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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

### 2018 TOTALS:

AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE:  
95

TOTAL 2018 TITHES & OFFERINGS:  
\$185,849.45  
TOTAL EXPENSES:  
\$174,144.96

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3rd Ron Bruce  
3rd Jay Graham  
26th Kylee Hipsher  
29th Jack McKinney  
31st Hazel Fox  
31st T.J. Underwood



### From the Editors:

I, for one, am ever grateful for the digital world in which we now live, however there is one thing a device or smart phone cannot take the place of in my heart, and that is the satisfaction and pleasure I get in marking off a day on the calendar or of flipping to a new month. There is nothing like the feeling that we get another chance - another opportunity to be the best we can be.

The New Year seems to burst forth with this one constant theme everywhere you look - *change!* How often do we choose the start of the year to go on that dreaded diet we've been putting off for months, or to clean out the junk cluttering up our closets that until now didn't really bother us? People are more apt to change at the new year than at any other time. Why, I wonder? Could it be that God has placed in each of us a desire to be made new?

As this new year begins, let us all be grateful for the opportunity God has given each of us to be a new creation - the old things we struggle with are in the past, and the new is directly in front of you now.

**IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,  
HE IS A NEW CREATION.  
THE OLD IS GONE, AND THE NEW HAS COME.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

➤ Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, Sarah Cabezas



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We were blessed to experience *The Greatest Christmas Gift* for our Christmas program this year. The salvation message was shared along with the depiction of the birth of Christ. Several people raised their hands to accept Jesus that day, and ultimately that was our hearts' desire!

The Music Ministry is more than just singing, we like to have fun too! Every month we get together and have a *Worship Life Group*. Last month we celebrated together with food, fun games, and gifts! Thank you to everyone who has been a part of making 2018 a great Music Ministry year! We are looking forward to what God has in store for 2019!

Our next *Worship Life Group* will be meeting on Friday, January 25, 2019. The location and details will be announced closer to that time. We would love to have everyone join us in this fun filled evening!

Would you like to join us in worshipping the Lord? The choir welcomes anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument. Choir practice is Wednesday at 6 pm.

⇒ April Underwood



Warrior Student Ministries is coming off our Fall Retreat and it was a huge success. We had several people touched in the Saturday night service where God healed a lot of hurt in these teenagers. We also had one receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on Saturday night. We were blessed with fun, fellowship, and a movement of God.

We have formed an activities committee who will be in charge of putting together ideas for activities for the 2019 year. They are: Lilly Stephenson, Emma Wilkinson, and Sierra Lestingi. We are excited about what God is doing in our youth group and expect great things from these girls.

We have Winter Jam and Shabbach coming up in the first quarter of 2019, so if your child is not actively involved it is a great time to get them connected.

Our Youth Worship Team will be leading the Worship Service on January 13, 2019. The guest speaker will be Brian Yaun, the Church of God State of Tennessee Youth and Discipleship Director. Our Youth Drama Team will also be ministering through drama. Please continue to lift our kids up in prayer as they step out into ministry.

⇒ 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 6, but check our Facebook group for any scheduling changes. For more information, please contact Pastor Scott or Cathy Daugherty.

## SERENITY HOUSE MINISTRY:

Families with children are now the fastest growing group of the homeless population. They account for about 40% of people who become homeless each year. The mission of the Serenity House Women's Shelter Inc. is to provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless mothers and their children to be able to stay in a safe and caring environment while they work to achieve independent living.

We were privileged to provide supplies for these families. Our church members donated toiletries, detergents, clothing, and other needed items. We were given a tour of the facility and met many of them at lunch and during a quiet time afterwards. It is our hope that we can continue to support them in their efforts, so keep your eye on the bulletin and newsletter for future ministry opportunities.

⇒ Gail Hipsher

## CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER:

Food, fellowship, and fun were all on tap for our Christmas dinner. Lots of delicious homemade dishes made everyone anxious to sit down to eat as the aroma of wonderful food filled the Family Life Center. After everyone was full, the games began. The charades brought on by singing *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was hilarious. Lily Stephenson clearly had five golden rings and Bethany Underwood helped show them off with pizzazz!

