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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK
CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 2022

EXCITING TIME!!

Yes, it's a great time to be at North Park. We have so many great things going on with the church here, and the environment is contagious to where people want to be here. We've had several visitors lately, and many of those are repeat visitors. We'd love for them to make this their permanent place. If you're visiting with us and you have any questions you'd like to ask, feel free to reach out to us. We'd love the opportunity to talk about the church.

I've noticed that for the last three weeks we've had on average around 150 in attendance on Sunday mornings. That's a wonderful thing, and that shows that people want to be here. I'm reminded of the verse in the Psalms that says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Ps. 122:1). We're part of a perfect institution, but we're made up of imperfect people who should strive to be more and more like Jesus every day. It's encouraging to know that people want to be here at North Park. Let's all strive to work together for the Lord, and let's never forget how important it is to be a disciple of Jesus. Part of being a disciple is the need and desire to help other people be disciples. It's the disciples making disciples principle. Jesus called His followers to be fishers of men (Mt. 4:19). One of the things about fishing is you have to keep fishing. We need to continue fishing for men in order to make other disciples. Let's all strive to do this as part of our Christian walk, and it will have a positive impact on this congregation.

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VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We are delighted you came our way. If you are traveling, may your travels be safe and may God cause His face to shine upon you. If you recently moved to this area, we hope you will be with us on a regular basis. "Come now and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18).

Our attendance has been fluctuating the last several weeks due to illnesses and vacationing. As a result, so has our contribution. It is good for all of us to be reminded of the importance of our faithful and regular support of the local church in these two critical areas. Pray for the recovery of those dealing with illness and the safe return of those traveling and vacationing.

A new Bible Class designed for young professionals but open to anyone interested, which begins Sept 11, will meet downstairs on Sunday mornings at 9:30. The topic is "*What Would Jesus Do in 2022?*" It features numerous lessons on very important issues we are facing in the present culture. Please attend the Sunday Morning Bible Class of your choice! Ron King will be teaching the auditorium class, and by all means, bring your Bible! Searching the Scriptures is vital to knowing truth and faithfully serving God (John 5:39; Acts 17:11).

The first half of 2022 has swiftly passed. We know not what the remaining months will bring or whether they shall be completed (See Matt. 24:36; Prov. 27:1). Let us, therefore, resolve to be faithful to God above all else. Hope to see you Sunday!

"THERE IS MUCH LEFT TO DO IN 2022"

Bible Questions? Join us every third Sunday night of the month at 6 pm. Just remember, it really is more about the journey than the answer!

Fer It or Agin It?

After hearing it for the 137th time, it doesn't carry the zing it once did, but most have heard of the man who had to miss church one Sunday. When his wife got home, he asked what the sermon was about. "Sin," she replied. He paused, then asked, "Were he fer it or agin it?"

It gets a smile – until we realize that the answer may not be as obvious as we think. As Christians we know that we should be 'agin' sin. And we are – until we aren't. If we say that we love Jesus, but then live like the devil, whose side are we really on? Are we "fer sin or agin it"? It's an age-old problem (Rom 2:21-23).

And the same point could be made about other subjects. Take grace, for example. We know we should be "fer" it. And we are, until we are asked to forgive our enemy (Mt 5: 44); then we're "agin" it.

On and on we could go. Most of the "fruit of the Spirit" (Ga 5:22-23) we are for – until we are called upon to put them into practice. Whether love, joy, or any of the rest, our duty is to be "fer 'em", regardless of our preference – or mood at the moment.

- Roddy Tate



ATTENTION: If you are listed to serve and are unable to, please contact Wayne Morris to let him know as soon as possible.

Those to Serve –September 4, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Kevin Spaw
Preside: Ron King
Ann/Closing Prayer: Joe Nicosia
Scripture Reading: John Castree
Greeters: Stan & Gloria Gregory
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Jerry Gibson
Usher #2: Ron Willis
A/V Booth: Scott Weir
Security: Wayne Morris
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt & Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Valerie Nicosia

Those to Serve –September 11, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Jerry Gibson
Preside: Stan Gregory
Ann/Closing Prayer: Joe Nicosia
Scripture Reading: Ken Lynch
Greeters: Liz Wills & Pat Williams
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: John Castree
Usher #2: Jeff Hagerman
A/V Booth: Tim Barton
Security: Ken Maupin
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt & Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Mignon Soter

Those to Serve –September 18, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Mike Dye
Preside: Chris Youssi
Ann/Closing Prayer: Joe Nicosia
Scripture Reading: Tim Barton
Greeters: Vikki Hatcher & Joan Schmidt
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Jaye Lavern
Usher #2: Marcus Cassady
A/V Booth: Tyler Zomok
Security: Jerry Gibson
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt & Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Elizabeth Soter

Those to Serve –September 25, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: JJ Whaley
Preside: Ken Maupin
Ann/Closing Prayer: Joe Nicosia
Scripture Reading: Scott Weir
Greeters: Simon Peter Broughton & Brenda Mohler
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: Marcus Price
Usher #2: Justin Reese
A/V Booth: Mark Murray
Security: Joe Nicosia
Church Mailbox: Joan Schmidt & Jeanne Wadsworth
Nursery: Pat Seifert

Super Sunday Nights

Beginning this Fall, Super Sunday Nights are coming! Family activities each Sunday Night at 6 pm. Some will include food, some will include games, some will include Bible Study, some will include service projects, and all will include Fellowship and growing us closer together. Make plans to volunteer your family for service in this great opportunity for ministry!

