



# THE TRUMPETER

TRUMPETING THE GOOD NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019

EDITION #13

## Service Times:

**Sunday: 10 am**  
**Wednesday: 7 pm**

## August Totals:

### Average Attendance:

Sundays:

Total - 89

Kid's Church - 18

Wednesday:

Total - 46

Kid's Church - 10

Youth - 16

### Total Tithes & Offerings:

\$9,778.67

### Total Expenses:

\$10,909.83

## Birthdays:

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st **Eddie Christopher**  
16th **Gail Hipsher**  
16th **Kari Christopher**  
19th **Alli McCorkle**  
20th **Victoria Graham**  
21st **John Schober**  
23rd **Glenda Harrison**  
25th **Peggy Rouse**  
29th **Sarah Cabezas**  
30th **Jimmy Ogle**

## From the Editors:

Our church calendar has been filling up more and more lately, and we are excited to see all God is doing in our congregation, as well as what He is leading us to do in our neighborhoods and city! There are opportunities aplenty for you to step up and offer your services to the Kingdom of God. We are called to be God's hands and feet here on earth!

### >>> Do you love babies?

Volunteers are always needed to love on the little ones in our nursery.

### >>> Perhaps you are crafty or love to build things?

VBS is coming and we need help with preparing the staging, props, and more.

### >>> Do you like to walk or go to the park?

Hand out some flyers for our upcoming VBS while you get in some exercise!

There are too many opportunities to list here. We have in house and outreach ministries for everything from singing on the Worship Team to visiting shut-ins and feeding the homeless. There are more opportunities opening up every single month. To find out where you can get involved, please see one of our pastoral staff or check out our website:

**NorthwestCOG.com**

***YOU are so vitally important to bringing about what God wants to do in our church, our community, and the world!***

>>> Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, Sarah Cabezas



## From the Heart of Pastor John:

We are excited about starting a new outreach here at Northwest Church of God. We are going to take one Sunday night a month and meet at a member's house. I hope to be able to split up in groups and eventually be able to meet in a couple of homes, but for now we will start with just one.

Our goal is for the host home to invite their friends, family, coworkers, etc., that do not have a church home.

We want to fellowship with them and show them that we are just regular people like them. In this I hope to get to know some of your friends and get to pray with them and invite them to our church.

Help us pray and believe that this new outreach ministry is going to draw people's hearts to God and bring more families into the house of God.

>>> Pastor John Wilkinson

## 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

### Bible Study:

When: Thursdays, 10:00 am  
Where: Church, FLC Classroom  
Contact: Sarah Cabezas

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

When: Sunday, September 8, 6:00 pm  
Where: Church, FLC  
Contact: Pastor John Wilkinson  
\*\*Bring finger foods to share\*\*

### Young @ Heart:

When: September 10, 12:30 pm  
Where: Church, FLC  
Contact: Gail Hipsher

### Water Angels Outreach:

When: Sunday, September 15, 2:00 pm  
Where: Water Angels  
907 University Ave, Knoxville  
Contact: Rev. Charles Leger

### Worship Life Group:

When: Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm  
Where: To Be Announced  
Contact: April Underwood

## KARM Donations:



### **KARM STORES**

The Thrift Store with a Mission

### **Donating to KARM?**

Tell them you are with Northwest Church of God. Not only will you receive a receipt for 100% tax write-off, but our church will also get points to go towards KARM Gift Cards that we can then use for local benevolence to hand out and help those in need!



## BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Life Group meets every Thursday at 10 am (childcare is available).

Our current study is: *The Secrets of the Tabernacle*. In it we are taking an in-depth Hebraic look at what God said about how the Tabernacle was to be created, what God wanted put inside, and why it is important to us still today.

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

## NORTHWEST Kids Church

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 our loving Savior! Currently we are studying:

**Sunday: Moses | Wednesday: Bible Science**

If your child is not connected, we hope you will encourage them to join us during our regular worship services.

We are starting a new project and need your help! Please send us a few pictures of your children doing everyday activities.

Do you have a child in sports? Amanda and I would love to support our Northwest kids. Please let us know your team's schedule so we can join you to cheer them on as well.

➤➤➤ Pastor Donald Russell

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's & Women's Fellowship is a Life Group of Northwest Church of God. We gather on the second Sunday of each month for fellowship and food - both physical and spiritual.

After a time together eating and fellowshiping, we split apart into groups of Men, Women, and Kids. Each group then has a time of discussion and study of God's Word, and how it can apply to our lives in today's world.

We would love to have you join us this month!

