



# the *Encourager*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MARCH 2020

## PERFECTION

David was considered a great leader; he is still considered a great leader. He was also considered a man after God's own heart. However, David had his flaws as well. He was imperfect and committed sins like humans tend to do. Yet, God chose David to serve the nation of Israel as its king.

We are moving toward considering men who we would want to follow as elders of the North Park church. The Bible provides us with qualities desirous of those who would serve as elders; however none of the qualities found in the New Testament include "perfection". If it is perfection that we require of men in order for them to become elders then we will not find anyone living today who will meet that standard.

Even the apostles, those closest to Jesus, who spent so much time learning from Jesus, seeing what Jesus represented and hearing what Jesus taught could not be found to be "perfect". They were flawed. Try as they might, they were human and as humans they were prone to make mistakes, to sin. Even though they were imperfect men, Jesus still charged them with carrying out what we call "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16). Imperfect men were given the responsibility of carrying the gospel message throughout the known world.

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## Church Events

**3.1**

Jeanne Wadsworth's bridal shower

**3.2**

ROMEO Club

**3.7**

Helping Hands Pantry

**3.8**

DONUT SUNDAY

Daylight Savings Time

LIFE Groups

**3.10**

Blanket Ministry Workday

**3.21**

Helpings Hands Pantry

**3.22**

LIFE Groups

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Too often we say we want elders, we say we want to be aligned with how the New Testament church should be organized, yet we place unreal expectations on those who may be considered to serve in that role. As soon as we want to place a title of “elder” on someone, too often members of the body no longer consider them worthy of providing the leadership they may have been providing to the church and that we were fine with them providing right up until the time we are about to call them “an elder”.

I’m not implying or even stating that we ignore the qualities listed in I Timothy 3, Titus 1, and I Peter 5. Those qualities are there to describe what we need to seek in the men who we would consider becoming elders of the North Park Church of Christ. They need to be men that we, as members/as sheep, are willing to follow as shepherds of our congregation of believers. We need to focus on our congregation and on which men of our congregation come the closest to possessing the qualities needed to lead us, as presented in I Timothy, Titus, and I Peter.

Perhaps we should focus more of our attention on how we can be the best “sheep” we can possibly be in order to support those who would become our shepherds and be thankful that we are not required to be perfect sheep.

May God bless us in our efforts and bless those who would provide the best spiritual leadership to our congregation.

**ATTENTION BROTHERS:** If you are listed to serve (i.e. prayer, preside, communion, scripture, usher, etc.), please meet in the Youth Office (across from the men's restroom) at 10:20 am

**Those to Serve –March 1, 2020**

**Children's Church: Sara Maupin, Julia Garcia**  
Communion Trays: Wadsworths & Pat Williams  
Audio/Video: Jordan Siracusa  
Security: Wayne Morris  
Nursery: Pam Reese, Holly Bertram  
Greeters: N. Jennie Adams S. Reese  
Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Jeanne Wadsworth  
Computer: Brenda Mohler  
Worship Director: Sid Long  
Prayer: Ron King, Wayne Morris  
Scripture: Ken Maupin  
Ushers: Jose Cervantes, Scott Weir  
Preside: Joe Nicosia  
1A Peter Gaddis            2A Steve Adkins  
1B Bobby Letssinger    2B Simon-Peter Broughton  
3A Jaye Lavern            4A John Castree  
3B Justin Reese            4B Bret Hagerman

Shut-Ins: Kings  
Kingdom Kids: Elizabeth Soter, Naomi Gibson

**Those to Serve –March 8, 2020**

**Children's Church: Sandi Riffle, Sandy Youssi**  
Communion Trays: Wadsworths & Pat Williams  
Audio/Video: Justin Reese  
Security: LIFE Group  
Nursery: Deanna King, Julia Garcia  
Greeters: N. Simon-Peter Broughton S. Pat Williams  
Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Jeanne Wadsworth  
Computer: Pam Reese  
Worship Director: Ken Maupin  
Prayer: Ken Lynch, Ernie Stubblefield  
Scripture: Jeff Hagerman  
Ushers: Jaye Lavern, Doug Soter  
Preside: Simon-Peter Broughton  
1A John Parker            2A Tim Firm  
1B Larry Jones            2B Chris Youssi  
3A Jose Cervantes        4A Ron King  
3B Jerry Gibson            4B Bret Hagerman

