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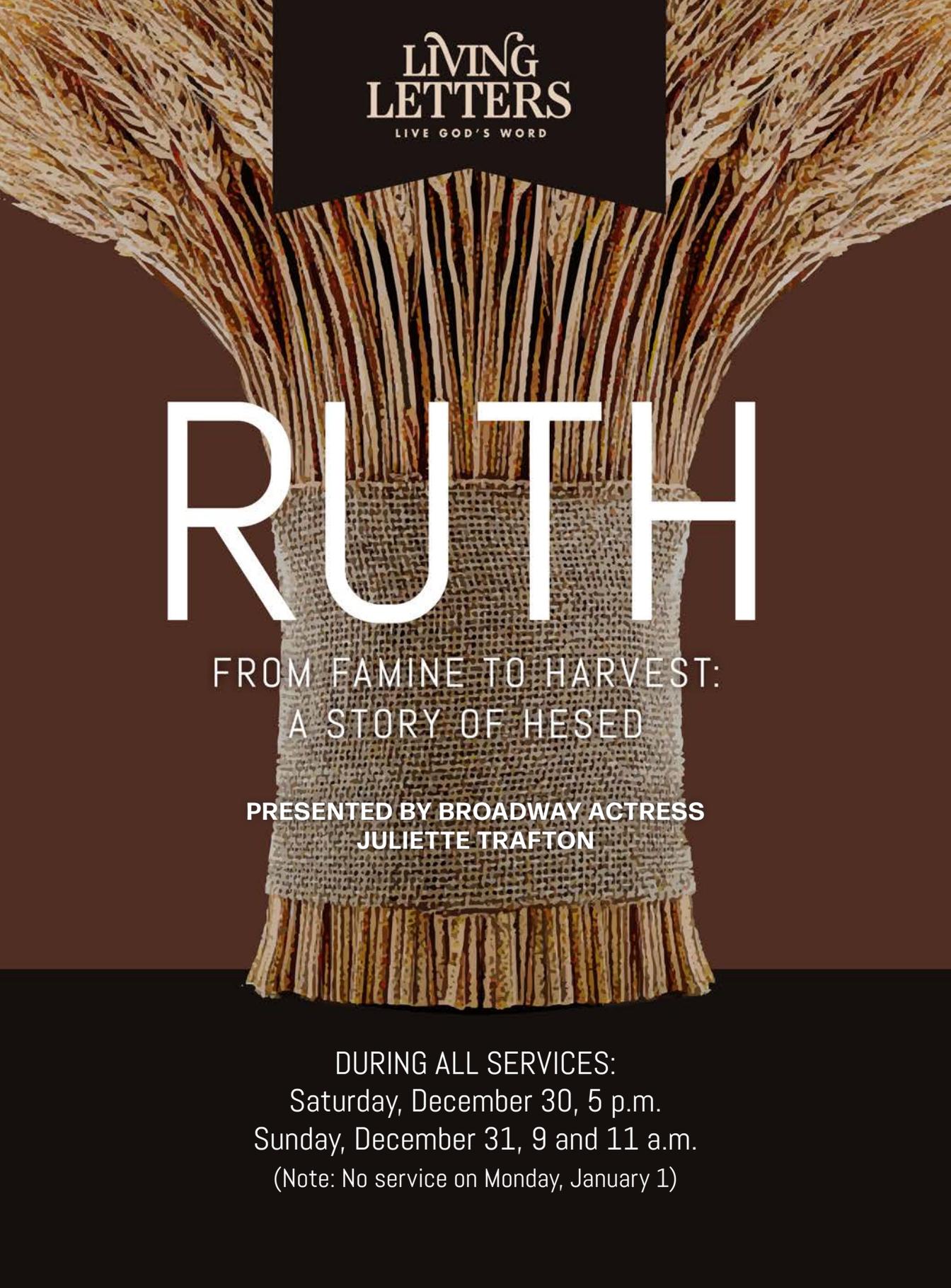
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# RUTH

FROM FAMINE TO HARVEST:  
A STORY OF HESED

PRESENTED BY BROADWAY ACTRESS  
JULIETTE TRAFTON

DURING ALL SERVICES:  
Saturday, December 30, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, December 31, 9 and 11 a.m.  
(Note: No service on Monday, January 1)



# By the Numbers

2017 brought us many blessings.  
Here's a list of our favorites.