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 6 PM**

**WHERE: FLC (FAMILY LIFE CENTER)**

\*Bring finger foods\* (enough for you and your family, and to share)

➤➤➤ Sarah Cabezas



**Wednesdays @ 7 pm**

Grab your Bible and come be a part of our Midweek Service!





What a fabulous job Northwest Warrior Drama Team did at RIO Advance COG in Alcoa on August 23rd! Pastor William Key invited our Warrior Drama Team to perform at their *F.U.E.L.* event



(Forever. Unending. Everlasting. Love.). They ministered through dance to the song *Jesus* (by Eddie James). Their movements were smooth and the congregation enjoyed worshipping with them.

They were followed by Zack Baker, Youth Pastor from Newport COG. He brought a rousing word concerning dealing

with past baggage and the price we pay in baggage fees when we drag it around with us.

**Thank You** to our Warrior Drama Team for your faithfulness, and a **special thanks** to Pastor Scott and Cathy Daugherty for leading our Warrior Student Ministries. We love you all!

OCTOBER  
25, 26, & 27

YeeHaw! VBS is coming soon!

We need:  
\* Volunteers \* Candy \* Prayer \*



Men's Retreat & Women's Conference:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OCTOBER 18, 19, & 20

**Men's Retreat:**

Where: Elk's Creek  
Leave from church:  
Friday (18th) @ 11 am  
Cost: \$25 (for food)  
Contact:  
Pastor John Wilkinson

**Women's Conference:**

Where: NWCOG  
Fri. 7 pm | Sat. 10 am - 3 pm  
Sat. Lunch: sandwiches, salad, & soup (\*see Gail for details\*)  
Contact:  
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.

Contacts: Jimmy or Patsy Ogle



In August our Worship Ministry kicked off our *Worship Life Group* again with *Taco Night*! We learned some new things about each other and had great fellowship. The *Worship Life Group* is a great opportunity to connect and become unified in our calling to prepare the people to welcome the presence of Jehovah!

*Psalms 95:6* encourages us:

**"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."**

If you sing, or play an instrument you're welcome to join. If you don't use the talent that God gave you... then you might just lose it.

We have choir practice on Wednesdays @ 6 pm and Sundays @ 9 am. This month's *Worship Life Group* will be on: **Friday, September 20th @ 6:30 pm.** The place is yet to be determined. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

April Underwood





# **Homecoming 2019**

Well, the time has finally come to celebrate the 40th anniversary of *Northwest Church of God*. I hope everyone has been enjoying our *Trumpeter Newsletter* articles about all the pastors who have shepherded us through the years. If you missed any of our previous articles, they are all available on the *Homecoming 2019* page of our website: [NorthwestCOG.com](http://NorthwestCOG.com)

In October, 1979, *Northwest Church of God* was dedicated to God's service. It has been a time of growth and regression, of joy and sadness, of peace and change. As in everyone's life, all things change. We are so grateful for all the wonderful gifts that God has bestowed upon us.

Over the past 40 years we have only had six ministers. That says a lot about the level of commitment of these men of God. We have truly been blessed.

Our current minister, John Wilkinson, has spent the last two years at *Northwest Church of God*. He came to us from *Sixth Avenue Church of God* and *Covenant Church*. Jatina, his wife, and he have 3 great children: Emma, Nolan, and Adam. They have certainly been an answer to our prayers. At the time, our church attendance had dropped and we were in fear of losing the church or being combined with another. Prayers went up from every member of the congregation for God to shine His face upon us and bring us a man of God who would help move us on to where He wanted us to be. Brother Bewley from the State office introduced Pastor John Wilkinson to us and after a few words, the message was clear - we had a new minister.

Pastor John has inspired us by example. If there is work to be done, he is in the midst of it. He seeks guidance from God and places himself with experienced ministers who are willing to assist him and lead him. Our church has thrived and continues to grow. We are so grateful for God's love.

So, on September 15, we invite you to join us as we come together to enjoy the bounty of His love. Invitations have been sent out to the past ministers and their families, as well as past members of our congregation, and we are expecting a big family reunion in celebration of this day. After the morning worship service, we will have a fabulous luncheon for everyone to enjoy. Please join your brothers and sisters as we come together to remember the past, look towards the future, and give thanks for our many blessings from our loving Savior.

➤➤➤ Gail Hipsher

## ➤➤➤ *God's Blessings!*

### **Have you seen our new van?**



God has blessed us with the means to pick people up for church, all we need are volunteers to drive!  
*(No special license is required)*  
 Talk with Pastor John Wilkinson today about this ministry opportunity!



On August 15, 2019, a group of our men (both young and old) enjoyed a night out touring Neyland Stadium! **Go VOLS!**