Shut-Ins: Adkins  
Kingdom Kids: Cathy Firm, Asha Price

**Those to Serve –March 15, 2020**

**Children's Church: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter**  
Communion Trays: Wadsworths & Pat Williams  
Audio/Video: Ken Maupin  
Security: Peter Gaddis  
Nursery: Pat Williams, Pat Seifert  
Greeters: N. Vikki Hatcher S. Joan Schmidt  
Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Jeanne Wadsworth  
Computer: Sara Maupin  
Worship Director: Jason Willis  
Prayer: Simon-Peter Broughton, Marcus Price  
Scripture: Chris Youssi  
Ushers: Joey Nicosia, John Castree  
Preside: Ron King  
1A Ed Long                2A Ken Lynch  
1B Greg Peck            2B Ken Maupin  
3A Mark Murray        4A Adam Zomok  
3B Joe Nicosia            4B Tyler Zomok

Shut-Ins: Maupins  
Kingdom Kids: Julie Cavallaro Debbie Letsinger

**Those to Serve –March 22, 2020**

**Children's Church: Asha Price, Brenda Mohler**  
Communion Trays: Wadsworths & Pat Williams  
Audio/Video: Mark Murray  
Security: LIFE Group  
Nursery: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter  
Greeters: N. Brenda Mohler S. Rogers  
Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Jeanne Wadsworth  
Computer: Mary Riley  
Worship Director: Ed Long  
Prayer: Chris Youssi, Steve Adkins  
Scripture: Ron King  
Ushers: Jerry Gibson, John Parker  
Preside: Tim Firm  
1A Ernie Stubblefield    2A Joey Nicosia  
1B Doug Soter            2B Marcus Price  
3A Jordan Siracusa       4A Justin Reese  
3B Scott Seigrist        4B Jeremy Schulz

Shut-Ins: Lynch  
Kingdom Kids: Deanne King, Taylor Siracusa

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 Elijah  
 Malachi  
 Nahum

Zechariah  
 Deborah  
 Haggai  
 Elisha  
 Micah

Jeremiah  
 Miriam  
 Isaiah  
 Hosea  
 Ezra

Habakkuk  
 Obadiah  
 Gideon  
 Uriah  
 Amos

## Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

## *Prayer List*

- **Anneka Broughton**
- **Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please
- **Pat McRill**
- **Larry Borrison**
- **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
- Sonya Puentes** – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
- Bolen's nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
- Donny Hoffman**- Chuck Mausehund's nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments
- Pete Denby** – friend of the Lyman's who is awaiting a liver transplant
- Sabrina Freter** – a friend of Katie Schulz who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous Leukemia
- Lisa Broege** – friend of Dar Hinrichs, diagnosed with MS
- Kate Marschang** – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
- Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
- Steve Burdge** – Sally Battha's nephew; liver transplant
- Dave Bogenschutz** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who is dealing with a rare form of cancer
- Charlene Govert** – friend of Gayle Bolen who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Frank Lott** – is now under hospice care
- Earline Nipps** – is back at home after having been hospitalized for a mini-stroke
- Lonny Fortin** – Lonny has been having some back pain
- Chris Isom** – in room 108 at Rock River Healthcare
- Myrtle Williams** – fell and broke bones in her leg/ankle
- Tony Nicosia** – recovering from infection after knee surgery
- Ken Bolen** – recovering from gallbladder surgery
- Dean Aske** – having nose bleeds and high blood pressure issues
- Larry Borrison's step daughter Keisha** – having surgery in March
- David Hagerman** – Jeff Hagerman's brother, was in a car accident and broke several bones
- John Anderson** – fell on some ice and injured his leg
- Hagerman family**– mourning the loss of Jeff's brother, Mark