**8** group studies were created

**We've  
accomplished  
a lot in**

**2017**

We've accomplished a lot together! While we don't like to focus on the numbers, they assign such value to the work God is going through us.

**1** Survived one hurricane together

**3** Church-wide Serve projects:  
– Hurricane Irma Response Day  
– Local Serve Day  
– Christmas House

**13** Number of high school small groups, led by adult volunteers

**6** Northland was a community shelter for six days following Hurricane Irma and served 124 people.

**5** The Women's Bible Study Small Group is celebrating it's 5th year meeting together

**7** Northland partners with over seven churches around the world - Ukraine, Uganda, Brazil, Egypt, South Africa, Cuba, Costa Rica, etc.

Number of couples mentoring thirty-two newlywed couples in the Marriage Prep class.

14

21 small groups of middle schoolers, led by high school students

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Number of props Pastor Matt used in his sermons

18



Lori Landers has led the Motorcycle Ministry for seventeen years.

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During December, we created a 24-day Advent calendar.

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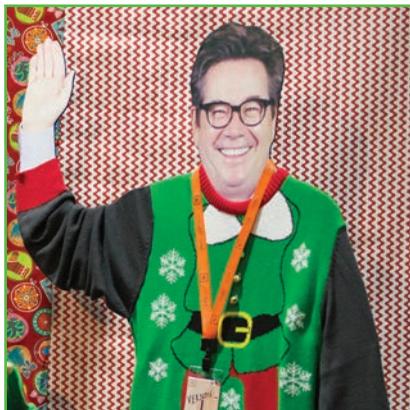
There are 12 Healing and Recovery Ministries that came alongside hundreds of people. These ministries include: Ministers on Duty, hospital visits, Divorce Recovery, GriefShare, Faithful and True, men's addiction recovery, women's recovery, Alcoholics Anonymous, AI-Anon, Life's Healing Choices, and anger management support (PRAXIS).

23

Northland and Reformed Theological Seminary are celebrating their 23rd year of partnership in equipping and serving the community through the Oviedo Counseling Clinic.

10

Number of times Flat Vernon has been used in a prank



BY THE NUMBERS

**30** Over 30 women have been ministered and cared for through The Women's Healing Ministry, which has been meeting for over 8 years.

Number of Stephen's Ministers praying for us each weekend, with 9 newly added

**25**

**32** We honored Pastor Joel's 32 years of faithful ministry.



This year marks Northland's 45th year anniversary (began in 1972).

**45**

**35** The children's curriculum used and developed at Northland is used in over thirty-five countries by other churches.

**26**

Northland couples got married

**31**

Celebrate Recovery leaders have been developed and trained for small groups, accountability partners, sponsors, and to share Christ's love for those who are hurting.

**33**

121Hope Anti Human Trafficking Ministry cared for 33 survivors of trafficking.

**40**

Pre-K and Kindergarten children participated in our first ever Praise Time Celebration, a joyful time of singing their Bible memory verse songs from the year.

**104**

Our Hispanic Ministry has translated over 104 services into Spanish. 52 services have been interpreted into American Sign Language.

**89**

Number of grade school age children that led worship through the Kings & Kingdoms program. They sang the Bible memory verses they learned this year and displayed a beautiful art collection of what they learned.

**123**

Number of people who were baptized, 37 of which were infants and 23 were students. 18 infants were dedicated.

**134**

students participated in Worship In the Arts camp, learning about the Lord's Prayer.

students enrolled in the Cooperative Pre-School.

**162**

**150**

people attended Sunday morning classes and Bible studies.

**120**

Over 120 Buddy Break volunteers provided 1,633 hours of free respite care for parents of children with disabilities this year.

**124**

Number of people sheltered at our designated community shelter for 6 days following Hurricane Irma.

**140**

The Cooperative Pre-School at Northland served over 140 families. We minister to our families and staff in hard times and have served in 5 outreach events in the community.

