



NORTHWEST CHURCH OF GOD

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THE TRUMPETER

TRUMPETING THE GOOD NEWS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019

EDITION #16

Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am
Wednesday: 7 pm

October Totals:

Average Attendance:

Sundays:
Total - 77
Kid's Church - 14
Wednesday:
Total - 41
Kid's Church - 6
Youth - 16

Total Tithes & Offerings:

\$11,194

Total Expenses:

\$13,422

Birthdays:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November:

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

December:

6th Bethany Underwood
14th Carolyn Jarnigan
27th Orpha Beckwith
27th Emma Cabezas
29th Hannah Cabezas

From the Editors:

Can you believe we are already in the month of November and December is coming up in just a few more weeks? This year has flown by, and now the holiday season is upon us.

This last month our church calendar was bursting at the seams with activities that, at some moments, drained every ounce of our energy, but it was all worth it in the end. Our youth went on their fall retreat, the men had their retreat, the women had a wonderful conference, the Young @ Heart group took an outing to see the beautiful colors of autumn that is all around us, and our kids were the focus of an entire weekend of activities for our VBS and Block Party. More details about each of these events are in this last edition of our newsletter for this year.

Now as we face the last two months of this year, we are forging forward into what God has next for our church. We begin this month with a four day revival, and it is our hope that you and your family are able to attend as many services as possible, and that we can all be encouraged to tackle all that God has for us the remainder of this year and on into the next one.

»»» Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, & Sarah Cabezas



From the Heart of Pastor John:

Northwest Church Of God's first Men's Retreat at Elk's Creek was a home run!

There's something about getting a lot of men together and being in the woods, sitting around a fire, that brings people closer. We shared an action packed weekend – everything from four wheeling on trails that we thought would take our lives, to driving under rock overhangs that were absolutely breath taking. We even got to repel down a rope to a beautiful

waterfall where we got some great pictures. We also enjoyed laughing at each other trying to get back up the waterfall.

We spent Friday evening fishing and enjoying the shooting range. The best part was they fed us like kings. It seems like every time we turned around we were eating.

Saturday night we all came together and had a great prayer time. Pastor Ron then taught us some great leadership qualities and challenged us as leaders. What time we got to spend together was great. I truly enjoyed listening to all the stories and getting to know each man a little better. I think with getting together like this, away from everyday life, we are able to draw strength from each other. As Proverbs 27:17 says:

"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

»»» Pastor John Wilkinson





Have you ever seen a bald man with his hair standing on end? Well, we have! That would be Pastor Donald running around organizing the [YeeHaw Vacation Bible School!](#) We didn't know whether to laugh or cry... or join in the insanity! VBS at *Northwest Church of God* was so much fun! Many of our children, volunteers, and church staff were involved in making this a very successful event. Frankie, our unofficial *Northwest Church of God* historian, said that this is the first VBS for our church, so it was wonderful to be involved in such an amazing program.

The children were divided into three pods: the **Cow**, the **Horse**, and the **Mouse** groups - well, the names might be different if you were talking to Pastor Scott, who absolutely did not feel like a Mouse, so he opted to use **Moose** instead. Each pod was assigned an adult and youth group members as leaders. As each night began, we started out all together and got to learn new songs and hand motions. We also met a new friend named **Rawhide McSpur**, who helped us learn new ways to connect to God and to see that [God Gives Good Gifts! \(YeeHaw!!\)](#)

After our opening time together, each pod divided into one of three areas: Bible Lesson was in the sanctuary, Crafts was in the Kid's Church room, and Snacks was in the Family Life Center (FLC).

➤➤ Bible Lesson:

Channon Fox did a wonderful job of leading the kids in the Bible Lesson portion at VBS. You could feel the Holy Spirit's presence as she taught the first night about God's greatest gift, the birth of Jesus, and the second night on how Jesus showed His love in giving up His life for us. It was touching to hear the children learn about their sins being like rocks that weigh us down, and that we are all to give them to God and ask for forgiveness. The kids then took rocks and laid them at the foot of a cross, each being mindful and quiet as we heard each rock fall into place there. It was a very touching moment for all.

➤➤ Craft Room:

Instead of your typical VBS craft, we did a **Project with a Purpose** to help those less fortunate. We talked about caring for those who are in need, and that it is God's will for us to help others. The kids decorated paper bags with crayons, markers, buttons, and pompoms. Some wrote messages to the recipients as well. Then baggies with dried beans and spices were added, along with a recipe. These bags were donated to **Wesley House**, a non-profit organization that serves the senior community. The food will be donated to the older adults who come to the center. **Wesley House** was very excited to receive the donations.

Snacks:

➤➤➤Of course everyone was starving when they entered the FLC. Several of the ladies volunteered to man the kitchen, and they served up delicious corndogs and chips the first night and wonderful chicken nuggets and chips the second night, and of course cookies both nights as well. This was so exciting for the kids... food always is, for all of us!

On Sunday, our morning worship service highlighted the music and the lessons shared with everyone on Friday and Saturday evening. Pastor Donald and Rawhide McSpur shared about what gift God gave us, and Pastor Donald did an object lesson that showed just how a sinful heart is made clean by God's forgiveness.

