

December 2018
Edition #4



NORTHWEST CHURCH
5320 Pleasant Ridge Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37912

TRUMPETING THE GOOD NEWS

THE TRUMPETER

Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am
Wednesday: 7 pm

From the Editors:

As the year comes to a close we reflect on family and friends, and all God has done through this new endeavor. We are excited to see what comes in 2019! May God bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

➤ Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, Sarah Cabezas

OCTOBER TOTALS:

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAY - 90

KID'S CHURCH - 16

WEDNESDAY - 44

YOUTH - 17

TOTAL TITHES & OFFERINGS:

\$17,373.36

TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$13,358.15



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

8th Bethany Underwood

27th Orpha Beckwith

27th Emma Cabezas

29th Hannah Cabezas

With deep joy and gratitude, Jatina and I extend to you our best wishes to you and your family for a blessed Christmas. During this Season, it's our prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus.

➤ Pastor John Wilkinson

"Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display — so much tinsel and decorations. For it isn't the holly, it isn't the snow, it isn't the tree not the firelight's glow, it's the warmth that comes to the hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again." -Anonymous



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Northwest Kids Church
 Parent's Night Out
 Friday, December 14th, 6-9:30 pm
 \$15/child or \$30/family

To volunteer or for more information, contact
 Pastor Donald or Amanda Russell.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

This month the the Nursing Home Ministry will be caroling with the residents at *Serene Manor Medical Center* on December 15th at 2 pm. We invite you to join us.


We are still in need of socks, especially those with non-skid soles. Help us show Christ's love this Christmas Season!

⇒ Gail Hipsher

LADIES BIBLE STUDY


The *Ladies Bible Study Life Group* meets every Thursday morning at 10 am. Childcare is available. This month we will be having a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13th. We will not meet the last two Thursdays in December, but will return the first week in January for our regular Bible Study. We would love to have you join us as we study God's Word!

⇒ Sarah Cabezas



Help pay off our bus!

Total Owed: \$6,000	6,000
Paid to Date: \$5,166	5,000
	4,000
	3,000
	2,000
	1,000




Warrior Student Ministry is a place for our teens to grow in God, and we have been experiencing God moving in mighty ways. We're coming off our November Youth Sunday and it was an awesome move of God. Our youth recognized the Holy Spirit and allowed themselves to be used in ministering through song, drama, and prayer.

Our new Warrior Activities Team will be responsible for coming up with fundraisers and other events for this upcoming year. The team members are Lilly Stephenson, Emma Wilkinson, and Sierra Lestingi. We are expecting great things from them.

Our next scheduled event is the youth winter retreat, ***Fire on the Mountain***, December 7-9, 2019. We will be at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend. If you have a teen interested in going, please see Pastor Scott or Cathy.

We plan on having a busy year in 2019 starting with ***Winterjam, Shabbach, and Warriorfest***, just to name a few. It is a perfect time to get involved. If you have a teen that is not participating, please encourage them to join us!

⇒ Pastor Scott Daugherty

Warrior Student Ministry 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 our Facebook group for any scheduling changes. For more information, please contact Pastor Scott or Cathy Daugherty.

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 ***Out With the Old, In With the New***. We look forward to learning what God has next for us.



Our *Worship Life Group* this month will be meeting Monday, December 10, at 7 pm in the Family Life Center (FLC). Bring finger foods and a \$5-10 gift to participate in the gift exchange.

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

⇒ April Underwood



At this year's annual **Northwest Church Thanksgiving Celebration**, smiles were plentiful and plates were full.

"The food smells great!"

"I love having all my family here."

"Oh good grief! Why did I eat so much?"

These were just some of the comments heard at our annual Thanksgiving celebration. While the official count was 150 in our service, there were well over that number who came to enjoy the warmth of family, friends, and food afterward.

God was moving in our church during the service and His Spirit spread to our dinner too. We were blessed with enough food to serve everyone and even had enough to send home with those who wanted it. I don't think there was an empty tummy in the place. Thank you for all the yummy dishes of food that were brought in and for the volunteers who got everything ready for our meal.

We are so grateful that God takes care of His children. His blessings, too, are bountiful and we are so fortunate to be the recipients of His mercy and grace.