Afterwards there was a gift exchange and it clearly was a hit with all the children in the group. As they say: **"a good time was had by all!"**

⇒ Gail Hipsher

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS IN 2018:

Music Director: April Underwood, January  
 Youth Directors: Scott & Cathy Daugherty, February  
 Children's Pastors: Donald & Amanda Russell, October



## BUILDING FUND PROJECTS IN 2018:

Refurbished Gym Floor in FLC (Family Life Center), January  
 Refurbished FLC Classroom Floor, February  
 Repainted FLC Kitchen and Classroom, February  
 Remodeled Church and FLC Bathrooms, began February  
 New Sanctuary Ceiling, March  
 Built Youth Group Worship Area in FLC, March  
 Re-keyed Door Locks, May  
 New Gutters for Children's Wing, June  
 Roofing Work on FLC, June (Donated)  
 Remodeled Stage in Sanctuary, began October  
 Repainted FLC Gym, October  
 Remodel Children's Wing, began October



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATES IN 2018:

Text-To-Give: \$24,000  
 Church Books put on QuickBooks, January  
 Printer/Copier, February  
 Website Designed, May  
 Video Messages from our Pastors, November

## BIG EVENTS IN 2018:

Revitalization with State Office, January - December  
 New Life Groups:  
     Music Ministry, May  
     Ladies Bible Study, July  
 Weekly Church Bulletin, began Spring  
 Easter Kids Church Play, April 2  
 Easter Fellowship Dinner & Egg Hunt, April 2  
 State Camp Meeting, June  
 Bowling Night, June 3  
 Revival with Drew Eastes, June 10  
 Revival with Jumpin John Ritcheson, June 24-29  
 General Assembly, July  
 Pastor Appreciation, July  
 Youth Trip to KY Splash Water Park, July 29  
 Back-To-School Youth Movie Night, August 3  
 Back-to-School Supplies Given Out, August 3  
 Newsletter: *The Trumpeter*, Edition #1, September  
 Laser Tag Youth Trip, September 14  
 Revival with Michelle Smith, September 23  
 Fall Festival, October 27  
 Youth Led Service, November 18  
 Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner, November 18  
 Youth Retreat: *Fire on the Mountain*, December 7-9  
 Christmas Play: *The Greatest Christmas Gift*, December 16  
 Christmas Fellowship Dinner, December 16  
 Gifts for *Serenity House* and *Serene Manor*, December  
 Paid off bus, December  
 Cancellation of Service for Snow, January 17 and December 9



## FUND RAISERS IN 2018:

Church Sign Fund: \$1,193.95  
 Chocolate Covered Strawberries, February  
 Youth:  
     Pizza Inn Coupons, March  
     Car Wash Tickets, May  
     Hot Dogs Sale, July  
     Orange & White Game Concessions, July  
 Young at Heart:  
     Rummage Sale, May  
     Tamales, September - December  
 Ladies Ministry:  
     Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Eggs, March



THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Bus Fund.

When you make a donation to any KARM store please let them know you are affiliated with Northwest Church of God. Not only will you receive a receipt for 100% tax write-off, but our church will also get points. These points are added up at the end of the month and go towards gift cards that are then sent back to our church and can be used for local benevolence to help those in need.



**KARM STORES**  
 The Thrift Store with a Mission

# NORTHWEST Kids Church



We are excited to start a new series titled: *I Know It Sounds Crazy But It's True*. This series investigates all of the greatest Bible stories your kids have NEVER heard. We will learn lessons about humility, generosity, and attitudes through the stories of Ehud & The Fat King, King Herod getting eaten by worms, the lepers who shared, and more.

Kids Fest is coming up in May, and if you are interested in your child going with us, please attend the meeting directly following the service on Sunday, January 13th.

If your child is not connected, encourage them to join us in learning some of the most outrageous stories from the Bible!

➔ Pastor Donald Russell

## Come be a part of our midweek service!

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for Bible Study. Charles Leger is teaching on *The Power of the Cross*.

Come learn and grow with us as we press on to what God has next for our church in this coming year!

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**Food & Fellowship** this month will be

**Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 pm**

Bring finger foods - enough to feed your family.

## NURSING HOME MINISTRY

The middle of December brought the annual Christmas caroling at a nursing home. Again this year, we chose Serene Manor. About 25 of our members serenaded the residents there with Christmas songs and offered up prayers for them.

The residents also received a stocking filled with warm slippers, fuzzy socks, a card, and candy. The nurses and caregivers got a tray of goodies as well. We were very warmly welcomed, especially the children in our group.

I am once again reminded of what is said in James 1:27, **"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble..."**

We will be switching to Saturdays for our visitations, so keep your eyes on the bulletin for our next monthly ministry opportunity.

➔ 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 continuing our study of Genesis with a new series led by Martha Tallent titled **Joseph: Trusting God**.

We would love to have you join us as we study God's Word!

➔ Sarah Cabezas

## 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

Where: Church, Prayer Room

Contact: Sarah Cabezas

### Women's Ministry:

When: Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 pm

Where: Church, FLC (Family Life Center)

Contact: Jatina Wilkinson

### Music Ministry:

When: Friday, January 25, 2019

Where: TBA (To Be Announced)

Contact: April Underwood



Hosted by: Black Oak Heights Baptist Church. This is a free event, but you must register and get a ticket. For more information visit:

<https://thelightfm.org/make-difference-training/>