**200**

inmates have worshipped with us through live streaming each weekend

**47** people accepted Christ through Celebrate Recovery

**50** Over 50 volunteers have volunteered in the Florida Department of Corrections Prison Sites and Seminole County Jails.

**56** Our Disaster Response Team's mobile kitchen was sent to Spring, TX, then Central Florida after Hurricane Irma, accompanied by 56 members.

**57** unique worship guides created

**58** adult Student Ministry volunteers

**60** small groups have identified themselves as open to new members.

**52** Access Ministries' Sunday school programs, for children and teens with special needs, have grown to serve 52 families each weekend.

**85** High school students volunteered as mentors for middle school students.

Number of painted ornaments in the foyer for Advent **76**

**80** Eighty families participated as shoppers during Christmas House, where they were able to shop for and wrap gifts for over 250 children to put under their trees this Christmas.



**78** Number of Pre-K and Kindergarten kids that graduated from the Cooperative Pre-School

volunteers taught and helped in children's church.

**240**

**274** The Northland Worship Team has sung over 274 songs this year.

**433** Number of shoe boxes that were shipped 7,641 miles to the 410 students at Miracle Destiny School in Kamapala Uganda, through our Partnership with Pastor Robert Nabulere.

**230**

Number of participants in the *When Helping Hurts* seminars, a seminar designed to equip people with a better understanding of poverty and how to serve individuals who are experiencing spiritual or material poverty, from Northland's congregation, local organizations and other local churches participated.

**384**

Number of students that attended retreats, learning more about God and growing in relationships with peers through talks, games, activities, and time spent away from the routine of life.

**478**

Number of times we've gathered together for worship.

**500**

Over 500 used Bibles donated by congregants to homeless and prison ministries.

**690**

lives were saved through blood donations with the Big Red Bus.

**740**

Number of hours spent by our 121 Hope, anti-human trafficking ministry, victim advocates working directly with human trafficking survivors.

**800**

Over 800 people are part of small groups.

**891**

Number of children that participated in Celebration Place, a program where kids learn healthy ways to cope with challenges in their life often relating to the presence of strongholds for members of their family.

**1,215**

Number of hours FaithAbility, a monthly Bible study, worship and community service group (of over 50 people) for adults with intellectual disabilities, has provided to the Church and community.

**1,265**

Welcome Team has made 1,265 calls to new attendees.

**1,364**

Number of women that have participated in the Women's Community Bible Studies.

**2,200**

Over 2,200 dads and daughters attended this year's "Night of Light" Daddy Daughter Dance. What a wonderful evening of dancing, music, food, entertainment, and activities that will last a lifetime. Fun fact: If we had more volunteers for this event, we could serve even more dads and daughters!.

**2,492**

Number of meals cooked to help those participating in Celebrate Recovery, a weekly gathering to gain freedom from addictions in community and fellowship.

**3,150**

divorced people have been served through Divorce Care groups. One group even took a missions to Haiti together!

**3,617**

Number of hours our team of 56 volunteered and deployed to Spring Texas & locally for Hurricane Irma for a total of 12 days.

**4,100**

Meals cooked by our Disaster Response team in our mobile kitchen.

**4,603**

Number of people attended Celebrate Recovery, including young people attending The Landing for Teens. The landing is a safe place where struggling teens can acquire tools to live a Christ-centered life even when facing tremendous peer pressure. This year also marks Celebrate Recovery's 8th anniversary.

**6,644**

Number of people the Disaster Response team impacted.

**7,184**

Dollars Children's Church collected in tithes and offerings that was given to global and local missions.

**7,872**

Feet of Christmas lights in they foyer for Advent.

**12,000**

hours of service to over 792 clients here in central Florida through the Oviedo Counseling Clinic.

**12,585**

Pounds of food collected for the Red Bag Campaign which supplies food to Winter Springs Elementary to send home with the students on Friday for the weekend.

**20,256**

The Prison & Jail Ministry volunteers traveled 20,256 miles to Florida Department of Corrections Prison sites and Seminole County Jail to bring live worship & bible studies to congregations behind bars.

**27,000**

People read our daily liturgy at bible.northlandchurch.net more than 27,000 times.