After service we all went to the FLC where our **Block Party** was on! In addition to music, there was a **Chili Cook-off**. Our first place winner was **Amanda Russell**, who now has bragging rights over her husband for a long time. She won a Food City gift card. Our second place winner was **Charles Leger**, who also won a Food City gift card. All the chili in the cook-off was great, especially when paired with hot dogs.

There was an awesome **Cake Walk** with some very yummy cakes, pies, and cupcakes to win! A bounce house and slide was a big hit with the kids, along with all the popcorn and cotton candy they could eat. Pastor Donald had three piñatas stuffed with candy for three age divided groups to take a swing at. As a parting gift, everyone got a bag of candy... sorry parents!

We were so excited to see our very first VBS, and can't wait until the next one! Many thanks to Pastor Donald, and all who volunteered - from the beginning stages of preparation to cleaning up the confetti and hay all over the sanctuary floor. We couldn't have done it without every person's help!

[So give yourselves a pat on the back - it was a successful VBS!](#)

➤➤➤ Gail Hipsher



Fire on the Mountain, our Fall Retreat, was a huge success this year. The group had an awesome time coming together and getting to know each other better. We played games and had a scavenger hunt, in which the grand prize was a \$25.00 gift card to Cracker Barrel. This year's winner was **Samaria Graham**. [Congrats Samaria!!!!](#)

The fall retreat this year was not only fun and games. Drew Eastes brought a powerful Word each night. It felt as if Drew had been in my head. I believe it was an on-time word. We had several lives changed. I know of one rededication to the Lord. All in all it was a powerful weekend.

In other news, we will be concluding our *Pizza Inn* fundraiser on Sunday November 3rd. Later in the month of November we will be selling tickets for 1 dozen rolls from *Texas Roadhouse* along with an appetizer. This money will go to fund our next youth trip, which will be **Shabbach Youth Conference** February 21-23, 2020. Please have your child participate in the fund raisers. We don't want any of our teens to miss out!

We are currently planning our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations; I will keep you posted as the plans develop. Thanks again for supporting Warrior Student Ministries. God Bless!

»» Pastor Scott & Cathy Daugherty

Therefore
IF ANYONE IS IN
CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATION;
OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY,

Behold
ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Women's Conference

Wow! What a wonderful time in the Lord we had at our first *Northwest Church of God Women's Conference*. Sarah Cabezas opened up with the Word of God, and God showed up. The theme was **Shoes for the Path**, and God used this time to anoint the feet of the attenders for that new path ahead.

»» Martha Tallent



TAMALES

\$15/doz.



See Gail or Frankie to order



The *Bible Study Life Group* meets every Thursday at 10 am (childcare is available). During this holiday season we will take off the week of Thanksgiving and the week of Christmas. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 19th, at 11 am.

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

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 in this endeavor, through fellowship and encouragement, is with our *Northwest Life Groups*.

We encourage everyone to join a *Life Group* this holiday season!

NOVEMBER:

Bible Study:

When: Thursdays, 10:00 am
Where: Church, FLC Classroom
(Not meeting the week of Thanksgiving)
Contact: Sarah Cabezas

Young @ Heart:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 12:30 pm
Where: Church, FLC
Contact: Gail Hipsher

Water Angels Outreach:

When: Sunday, Nov. 17, 2:00 pm
Where: Water Angels
907 University Ave, Knoxville
Contact: Rev. Charles Leger

Fellowship Night - Bowling:

When: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:00 pm
Where: Strike & Spare Bowling Alley
5700 Western Ave., Knoxville
Contact: Pastor John Wilkinson

Nursing Home Visitation:

When: Monday, Nov. 18, 11:00 am
Where: Morning Pointe of Knoxville
9649 Westland Dr., Knoxville
Contact: Gail Hipsher

Warrior Student Ministries (WSM)

Bonfire:

When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 5-8 pm
Where: Pastor Scott's house
Contact: Pastor Scott Daugherty

DECEMBER:

Bible Study:

When: Thursdays, 10:00 am
Where: Church, FLC Classroom
(Not meeting the week of Christmas)
Contact: Sarah Cabezas

Bible Study Christmas Party:

When: Thursday, Dec. 19, 11:00 am
Where: Church, FLC Classroom
Contact: Sarah Cabezas

Young @ Heart Christmas Party:

When: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 12:30 pm
Where: Nelda Scott's house
Contact: Gail Hipsher

Water Angels Outreach:

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

Warrior Student Ministries (WSM)

Christmas Party:

When: Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:00 pm
Where: Church, FLC
Contact: Pastor Scott Daugherty

Nursing Home Visitation:

When: Monday, Dec. 9, 11:00 am
Where: Morning Pointe of Knoxville
9649 Westland Dr., Knoxville
Contact: Gail Hipsher

Ladies Prayer Breakfast:

When: Dec. - details to be announced
Contact: Gail Hipsher

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KARM Donations:



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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!

The Importance of Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer was the foundation of each church that I have known since my birth. Many people freely gave their life to each church.

Intercession played a big part in each one. Praise to God was practiced freely as many people gathered for church.

Each dedicated pastor had God on their side by preaching the Word in power. The anointing was present as God met each need. As many praised God, there was a freedom for the Holy Spirit to work freely in each person for the foundation of intercessory prayer was firm. As two churches became one, it was about to stand firm.

Matthew 6:9-13

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.