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e-News

Our Mission: to make His name Glorious!
Weekly Update from North Shore Church

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Adult Sunday School : 8 AM

Worship Service 9 and 10:30 AM

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After two years from the day this project was first presented to the church at our first Spring Fling, a building will soon be started in our backyard that will provide precious space to better serve the ministry needs of our church. Thank you all who have embraced this vision from the beginning and helped us stay focused on following God's leadership throughout the planning. Without too many interruptions our contractor believes we will be using this building in less than a year from now.

Incredible thanks to those who have contributed financially to get us to this point and for those who will give to help us complete what we have begun. Your generosity is amazing and a blessing from God!

Along with approving the building, we approved two Trustees—Frank Jacobs and Maurice Williams. Also we appointed five new deacons—Gary Alston, Johnnie Borden, Tim Crist, Al Greene and Ken Johnson. We will be dedicating them to the ministry of North Shore Church on Sunday evening, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a very special time of commitment and fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday as we begin a special study of Habakkuk.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Cary

TAKEAWAYS FROM LAST SUNDAY:

1. A promise in Scripture remains true whether we accept it or not.
2. If we accept it, the advantages it claims become ours and we can count on them.
3. If we reject it, the advantages remain true but we gain no benefit from them.
4. Applying Scripture to our lives begins with believing what God said holds a personal message to us today.
5. When we apply Scripture, we invite God to touch us personally with the benefits of what He has promised.

Links to past notes and messages are:

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

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

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, **June 23**, 8:00 a.m. Special speaker: **Russ Massey**. Russ is the mission coordinator for *Be An Angel*. He works out the logistics of the trips we make to the Dominican Republic among other places. For years he led the Men's Bible Study Fellowship in Conroe. His topic for us: *What's so different about a godly man and a regular man?*

For anyone interested in being a part of the **Security Team**, we will have a meeting Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Bob Shane for more information, [936-203-4056](tel:936-203-4056).

A devotional from John Gosselink:

He Knows My Name

Music - Who You Say I Am

Turn it up and sing along - yes YOU are a child of God!

Scripture: [Colossians 2:2-3](#)---Please Read It Several Times

*My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of **complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

Most of you are aware that Marianne and I use the devotional book "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young as our reading some mornings. This morning the Scripture reference was [Colossians 2:2-3](#). We read it and re-read it today. We have been through this book several times; but, God had us stop and really focus on this Scripture this morning. **God longs to grant us spiritual wisdom**, that not only helps us make wise choices, but also gives us the ability to act and react with grace and wisdom. Before we face each day, before we face challenging situations, before we make challenging decisions, let's seek God's face and ask for his gift of wisdom. *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*— [James 1:5](#) As we grow and mature in our faith, we will accept the fact that there are hidden treasures along the way of each day. Blessings that reveal God's Presence are such things as sunshine, flowers, birds, friendships and answered prayer. God has not abandoned this sin-wracked world: He is still richly present in it. Today, search for deep treasures as you go through the day. **We WILL find Christ all along the way.**

Prayer: Holy Father, I need your wisdom to help me make the right decisions in the challenges and situations that will confront me today. Please pour your wisdom into my heart and head so that my actions, words, and choices will not only be pleasing to you, but a blessing to those around me. Help me to always be sensitive to those you put in my path, always being a reflection of your unconditional love! I know that there is no other source of hope, freedom, and security than you. Help me tear down every idol that I may have erected that dilutes or distorts my trust in you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Music - He Knows My Name

Thought For The Day: *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*— [Philippians 4:19](#)—Throughout Scripture, God reminds us that if our trust is in him and if we share his blessings with others, he will make sure we have all that we need. How can we be sure? **Look at Jesus! Have a blessed day!** Thank you for sharing with me every day! John

If you'd like to get on the emailing list for devotionals written by one of our members—John Gosselink, please email him at: johna882001@yahoo.com.

Check the Welcome Center each Sunday. **Copies of the TAKEAWAYS** as well as other material are there for the taking. You can also sign up for a Home Group.

Are you a **Friend of North Shore Church on Facebook?** Click this: <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.

Also: Click this: <http://www.ccphototx.com/northshore> to link to pictures of our church life and people.

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.

Upcoming Attractions:

June 6 – Deacon Dedication Service
June 17 – Father's Day
June 23 – Men's Breakfast

Meet the Family

BOB and LEAH STROUPE

Bob and Leah both lost their spouses to cancer, with Leah's husband passing away in 2014, and Bob losing his wife in 2015. They met while working at Flotek Industries in Houston. Bob was Vice President of Business Development, and Leah worked at the front desk, a job that suited her friendly personality.