**105,986**

Number of people reached during our nine special prayer vigils we streamed via Facebook Live during Hurricane Irma.

**157,445**

Number of times Northlanders have prayed over the 1,327 prayer request posted to pray.northlandchurch.net.

**187,366**

Number of people reached through Facebook posts.

**200,000**

We've worshipped online together over 200,000 times with people from more than 130 countries worshiped online more than 200,000 times. Worshipers connected with us regularly from Germany, the Philippines and New Zealand

**265,500**

Number of newspapers and worship guides printed.

**289,000**

Number of visitors to our website from 202 countries and sovereign states – including 1499 from Nigeria, 89 people from Sri Lanka and 58 from Namibia!

**1,037,000**

Number of times people hit Northland's website

**2,117,071**

Number of dollars we've reduced our 2018 budget to.

**5,130,013**

Number of mass emails sent to the congregation.

Not on our weekly email list? Sign up at the bottom of [northlandchurch.net](http://northlandchurch.net)

Amazing Grace!

The people of Northland are eyewitnesses to what God is doing as we link together for worship and service everywhere, every day. That cannot be quantified, but the numbers can be inspiring!

# In Honor and Memory of Our Loved Ones

## **In Honor Of:**

Anthony Ally, by Soniya Persaud and Shameer Ally  
Zoey, Katelyn, Ripley, Mika, Ezekiel, and Charlotte Heuslein,  
by Gigi and Papa - Judy and Bob Heuslein  
Nam Shim Lee, Joshua and Barry Jahr, Soo Shim,  
Nam Yong Lee, and Kenny and Bunny Drinan, by InSook  
and Kevin Drinan  
Bill and Marie Stellabuto Sr., by Bill Stellabuto Jr.  
Erik and Candice Visser, by Mom and Dad

## **In Memory Of:**

Abba  
Beatrice (Mom), by Lynn Conley  
Irving Becker, by Elaine Becker  
George C. Bird, by Elinor Bird-Squires  
James Bradley Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Jr.  
Concetta Bruno, by Ralph and Sharon Spano  
Dorothy Cocke, by The Bennett/Cocke family  
Uncle Bud and Aunt Vera Cook,  
by Jerry and Martha Posey  
Uncle Luther and Aunt Martha Cox,  
by Jerry and Martha Posey  
Enrique Diaz-Soto, by Jay and Irma Stephens  
Joan Dougherty, by Barb McBratnie  
Donald W. Eaker, by Terri, Curt, Chris  
and Mandy Sullivant  
Ernie (Step Dad), by Lynn Conley  
Anthony Gina, my son, by Theresa Mantovani,  
his mother  
Will and Elaine Gritter, by the Gritter family  
John and Ruth Harrison, by Susan Harrison and  
Rano Pedrotti Jr.  
Dan Harston, by Donna Harston  
Judith Hernandez-Diaz, by Jay and  
Irma Stephens  
Kalyn High, by the High family  
John R. Hill, by Sue Hill  
Our daughter, Jennielyn Hodge,  
by the Muzzy family  
Majorie Hodges, by Greg Hodges  
Wiley Hodges, by Greg Hodges

**Every time  
you cross my mind,  
I break out in  
exclamations  
of thanks to God.  
Each exclamation  
is a trigger to prayer.  
I find myself praying  
for you with  
a glad heart.**

– Philippians 1:3-4 (MSG)

Ayrynn Sierra Heuslein, by Gigi and Papa-Judy and  
Bob Heuslein

Adam Januszkiewicz, by Kathie Deisz

Jeffery Januszkiewicz, by Kathie Deisz

Rita Januszkiewicz, by Kathie Deisz

Joyce, by Lynn Conley

Uncle Eugene and Aunt Goldie King, by Jerry and Martha Posey

Mitzie Lang, by the Stram family

Leigh (Brother), by Lynn Conley

Stephanie Lemke, by Barb McBratnie

Almena Lofton, by Jacquelyn Simmons

Charlotte Lucie, by Mark and Cindy Losso

Cosmo Mantovani, my father, by Theresa Mantovani, his daughter  
Mom, by Pam

Doris Muzzy, Mother, by the Muzzy family

Rachel Pace, by Ralph and Sharon Spano

Rano and Eda Pedrotti, by Susan Harrison and Rano Pedrotti Jr.

