

the Encourager

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NORTH PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER - 2019

PREPARATION

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." (Exodus 13:17).

Reading through the story of the exodus, I came across this verse some time ago, and thought it interesting that even though Israel had just seen Egypt utterly decimated by the 10 Plagues, God recognized that Israel still needed time to separate itself from Egypt in a peaceful way. Instead of throwing them "from height to height," God gave them rest a time of rest and peace so they could be mentally and spiritually prepared for what was coming. We know they were already physically prepared, since in verse 18 we read "And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle."

Israel had the physical tools necessary to get the job done; God had already seen to that. However they did not have the mental and emotional (and likely – spiritual) tools that were needed. They had been slaves for generations. They were no Spartans, trained for battle from childhood. They were brick makers, bakers, and sheep herders.

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Mark Your Calendar

11.1

Pasta Ball Set-Up

11.2

Helping Hands Pantry

Pasta Ball

11.4

ROMEO Club

11.12

Blanket Ministry Work Day

11.16

Helping Hands Pantry

RCC Board Meeting

11.17

Fall Festival Potluck

11.23

NPYG Devo @ Nicosia's

11.24

Light Up the Parks Parade

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And so God took Israel the long way. He destroys the Egyptian army in the Red Sea, He feeds them mana and quail from heaven, He provides water for the nation from a large rock, He meets them on Mount Sinai showing His power and giving His Law. He confirms His covenant and tells them of the conquest of Canaan they are about to embark on. He gives the instructions for building the Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant. Then He fills the Tabernacle with His glory and rests on the Ark.

In all these things God takes the time necessary to prepare His people. He shows them what it means to be His chosen people, and does everything necessary to equip them to carry out His will. Rather than throwing them in the deep end, He shows them how to swim, then says “Go.”

We see the same in the New Testament. The Apostles live with and listen to Jesus for 3 years, day in and day out. The entirety of Paul’s life appears as one big preparation before he meets Jesus on the road to Damascus. The church is in near-constant prayer and encouragement together from when Jesus ascends to the Day of Pentecost. We see God prepare His people, then tell them to act.

And act they do! Israel (after a bad miss), takes over Canaan. The Apostles preach and teach no matter what persecution comes. Paul goes across the known world teaching the Gospel. The church grows and spreads.

Things are the same for us. You may be in a time of preparation, or a time of action. It takes a genuine look at things to see which it is. If you are in a time of preparation, be prepared to take action when the time comes. If you are in a time of action, use what God has prepared you with to the best of your ability. But wherever we are, let us be faithful, trusting that God will lead if we will follow.

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 each week.

Those to Serve –November 3, 2019

Children's Church: Grace Sharp, Julia Garcia
Communion Trays: Naomi Gibson, Brenda Mohler
Audio/Video: Jordan Siracusa
Security: Ken Maupin
Nursery: Pat Williams, Sandi Riffle
Greeters: N. Weirs S. Joan Wadsworth
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth
Computer: Brenda Mohler
Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Prayer: Tim Firm, Ernie Stubblefield
Scripture: Ken Lynch
Ushers: Scott Seigrist, Joe Nicosia
Preside: Ken Maupin
1A Ed Long 2A John Castree
1B Larry Jones 2B Simon-Peter Broughton
3A Greg Peck 4A Doug Soter
3B Scott Weir 4B Jose Cervantes

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

Those to Serve –November 10, 2019

Children's Church: LeAnne Douglas, Sandi Riffle
Communion Trays: Naomi Gibson, Brenda Mohler
Audio/Video: Adam Zomok
Security: Tim Firm
Nursery: Julia Garcia, Deanna King
Greeters: N. Holly Bertram S. Firms
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth
Computer: Pam Reese
Worship Director: Ed Long
Prayer: Ken Maupin, Ken Lynch
Scripture: Jeff Hagerman
Ushers: Doug Soter, Marcus Price
Preside: Wayne Morris
1A John Parker 2A Jaye Lavern
1B Justin Reese 2B Steve Adkins
3A Scott Seigrist 4A Ron Willis
3B Dave Sharp 4B Jeremy Schulz

Shut-Ins: Lynch
Kingdom Kids:
Debbie Letsinger, Kathy Hagerman

Those to Serve –November 17, 2019

Children's Church: Pam Reese, Asha Price
Communion Trays: Naomi Gibson, Brenda Mohler
Audio/Video: Justin Reese
Security: Jerry Gibson
Nursery: Pat Seifert, Staphany Cervantes
Greeters: N. Brenda Mohler S. Judi Rogers
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth
Computer: Sara Maupin
Worship Director: Tim Firm
Prayer: Jerry Gibson, Steve Adkins
Scripture: Chris Isom
Ushers: Jeff Hagerman, Jose Cervantes
Preside: Ed Long
1A Ernie Stubblefield 2A Mark Murray
1B Stan Gregory 2B Ken Maupin
3A Jordan Siracusa 4A Marcus Price
3B Ken Lynch 4B Ron King

