville, TN 37917

Contact: Gail Hipsher

### **Music Ministry:**

When: Friday, November 16, 7 pm

Where: Home of Sarah Cabezas  
1725 Polkwright Lane

Knoxville, TN 37919

Contact: April Underwood



Christmas is coming, and Northwest Church of God is excited to present a Christmas Program this year.

*We need YOU!* If you are interested in singing or acting in our production, stay after church Sunday, November 4th, for our first meeting.

All ages are welcome!  
For more information,  
contact April Underwood.

God is doing so many new things in our church, and one of the recent changes has been the addition of Donald and Amanda Russell, and their family, to our church as our new Children's Church Pastors. The newsletter editing team thought it would be a great idea to hear from them about a few things, so here is the interview we conducted.

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**QUESTION:** Tell us a little bit about your family?

**Donald:** I'm originally from Texas, but I eventually ended up here in Knoxville.

**Amanda:** I'm from Florida. I was born and raised there. I moved to Kentucky when I was younger, and then I moved to Knoxville over ten years ago. We have three kids – Isaac, who is 11, Brian is 14, and Delaney is 5.

**QUESTION:** How long have you been in kid's ministry and how did you get started?

**Amanda:** Almost three years we've been in Kid's Ministry.

**Donald:** We started volunteering three years ago, and a little over two and a half years ago we went into it full time working under another children's church pastor and his wife. It's just something that I've been called to do for many years, just never knew what to do to get into it. Finally people started saying, "Here's what you've got to do; here's what it's about." I love it!

**QUESTION:** Do you have any big plans for the Kid's Church?

**Donald:** We've got some trips that we're trying to put together, one of them being Kid's Fest in May, where we'll take all the kids in this group and some chaperones, and stay in a cabin in Pigeon Forge for a weekend of service, fun, and bonding. These kids will be together for years, if not at school certainly at church, and to build those bonds early is really important. Also, next year we're looking at doing a Kid's Crusade. We've seen a lot of success in the past, so we're reaching out to try to bring some great ministers in for that.

**QUESTION:** Is there a character quality in particular that you hope others see in you?

**Amanda:** I'm a very giving person. If the kids have clothes they don't need anymore, I'm going to find someone to give them to. Every time I have done that, it has always come back to me.

**Donald:** I think mine would be that I've never met a face I couldn't make smile, whether they're 6 weeks old or 99 years old. I think that's one of my best God-given character qualities.

**QUESTION:** Do you have any off the wall hidden talents or abilities?

**Amanda:** I like to do character skits. It really grabs the kid's attention in a fun way. Sometimes these skits bring out real life moments, and it touches hearts.

**Donald:** I can do a front hand spring, but I'm not sure that's a hidden talent.

**Joyce:** I know you're very talented in construction.

**Donald:** Yeah, everywhere I've gone it's been used. A few years ago a young lady who was helping with the youth at our church came up to me and said, "I don't know what the stage is going to look like, but here's what I have in my head." I drew it out as she talked, and we built the entire stage and walls in one evening. She stood back and said, "It's exactly the picture I had in my head, and you put it here in front of us." If I've got a vision of something, I draw it and then I can make it into reality. It's a gift from God. I've wondered why God would give me that gift, but It has helped me everywhere I've been, and I know it will continue to here as well.

**QUESTION:** Anything else you want to add?

**Donald:** Get ready! I told Pastor John this last week, this church better get ready. My exact words were, "How much property do we own here?" I think we're getting set up for something big – moving the kids to this side, taking over the prayer room to make a pre-school room, adding another doorway and closing the hallway off to make a kid's wing. The safety and set-up of having a place for the kids will draw parents and families into this church. We don't know the big plans God has for us, but we know we'd better be ready.

**Amanda:** We just want to love on the kids and teach them the way of the Lord. Show them God's love as they grow up.

**Donald:** Children's Church isn't just about coming in and playing games and watching magic tricks. It's about raising these kids up to be disciples. These kids are going to leave here, and they can reach more people than we can, because they will go outside of these walls and share what they know out there. If they know the Word, they can share that with someone who may not hear it any other way, someone who may not come to church. These kids have the ability to plant that seed just like we do. We just want to raise up disciples and leaders. We want them to be prepared and equipped to step into leadership roles when they move on to youth and into life.