

e-News

*OUR MISSION:
To make His name
glorious!*



Weekly Update from North Shore Church

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Adult Sunday School 8 AM

Worship Service 9 and 10:30 AM



What a day this past Sunday was! When God opens up the windows of Heaven to bless us, He doesn't dispense His favor in small measuring cups. He dumps it by the truckload. Sunday was that kind of day for me. Listening to Doc, worshipping God through the songs, getting carried away by the excitement of a man who loved the Lord, was like a cleansing rain. I hope you felt the same way.

The Study in Luke also challenged me. In the busyness of life it's easy to pull away from the fire. The cool-down is subtle. The heat doesn't go away all at once. It's gradual. Becoming aware of it can be surprising but once we are aware, the fix is relatively easy—go back to the flame. Return to your first love. I hope you'll join me in that journey.

Don't know if you are aware but efforts have begun on our new building with regard to the engineering necessary to finalize the plans and present to us the final proposal. Because giving has been so strong and continues, we are able to initiate much of the preliminary work. I hope you're excitement is running as high as mine.



Upcoming Attractions...

**February 11 -
New Membership
Class
following the second
service**

**February 18 -
Movie Night - *The
Case for Christ***

**March 30 -
Good Friday Service**

**April 27 -
Annual Spring
Fling at
Montgomery
Community Center
This year's theme:
Island Holiday**

Let's plug into Bible Study and other opportunities:

**Adult Sunday School –
Sunday mornings at 8:00**

**Bible Study at Live Oak
Assisted Living -
Monday mornings at
10:30**

**GriefShare -
Monday evenings at 6:00**

**Men's Morning Bible
Study –**

Jesus said: "No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins." (Luke 5:37-38) Are we fresh wineskins? Are we flexible for God to pour Himself into us as a church and accomplish great things through us? I don't want to be rigid when it comes to the Lord, but able to expand to take in all He wants to do. I hope you believe the same thing.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Cary

LAST SUNDAY'S TAKEAWAYS:

1. Commitment is an obligation that begins in our hearts and spreads throughout our whole lives.
2. When we choose to live out our commitment, the evidence of that choice becomes obvious.
3. If the things of God are not obvious in my life, it is because I have moved away from the fire and lost the passion I once had for Him.
4. The journey to renewal reignites that flame, rekindles my love, redirects my thoughts and revives the practices that once expressed my devotion to Him.
5. A renewed commitment—like a renewed marriage—can be even more life-changing than the original.

Links to last week's notes and message are:

<http://caryfranklinsmith.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.northshorechurch.org/resources/sermons>

Membership Class - Sunday, February 11 following the second service.

Movie Night! Coming Sunday evening, **February 18**, at 6:30 p.m. ***The Case for Christ*** is the story of Lee Strobel's journey to faith. It will remind you of the struggle some have to believe and encourage you that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace. Might be a great night to invite a friend, husband, neighbor who lives with more doubt than faith.

Check the Welcome Center each Sunday. **Copies of the TAKEAWAYS** as well as other material are there for the taking.

If you are not participating in a **Men's or Ladies' Bible Study Group**, consider checking out one of these: The Tuesday evening ladies' group meets at 6:00, led by Liz Alston. The Wednesday morning group meets at 10:00, led by Stacey Buick. The Tuesday evening Men's group, led by Jim Wagner, meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at the church. And, the Men's morning group, led by George Nanos, meets at 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

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<https://www.facebook.com/northshorechurch1097/> and follow us. Much is going on and you even get to add your two cents worth. Updates are made regularly. Stay connected.

Tuesday mornings at 7:30

**Men's Evening Bible Study -
Tuesday evenings at 6:30**

**Ladies' Evening Bible Study -
Tuesday evenings at 6:00**

**Ladies' Morning Bible Study -
Wednesday mornings at 10:00**

**Prayer and Praise –
Wednesday evenings at 6:30**

**Choir Practice -
Wednesday evenings at 7:30**

**Thru The Bible Study -
Thursday evenings at 6:30
(held off campus)**

Important Links

[Prayer Needs](#)

[Church Calendar](#)

[E-Giving](#)

Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. we gather for **Praise and Prayer** in the auditorium. Join us for this special time of intercession for our church and others.

FYI: Al Gallegos will be playing at Walden Yacht Club
February 3rd & 24th.

Financial Report:

January - December 2017

Contributions	\$814,299
Expenses	\$805,441
Building Fund	\$760,000
Existing Mortgage	\$618,694

Serving Others: There are many opportunities for members to get involved as ushers, greeters or in the welcome center. Contact Mike Roy at [936-597-7717](tel:936-597-7717) or mroy07@aol.com if you are interested.

From our Hospitality Ministry: Ladies! Are you available to help prepare meals for our folks who are temporarily shut-in due to surgery, illness or accident? We have several who could use some help now and others who have things coming that will need help. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

Flower Ministry: Anyone who would like to honor a particular occasion or memorial with flowers, please contact the church office on Mondays, [936-597-7000](tel:936-597-7000).

TLC Food Pantry Ministry: Thank you for bringing peanut butter and other food items to church (hamper in the foyer) for the Pantry. There is always a need and God is blessing many people through your generosity.

As a **courtesy** to those folks who have reported their struggles with chemical allergies to me, **please use moderation** when applying cologne or perfume before coming to church.

1. The WEBSITE will be the main source of information regarding what is going on in the life of North Shore Church, regular schedule, staff information, what we believe, recorded sermons, prayer, etc.
2. The e-NEWS will be a weekly email with basically "Upcoming Events" and "Important Links" so that you can click to go to the website to see what is announced or updated.
3. The SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN will be a printed piece of communication that will help visitors get connected, highlight upcoming events, and provide some blank space for sermon notes.

Please peruse over this e-News and go to the website and look around. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reply as we refine our communication to be the best it can be.

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