

### Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am Wednesday: 7 pm

## **APRIL TOTALS:**

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: SUNDAYS:

> TOTAL - 100 Kid's Church - 12

WEDNESDAY: TOTAL - 44

> Kid's Church - 8 **YOUTH - 24**

TOTAL TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$12.813.03 TOTAL EXPENSES: \$15.834.28

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

# Birthday!

10th Isaac Russell 10th Jennifer Jones

12th Frankie Hipsher

Wanda Bowling 17th 18th Linda Trent

Kevin Auer 25th

Carolyn McKinney 27th 30th

Chance Lowery

#### From the Editors:

During the month of May we celebrate Mothers. There is a special place in all of our hearts for our mom, and it is our greatest desire to wish all moms in our church a Happy Mother's Day!

⇒ Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, Sarah Cabezas

#### In Your Easter Bonnet...or Raincoat!

What a day for an Easter egg hunt!!! The sun was shining, the birds were singing, and it was a grand and glorious day...but not at Northwest Church of God. After weeks of planning the perfect day for our children to play outside and have a great time hunting eggs, the skies opened up and truly rained on our day. It blew the canopy off the porch and the rain poured in under the door. But we were not to be undone! Ingenuity prevailed. (Continued inside)



### On Being a Mother

grandchildren of their own

- When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child – Loren
- God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers Jewish proverb In writing this piece I, of course, thought of my own mother; and beyond that came thoughts of her mother. I am who I am today because of the teachings and examples of women who have gone on before me, the ones who continue to influence me, and the ones who will grow to have

I remember my Mamma Robinson as the most wondrous person who ever lived. She loved me wholeheartedly and unconditionally. She was always so happy to see me. Never did I feel unwelcomed or in her way. Even though she passed away when I was but 12 years old, I can still feel her warm arms around me and see her loving face. She was the epitome of what a grandmother should be; pure and simple love. I can't wait to see her again. (Continued inside)

#### In Your Easter Bonnet...or Raincoat! (Continued from front)

After everyone consumed two hams, 50 pieces of chicken, a bunch of hot dogs, and bowls of sides, the plan was unveiled. Little did anyone know that the night before, several of the Easter bunny's friends got together and blew up over 300 balloons that would be used to cover the eggs. A huge cascade of those colorful orbs of latex came cascading from the loft of the building! It was an awesome idea, Pastor Donald. Children and adults alike laughed, cheered, oohed, and aahed at the spectacle. It was quite glorious.

The children were divided into age groups to hunt through the balloons for the eggs. Toddlers to near-teens clambered through, hunting and finding goodies hidden in the eggs. Grayson and Noah just couldn't seem to grasp the concept but they sure were entranced by all the activity. And there was a lot of activity. Even the Easter Bunny hopped by to say hello and have some pictures made with everyone. Thanks Easter Bunny!

Family, friends, and food...just can't beat the combination. We are thankful so many families came out in the rain to celebrate.

We are so grateful that God favored us with such an awesome and loving church family. Our hearts are full of love for Him and His supreme gift.

⇒ Gail Hipsher

#### On Being a Mother (Continued from front)

My own mother is an awesome woman, raising two daughters and three sons. Dad was the breadwinner so mom was home raising us. We didn't get away with much. If we got out of line it was not unusual to find out what the end of a switch or a flip flop or a hand felt like on our rear-ends. And that's no joke. She raised us to be respectful of others, most certainly our elders. We ate together at the supper table when daddy came home from work. If you didn't like what was on the table, you might as well tough it out or go hungry. We certainly weren't coddled but mom was my hero. She protected us like a lioness. She made it clear of her expectations of us. As she has gotten older, she has faced some catastrophic health issues and like the rest of her life, has met them head-on with a force that amazes me. She remains that lioness.

I always knew I wanted to be a mother. Four daughters later, my own expectations were challenged. Mom did a great job raising us. Piece of cake! Rearing my daughters in the 70s and 80s was certainly not like being raised in the 50s and 60s. It was hard. All of my girls had minds of their own and reining them in at times brought out the best and the worst in me. That is when I truly became a praying woman; most of the time praying I wouldn't kill one of them and go to jail! But we survived and the difficult times made us all better people. My greatest achievement is when my daughters have said to me, "Mom, now I understand; now I know why you did things the way you did. I love you."

And now I have come full circle. I have four granddaughters and one grandson. I don't have to discipline anyone. I get to indulge their whims. I am the Nanna with the warm arms, doting smiles, and loving embraces, feeling the love of my grandbabies. And in return, giving them pure and simple love. I know I have used the word "love" repeatedly but there truly is no other word to express that feeling. I am very blessed.



Northwest Kids Church is a high energy and engaging service where our children can learn to worship God and come away with a deeper knowledge of the Bible and what God has for their lives, both now and in the future. If your child is not conected, we hope you will encourage them to join Pastor Donald and Amanda Russell, and all our Kids Church children, during our regular Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening worship services.