⇒ Gail Hipsher

THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT PLAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 2 2-4 pm	Sunday, December 9 2-4 pm	DRESS REHEARSAL Saturday, December 15 5-7 pm
All cast, singers, and musicians	All cast, singers, and musicians	All cast, singers, and musicians

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: Thursdays, 10 am

(*Not meeting December 20th or 27th)

Where: Church, Prayer Room

Contact: Sarah Cabezas

Women's Ministry:

When: Saturday, December 8, 9 am

Where: Shoney's, Emory Road, Knoxville

*White Elephant gift exchange

Contact: Jatina Wilkinson

Nursing Home Ministry:

When: Saturday, December 15, 2 pm

Where: Serene Manor Medical Center
970 Wray St, Knoxville

Contact: Gail Hipsher

Music Ministry:

When: Monday, December 10, 7 pm

Where: Church, Family Life Center (FLC)

Contact: April Underwood

Young at Heart:

When: Wednesday, December 12, 12:30 pm

Where: Austin's Steak & Homestyle Buffet
900 Merchants Dr., Knoxville

Contact: Gail Hipsher

We are excited to start a new series titled *Jesus Is...*

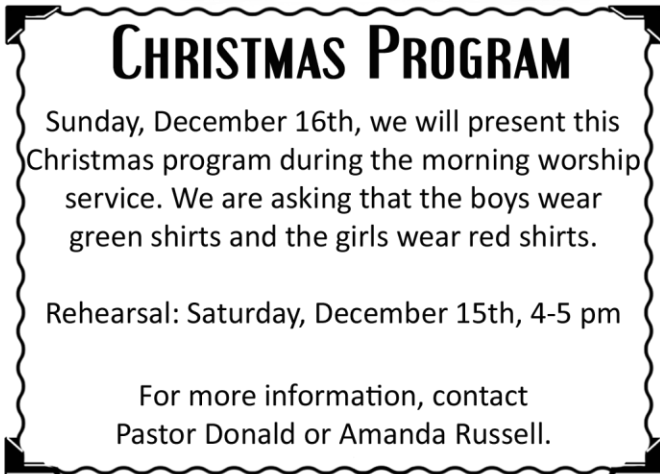
Christmas is a time that kids look forward to with great expectation. The presents, decorations, and all of the holiday fun brings out the kid in ALL of us. However, these things are not what Christmas is all about. Christmas is all about the celebration of the birth of Jesus. In this series, the children will learn some incredible lessons based on the prophecy from Isaiah 9:6. Ultimately, they will learn that Jesus is *Emmanuel* - "God With Us." Encourage your child to join us as we celebrate this timeless story that changed the world this Christmas!

We will also have a special guest that will stop by each week. We can't let the cat out of the bag as to who it will be - you'll have to be there to see!

THANK YOU for collecting change in our first fund raiser. The event was a success and we raised \$133.72 for the Kids Church fund. If you still have a capsule, please return it so we can put them back in our stock for future use.

Thanks for your love and support. We love our church family and can't wait to see all the things God has planned for us!

➔ Pastor Donald Russell



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 16th, we will present this Christmas program during the morning worship service. We are asking that the boys wear green shirts and the girls wear red shirts.

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 15th, 4-5 pm

For more information, contact
Pastor Donald or Amanda Russell.



And Faith Will Move Mountains

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

When Pastor Robert Johnson and Northwest Church of God purchased the property where the church now sits, his wish was that everyone who passed by could see the church. Unfortunately, he found that the property housed an old quarry. He was so afraid he had failed his congregation. He came everyday to walk the property and pray that he had made the right decision.

Work began and Pastor Johnson was there every day to oversee the progress that was being made. One day he called his wife, Marie, and told her work had stopped. There was a huge rock in the way and it could not be moved. The contractor had brought in the biggest piece of equipment he had, but nothing was working. It would not be moved! Sister Johnson told them to hold on, she would call him back. She got on her knees and prayed and cried out and prayed even more. Then she called Brother Johnson back.

"Tell that man to move that rock. It's going to pop right out of there like a peanut out of its shell!"

The man did as she said and Sister Johnson kept praying. About 30 minutes later, Pastor Johnson called to say that rock popped right out of the ground just like she said it would!

Sister Johnson was so committed to her faith and to her God. One day she was talking on the phone, praying and leading a friend to the Lord. Brother Robert got choked on something, so she told the person on the phone to hold on. She then went to her husband, "doubled up my fist and knocked the fire out of his back," she says. He coughed up the offending morsel and she went right back to the phone to continue praying.

Brother and Sister Johnson led Northwest Church of God for over 27 years, until Brother Robert developed Alzheimer's Disease. Their faith in God was the backbone of their ministry.

➔ Gail Hipsher