Hugh and Ophie Posey, by Jerry and Martha Posey

Orin (Dad), by Lynn Conley

Maria Connie Spano, by Ralph and Sharon Spano

Michael A. Spano, by Ralph and Sharon Spano

Robert W. Squires, by Elinor Squires

Donald R. Stephens, by Jay and Irma Stephens

Dorothy J. Stephens, by Jay and Irma Stephens

Ann Stoyer, by Donna Harston

Glen Stoyer, by Donna Harston

Fred Stram, by the Stram family

Marge Stram, by the Stram family

Leona Suskowitz, by Mark and Cindy Losso

Jerry Tolerico, by the High family

Virginia Tolerico, by the High family

Luke and Elizabeth Thompson, by Jerry and Martha Posey

Christian Wagner, by Mom and Will

Dottie Winkler, "Nana," by Rhodes and Forrest Wall

James Winner, by Mother, Peggy Mancuso

Michael Wisniewski, by Elaine Becker

Pearl Wisniewski, by Elaine Becker

Gilbert W. Yingling, by Patty Yingling

Louis M. Yingling, by Patty Yingling

Sue Young, by Chuck Young

The  
Adult Equipping Team  
**Connects the Dots  
For You**  
in  
**2018**

BY REBECCA LANG

Every New Year we host a Connections weekend in the  
foyer around all the weekend worship services.



(L to r):  
Rebecca Lang,  
Patti Harshey and  
Barbara Olsen

Every new year we host a Connections weekend in the foyer around all the worship services. The new year is a time of reflection, when we can consider places in our lives where we'd like to improve, stretch and even change. As believers, many times those areas include growing our relationship with Christ so we are more like Him every day. That's what the Connections weekend is all about - finding a place to engage whatever part of your life you feel needs a little more equipping and a lot more Jesus!

Class, ministry and group leaders will be on-site to talk to you about the ways they resource, support and care for the congregation. Be sure to linger awhile after worship that weekend and check out the resources our leaders (some staff but most volunteers) offer from a desire to see you grow abundantly in your Christian walk.

Supporting our equipping efforts is our adult equipping team, which ensures our ministry leaders have all they need to serve you throughout the year. From room assignments to registration forms, from promotion and marketing to classroom materials, the equipping team is passionate about ensuring the environment you experience is conducive to a positive experience of personal growth and learning. Let's meet that team now!

Barbara Olsen is the adult equipping director and has been on staff for more than ten years. She's been married to her best friend, Roger, for 37 years. She is passionate about the gospel, and in her role she works to help ministry leaders come alongside others, helping them grow deeper in their understanding and maturity in Christ. She enjoys assisting, encouraging and mentoring believers to faithfully respond to God for the benefit of others, worshiping together, reading the Bible, sharing stories, being in relational community, praying, serving others, and living generously and growing in their faith every day!

"I am excited about the stories that folks share about how lives have been changed and impacted through classes, groups and care ministries," Barb shares. "God has been using me to encourage believers who are determining what their gifting and calling are and what their next God assignment might be.

"One woman shared with me that I had been able to help her sift through and pinpoint experiences where she participated in a group and where she served and felt God was so present in her life. This enabled her to take exciting new steps in her faith journey, which allowed her to continue to grow in her relationship with Jesus Christ and with others."

Barb enjoys learning and studying new things and is an ardent believer that lives are changed when our relationship with God deepens and we become better equipped to serve God and others to whom He calls us.

Another team member, Patti Harshey, has been part of our Northland family for 18 years, spending the last 10 on staff working in several areas, including global missions and

adult equipping. You might have seen her during worship because she can sing! She's married to her best friend, Tim, and is the mom to 16-year-old triplets. She works hard on the administrative side of equipping, ensuring that classes and ministry events are on our website and that there's a quick and easy way for folks to sign up.

In the first half of the year, Patti also works to support congregants who are gearing up to go on short-term mission trips during the summer.