Leah, a native Texan from a town near Corpus Christi, worked in the accounting department with Continental Airlines and retired after 27 years. "I had so much fun at that job and loved every minute of it," she said. "Then when my husband passed away, I realized the need to get another full-time position and that's what brought me to Flotek."

Bob's hometown is Hattiesburg, Mississippi. After 3-1/2 years in the Air Force, he joined his brother in the auto mechanic business, later moving to offshore work with Baroid.

"It was difficult being isolated from my family. The job was lonely and dangerous, but God had blessings in store for me." Exxon Chemical bought the company, providing opportunities that honored hard work, which was perfect for Bob. But when a joint venture halted his career there, he moved on to a profitable enterprise in Colorado, then joined the team at Flotek where he met Leah.

Now retired, he said he soon may look for an opportunity in another venture. "I love to take something broken and turn it into something that works. I would like to work with an organization that really needs my help. But in the end, Leah and I are trusting God to place us."

Now North Shore Church has the privilege of getting to know this beautiful couple. They've been here two years and are enjoying getting to know some of their fellow church goers. They love to travel and recently joined Pastor Cary and other North Shore members on the Holy Land tour.

Bob loves to golf and sings in the North Shore choir and the Amen Chorus, and Leah enjoys decorating and creating a beautiful home.

"We went to several churches when we were looking for one to call home," said Leah. "We're very comfortable here and look forward to meeting more of our neighbors."

TAKEAWAYS

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January - April 2018

Contributions \$241,352

Expenses \$227,302

Existing Mortgage \$598,571

Building Fund \$901,151

Upcoming Events

**praise
AND
prayer**

Each Wednesday at
6:30 p.m. we gather
for **Praise and**

TAX SEMINAR

Sponsored by
the Sewing
Spirits Ministry

Betsy Gaither
will be doing a

Sewing Spirits Ministry

Meets at NSC
the 2nd
Thursday of
every month to
make therapy

Prayer in the auditorium. Join us for this special time of intercession for our church and others.

tax seminar on Thursday, **June 14th** at 11:30 a.m. for anyone interested in attending. All are welcome!

blankets (**Blankets for Babes**) for children. You can help out by measuring fabric, cutting, ironing, sewing and/or delivering.



Love. Grow. Serve.
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.

Calling All Volunteers

North Shore Church Emergency Contingencies

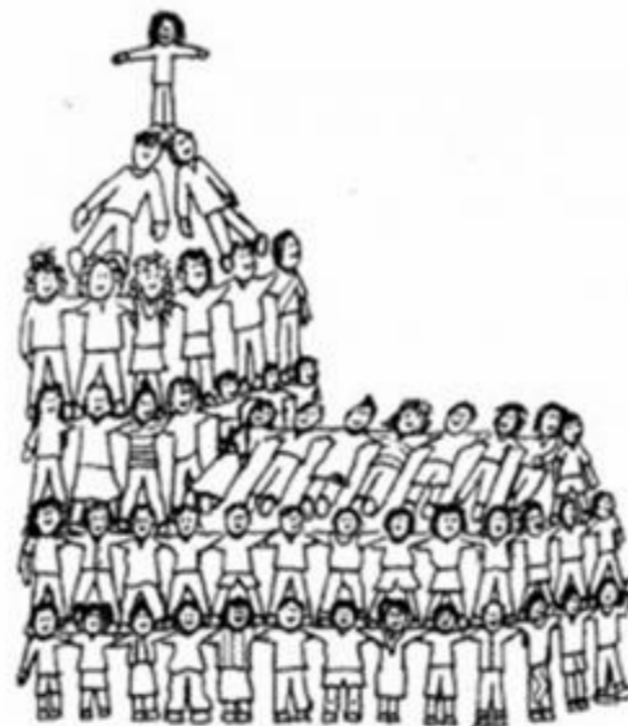
We are looking for good folks like you to join us in protecting our church family. Please take a look at the committees below and contact the team leaders if you would be willing to serve.

Emergency Contingencies Committee Coordinator:
Sandy McNabb (936) 449-6820



In case of an emergency, you will be instructed on what to do and where to go.

Church Life Photos



Click this:
<http://www.ccnhototx.com/northshore> to link to pictures of our church life and people.



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Activities thru the week

Adult Sunday School
Sunday mornings at 8:00

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

Grief Share
Monday evenings at 6:00

Men's Morning Bible Study
Tuesday mornings at 7:30

Prayer and Praise
Wednesday evenings at 6:30

Choir Practice
Wednesday evenings at 7:30



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.

Important Links

[Prayer Needs](#)

[Church Calendar](#)

[e-giving](#)

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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