On Wednesday Evenings beginning this Fall we will be offering Community Enrichment Programs to our immediate neighborhood. Our desire is to make a difference in families lives and reach the homes immediately around our church building. We will be offering programs like DivorceCare, DC4K (*DivorceCare for Kids*), Marriage Classes, Parenting Classes, etc. We will need significant help from our church family providing such things as: prayer, providing meals, snacks, child care, and just warm bodies in a seat for moral support, among other things. Plan on being here on Wednesday evenings to see how YOU can make a difference in people's lives.



**COMMUNITY
ENRICHMENT
PROGRAMS**

Pantry Sub List

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Pat Seifert	815-871-7236		

Prayer List

***Those with ongoing health issues

Jason Willis
Wendy Williams
Myrtle Williams

Donna Fincher
Helen Holland
Joan Wadsworth

Sue Ann Diaz
Earline Nipps
Gregory Willis

Lucy Chamberlain
Mike Trank
Kevin Sircloumb

People of Haiti

People of Ukraine

Anneka Broughton – At home, recovering from surgeries (7-27-2022)

Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who is recovering from cancerous tumor surgeries (7-27-2022)

Lindsey Farley – friend of Katrina Whaley's, in therapy for cognitive issues following an accident (7-27-2022)

Jan Lavern – leg is doing better and she is back to work. Still in therapy (7-27-2022)

John Parker – having low dose treatments every 3 weeks to shrink cancerous lymph nodes (7-27-2022)

Mary Ann Sircloumb's niece – being treated for severe burns

Ellie Krepfle – daughter of a former student of Gloria Gregory, born with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome and recently found out that she has cancer in her kidneys and is now done with her first round of a 6 month course of treatment (7-27-2022)

Marsha Herndon – has finished her third round of chemo, and will have the fourth towards the end of August (8-5-2022)

Cathy Oswald – friend of Gloria Gregory, at home but remains under hospice care after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (7-27-2022)

Billee Jo Schmidt (Tracey Meinert's friend) - father has prostate cancer that has spread to his bones (7-27-2022)

Bonnie Cole – in a nursing home with multiple health issues (7-27-2022)

Hans Hausfeld – husband of a close friend of Sara Maupin's who has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and is in the hospital after a recent cardiac arrest. Doing better every day, coming out of coma and off the ventilator (7-27-2022)

Dustin Arreguin – has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease

Family of Janie Lee – Janice Adkins' Aunt, recently passed away

Martha Johnston – friend of Simon-Peter Broughton's who is awaiting gallbladder surgery (8-9-2022)

John Purington – friend of Simon-Peter Broughton's who has been diagnosed with dementia and Parkinson's disease (8-10-2022)

Lloyd Barton – Tim Barton's father, recovering from heart surgery

Veronica Fuller – friend of the Youssis who has recently been diagnosed with cancer

Ned Riffle – recovering from hip replacement surgery

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Jason & Dulane Willis's ann.	2 Jeff & Kathy Hagerman's ann.	3 NO PANTRY
4 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Doyle McKinney's bday	5	6 Christian Amaviscá's bday	7 10:00 am Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	8 6-7 pm Pantry Frances Hughes & Amber Clrincione's bday	9	10 Frankie Nicosia's bday
11 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Outdoor worship today	12 ROMEO Club Delores Watkins's bday	13 Blanket Ministry Yousai and Morris's ann.	14 10:00 am Bible Study Jeremy Schulz, Jose Cervantes & John Anderson's bday	15 Joan Wadsworth's bday	16	17 Pantry 10:00 am Stan Gregory's bday
18 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Julia Berglund's bday	19 Keisha Pike's bday	20	21 10:00 am Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	22 6-7 pm Pantry Tonda Borison & Jared Erdman's bday	23	24 Brock Soter's bday Peck's ann.
25 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Cookout at RCC @ 4pm	26 Gibson's ann.	27	28 10:00 am Bible Study	29	30	



NEWS & EVENTS

- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website:

<https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/donate/>

- We will be collecting fruit cups and crackers for Shults Lewis until October 2nd. There will be a table in the coat room where you can put your donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to Shults Lewis

- There is a Meijer Simply Give campaign running through Saturday, October 1st. The double match day will be Saturday, September 10th

- We will be having an outdoor worship service (weather permitting) on September 11th behind the minister's house at 10:30. Classes will meet inside at 9:30 as usual, other than the auditorium class which will meet outside. Please bring a chair

- There will be a senior luncheon on August 31st in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway or let Stan or Gloria Gregory know that you plan on attending so they can plan for food.

- There will be a cookout on Sunday, September 25th, at Rockford Christian Camp. Food will be provided, but please bring a dessert. Please sign up on the list in the hallway if you plan on attending so we know how much food will be needed.

- The new quarter for Sunday Bible classes will begin on September 11th. Ron King will continue the class on Matthew in the auditorium and Roddy Tate will be starting a class in the Fellowship Hall titled "What Would Jesus Do in 2022?" that is geared to young professionals but anyone is welcome to come.

- Stay tuned for new activities and events coming very soon for all to participate in that provide a variety of opportunities for fellowship and working together with each other and the surrounding community.

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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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