**GREAT DAY  
IN MAY**

# MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Jeanne Wadsworth's bridal shower @ 2pm Jaye Lavett's bday	<b>2</b> Dexter Schutz & Ron King's bday ROMEO Club	<b>3</b> Lea Schorer's bday	<b>4</b> 7 pm Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Cora Parker's bday	<b>7</b> <small>Pantry 10:00am</small>
<b>8</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups DONUT SUNDAY!! DST Starts!!	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> S/R Long's ann- Blanket Ministry Work Day	<b>11</b> 7 pm Bible Study HHHP Food Delivery	<b>12</b> 1-3 pm Pantry	<b>13</b> Presley Reese's bday	<b>14</b> Cervantes' ann.
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Tim Finn's bday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Pat Seifert, Liam Riley & Margaret Couch's bday	<b>18</b> Imagine Long's bday 7 pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> Jeanne Wadsworth's bday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <small>Pantry 10:00am</small>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups	<b>23</b> Kristen Duckman's bday	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Doug Soter's bday 7 pm Bible Study HHHP Food Delivery	<b>26</b> Wendy Williams' bday 6-8 pm Pantry	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	<b>30</b> Mary Sircourne's bday	<b>31</b> Mary Spohnholz & Ernie Stubblefield's bday				

# NEWS & EVENTS

--The church email has officially converted to [NorthParkCofC@gmail.com](mailto:NorthParkCofC@gmail.com) The old address won't be checked for much longer so make sure you have changed it in your address book

--Please remember that if you have donations for Essentials you can drop off on the first Thursday of every month from 5—6 pm.

--Ashley is working on a project and would LOVE any old pictures you have with people from North Park in them. They could be pictures of events at North Park, at RCC, or just a group of friends fellowshiping with each other. If you have them in digital form, you can send them to [npcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:npcc@sbcglobal.net) but if you only have hard copies, you can bring them to church and she will scan them and get them back to you asap. Trying to get a good sampling from every decade so any help is greatly appreciated!!!

--There will be a bridal shower for Jeanne Wadsworth on Sunday, March 1 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Jeanne and Randy are registered at Walmart, Target, and Bed Bath & Beyond

--A reminder to everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized for any reason and you would like the church family to know, please contact the church office (or Tim or Ashley directly on the weekends) to let us know, the hospitals won't necessarily contact us for you.

--Ashley will have Tim's Sunday sermons posted to the website every week by Tuesday morning. If you or anyone you know would like to listen to them, go to the Sermons section of the website. Let Ashley know if you have any questions.

## Those to Serve –March 29, 2020

Children's Church: Pam Reese, Leanne Douglas  
Communion Trays: Wadsworths & Pat Williams  
Audio/Video: Adam Zomok  
Security: Ed Long  
Nursery: Delores & Lisa Warkins, Sandi Riffle  
Greeters: N. Liz Willis S. Weirs  
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4B Justin Reese

Shut-Ins: Maupins  
Kingdom Kids: Jeff & Kathy Hagerman

## **February 23, 2020**

Jesus Is Coming Soon

Welcome

Heaven's Jubilee

Prayer

He Gave Me A Song

Lord's Supper

Giving

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

Years I Spent In Vanity

(dismiss for Children's Church)

Sermon: Great Day In May

Jesus Is Calling

Family Time

Prayer

### Those to Serve -February 23, 2020

Children's Church: Naomi Gibson, Pat Williams

Communion Trays:

Audio/Video: Mark Murray

Security: LIFE Group

Nursery: Lisa/Delores Warkins, Sandi Riffle

Greeters: N. Murrays S. Jeanne Wadsworth

Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth

Computer: Mary Riley

Worship Director: Ed Long

Prayer: Jeremy Schulz, Wayne Morris

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3B Chris Youssi

4B Jerry Gibson

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

*Where Friends Learn to Live and Love Like Jesus*

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