We are coming to the end of another school year. With graduations starting we would like to recognize this year's seniors: **Kylee Hipsher, Katie Early, Kevin Wilkinson, and Lilly Stephenson**. As our graduates embark on a new chapter in their lives we ask that you continually keep them in your prayers.

As summer approaches, the *Warrior Student Ministries* will become more active. We have several items on our list of things for the summer. If your child is not involved please encourage them to do so. We are seeing God move in mighty ways. Please continue to pray for this ministry, and if you feel a call to help please see Pastor Scott.

⇒ 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.



The *Ladies Bible Study* meets every Thursday morning at 10 am (childcare is available).

Our current study is titled: *Into the Desert*. We are taking an in-depth look at the events chronicled in the book of *Exodus* and how God's mighty hand brought His people into the desert and sustained them after their years of bondage and slavery in Egypt.

If you are available on Thursday mornings, we would love to have you join us as we dive into God's Word together!

⇒ Sarah Cabezas

## SUNDAY MORNING MANNA

Join us for breakfast before Sunday Worship Service! WHERE: PRAYER ROOM | WHEN: 8:30 - 9:40 AM

First come, first served. Free, with donations welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy or Patsy Ogle

#### Available every week:

Coffee, Milk, Chocolate Milk, Orange Juice, Bottled Water Cereal, Oatmeal, PopTarts, Pastries

#### Available on the following dates:

May 5: French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits

May 12: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Biscuits

May 19: Tater Tot Casserole, Bacon, Biscuits



May 26th we will be having a Sunday Morning Manna Breakfast Fund Raiser:

Serving: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, and Biscuits & Gravy.
Give a donation to support our Northwest Kids Church
and Warrior Student Ministries.



I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument to join our Worship Ministry Team. There's always room for more! Come join us for Choir Practice on Wednesdays at 6 pm and Sundays @ 9 am.

→ April Underwood

## 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 of God hopes to help you in this endeavor, through fellowship and encouragement, is with our Northwest Life Groups. We encourage everyone to join a Life Group this month!

#### **Sunday Morning Manna:**

When: Sundays, 8:30 - 9:40 am Where: Church, Prayer Room Contact: Jimmy & Patsy Ogle

#### **Ladies Bible Study:**

When: Thursdays, 10:00 am Where: Church, FLC Classroom

Contact: Sarah Cabezas

### Young @ Heart:

When: Wednesday, May 8, 12:30 pm

Where: Church, FLC Contact: Gail Hipsher

#### Men's & Women's Fellowship:

When: Sunday, May 19, 6:00 pm

Where: Church, FLC

Contact: Pastor John Wilkinson
\*\*Bring finger foods to share\*\*

# Come and be a part of our Midweek Service!

Join us on Wednesday evening at 7 pm for Bible Study. Come learn and grow with us as we press on to what God has next for our church.



In February of 1999, about 2 weeks after Pastor Green had left *Northwest Church of God*, the State Overseer presented to the church a candidate to be the new minister. His name was Mitchell Wilson, and with him was his wife Janie and their children, two daughters and a son.

It was soon apparent that Brother Wilson was a man who had wonderworking faith and an anointing that produced miracles and healing. His face was always covered with a warm and

welcoming smile that was encouraging to all. He was always quick on the draw, and, try as one might, it was hard to get anything over on him. Humor and kindness were always with him. He loved working around the church, improving and repairing things as he could. Visiting shut-ins and those in the hospital were a much loved part of his responsibilities.

Teaching was Sister Janie's vocation. She loved children and it was clear she had that gift. Singing and playing the piano were two of her many talents. Always ready to help when she could, we could always count on her. It was always evident that she was a source of love and encouragement for her husband.

While the Wilsons were at *Northwest Church of God*, the children's programs grew tremendously. The boys and girls had their own clubs and won many awards for their accomplishments. The *Young at Heart* group was very active and participated in numerous events.

A church library was formed at the request of a member, Sister McCall. Pastor was glad to help get that project going and it gave her great joy. She managed the library until her death.

Pastors Mitchell and Janie Wilson were a gift to our church. God truly smiled on us when He sent them our way. It was a very sad day for all of us when we found he was being moved to a church in west Tennessee. His last service in the church was to preside over the wedding of a young couple the same day he left to go to his new congregation.



Keep up to date with any changes to our monthly calendar by using the *TimeTree* App. See Gail Hipsher for more information on how to see our calendar. You can also find updated event information on our Facebook page at: FACEBOOK.COM/NORTHWESTCOG/

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	Fri	Sat
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY			Warrior Youth 6:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Midweek Service: Picnic Fellowship 6:30 pm	2 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	3 KidFes	4 т <b>2019</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am  KIDFEST 2019		Prayer Day	Young at Heart 12:30 pm Warrior Youth 6:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Midweek Service 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	Happy Birthday Isaac Russell Happy Birthday Jennifer Jones	
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26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	
Worship Service 10:00 am	Happy Birthday Carolyn McKinney	Prayer Day	Warrior Youth 6:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Midweek Service 7:00 pm	Happy Birthday Chance Lowery		



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