Shut-Ins: Kings
Kingdom Kids:
Deanna King, Taylor Siracusa

Those to Serve –November 24, 2019

Children's Church: Sandy Youssi, Sara Maupin
Communion Trays: Naomi Gibson, Brenda Mohler
Audio/Video: Ken Maupin
Security: Dave Sharp
Nursery: Grace Sharp, Pam Reese
Greeters: N. Liz Willis S. Pat Williams
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth
Computer: Mary Riley
Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Prayer: Scott Seigrist, Stan Gregory
Scripture: Ron King
Ushers: Justin Reese, Dave Sharp
Preside: Tim Firm
1A Joe Nicosia 2A Joey Nicosia
1B Chris Youssi 2B Jeff Hagerman
3A Wayne Morris 4A Tyler Zomok
3B Jerry Gibson 4B Adam Zomok

Shut-Ins: Sharps
Kingdom Kids:
Julie Cavallaro, Cathy Sharp

Kings from the Bible

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SAUL
JEROBOAM
REHOBOAM
UZZIAH
AMON
MANASSEH
JEHU

DAVID
AHAB
ASA
JOTHAM
ZEDEKIAH
JEHORAM
OMRI

SOLOMON
AHAZIAH
JEHOSHAPHAT
JOSIAH
JEHOIAKIM
ZACHARIAH

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** · **Jason Willis** **Ken Maupin**
- **Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please **Lorene Crabb**
- **Pat McRill** · **Dar Hinrichs** **Frances Hughes**
- **Larry Borrison** **Evie Garon** **Jan Morris**
- **Jack Ward**—Jan Lavern’s brother in law who is suffering from a lung disease
- **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
- **Kevin Eley** – Bolen’s neighbor who is battling cancer
- Sonya Puentes** – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
- Andrew-James Broughton**—suffering complications from cancer treatments
- 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
- Clara** – friend of the Kemps who is undergoing tests for a mass found in her abdomen
- Kate Marschang** – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
- Dennis Ritlinger**– Danielle Kemp’s Uncle who is being treated for prostate cancer
- Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
- Steve Burdge** – Sally Battha’s nephew; liver transplant
- Donna Fincher** – is now back at home
- Dave Bogenschutz** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who is dealing with a rare form of cancer
- Mary Enfield** – fractured vertebrae, waiting to schedule procedure to repair
- Charlene Govert** – friend of Gayle Bolen who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Family Jo Golden** – Please keep Jo’s family in your prayers as they mourn her passing
- Frank Lott** – is now under hospice care
- Leda Phillips** – in room 25 at Cor Mariae
- Harbach/Schluz family** – at the passing of Katie Schulz’s grandma Isabell Harbach

NPYG

The North Park youth group will be selling candy bars in the coat room after church to help raise money for Winterfest

There will be a devo at Joe and Valerie Nicosia’s house on November 23rd at 4 pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pasta Ball Set-Up @ Forest Hills Lodge at 9:30 am	2 <small>Pantry 10:00am</small> Pasta Ball
3 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	4 Ashley Gregory, Staphany Cervantes & Steve Adkins' bday ROMEO Club	5 Joe & Valerie Nicola's ann.	6 7 pm Bible Study Joan Letsinger's bday	7 1-3 pm Pantry	8	9
10 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	11	12 Blanket Ministry Work Day	13 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery Cathy Firtuk, Justin Reese's bday	14	15	16 <small>Pantry 10:00am</small> RCC board meeting
17 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Potluck after morning worship Mary Enfield's bday	18 Sandi Riffle's bday	19	20 7 pm Bible Study Cathy Sharp's bday	21 Maddison Zornok & Jerry Gibson's bday Ed & Wanda Long's ann. 6-8 pm Pantry	22	23
24 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Light Up the Parks Parade	25 Katie Schultz's bday	26 Mary Ann Cornstock's bday	27 No Bible Study Mauehurd's ann. HHP Food Delivery	28 Chris Isom's bday 	29 Raegan Riley's bday	30

NEWS & EVENTS

--This year's Pasta Ball will take place on Saturday, November 2nd. If you would like to make any donations for the silent auction or would like to be put to work collecting donations or helping in other ways, please talk to Gloria or Ashley Gregory. *** If you have any donations for the silent auction/raffle, please put them on the table in the coat room.

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

--**Fall Feastival** We will be having a potluck on Sunday, November 17th after morning worship so please plan on bringing a dish to pass and spending some time fellowshiping with everyone

--For those of you who wish to send Redmon King a birthday card for his 90th birthday, his address is:
1414 Randolph St.
Pocahontas, AR 72455

--**Please sign up for Trunk or Treat as soon as possible so Ashley knows how much candy she should buy**

--Please make sure you get your LIFE Group selection card turned in by October 27th

--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 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!!!

--SAVE THE DATES

Trunk or Treat- October 31st 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Set-Up for Pasta Ball—November 1st @ Forest Hills Lodge starting at 9:30/10:00 am

Pasta Ball—November 2nd

Light Up the Parks Parade—November 24th

God's Hand Gift Shop—December 14th

Donut Sunday – December 15th

October 27th, 2019

Step By Step

Welcome

This Little Light of Mine

Walkin' Down Heaven's Road

I've Been Redeemed

Prayer - Jeff Hagerman

Home of the Soul

Above All

Lord's Supper

Giving

On Zion's Glorious Summit

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Sermon

Thank You Lord

Family Time

Prayer

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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.

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MINISTER

Jared Kemp Office Hours Monday from 9 am—5 pm

***all other times by appointment**

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