"It is a joy to assist congregants in fulfilling what is sometimes a lifelong goal of going on a mission trip," she shares. "So many times congregants come back from their first journey with a heart that has been changed into a true servant's heart, and they continue to make an impact by serving locally in their own communities for the rest of their lives.

"Many continue serving globally as well and are year-after-year mission trip participants. It is also very rewarding to help our group, class and Bible study leaders grow in their roles as they give so unselfishly of their time and gifts to serve others, helping them come to maturity in Christ."

Rounding out the equipping team is me. My best friend, Jeff, and I have been married for 17 years, and our two kids are very active with Student Ministries. My family has been attending Northland since the summer of 2011. We have found tremendous community and lifelong friendships at Northland.

The love I have for connection and relationship-building is what draws me to my role in equipping. While I enjoy the administrative aspect of equipping and the direct support of the ministry leaders, Patti and Barb do those things very well! My contribution to the team is geared more toward connecting our congregation to the incredible people who are part of the adult equipping ministry at Northland.

I know the amazing group and class leaders, and I see the drive and devotion they have for the benefit of others. Knowing the scope of knowledge, love and care they have for their ministry compels me to point congregants to their classes, events and studies. Not only do they equip others; they enrich the lives of our Northland community through their work. My favorite part of my role is meeting folks over a cup of coffee and listening to their stories, how God has worked and moved in their lives. Through that time, God often reveals to me the right place to connect them for their best next step. It is a wonderful encounter to be part of!

We are excited about Connections weekend and hope you will stop by January 6 through 8 to say hi and explore the many ways you can grow deeper in your relationship with Christ and others.

## Connections weekend is January 6 through 8

**Even if you can't join us, you can find out more about classes and ministries at [calendar.northlandchurch.net](http://calendar.northlandchurch.net) or find community through our small groups at [northlandchurch.net/groups](http://northlandchurch.net/groups). Happy New Year!**

# Local Missions Ministries Assist Those in Need While Sharing Gospel



## Local Missions is our church's demonstration of the greatest commandments.

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:36-40, NIV).

Northland has always been - and will always be - committed to compassion ministries to the congregations and community. This is done with our local and global relationships. All these are in response to Jesus saying, "Be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth," as recorded in Acts 1:8.

More specifically, Local Missions is our outreach in diversified communities to distribute our resources with the goal of sharing the gospel. We work with people and in places that we have prayerfully explored and discovered, and with those we have invited to form relationships with. One of our keys to partnership is collaborating for the benefit of others so together we embrace the Good News and good deeds.

Local Missions ministries are also our application of these Scriptures:

*"... to proclaim good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."*

- Luke 4:18 (NIV)

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

- Matthew 25:34 (NIV)

## Local Missions Ministries

In Local Missions, we serve through the lens of *When Helping Hurts*, a tool and resource workshop hosted by Brian Fikkert, coauthor of the book by the same name. The central message of the workshop: to accomplish helping the poor, we need the person of Jesus Christ to transform not just the poor but also ourselves.



## Local Serve

This ministry ("blue shirt brigades") provides outreach opportunities on designated Serve Days with our local partners, families and community agencies, in addition to special events to help others, such as those listed here.

## The Serve team collects resources and supplies from our congregation to assist some public schools, families and communities.

- *Red Bag Project*

Through this project, during the school year, we are able to stock the food pantries of some local schools, providing meals for students and their families in need.



- **Stuff the Bus**

Through this program, we donate school supplies – including backpacks, notebooks, pencils and much more – to A Gift for Teaching, Seminole County, an organization that provides free school supplies to every school district in Seminole County.



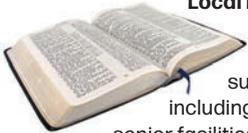
- **Christmas House**

This amazing program enables parents to experience the joy of giving gifts to their children on Christmas.



### Local Partners

We also provide both financial and non-financial support to different organizations, including Heritage Village and Wayman senior facilities, where we do worship services and Bible studies.



### Disaster Response

Those who serve with the Disaster Response ministry train people and respond to disasters alongside government and emergency agencies in communities. They feed survivors and first responders, and assist with a variety of medical, emotional, spiritual, personal and community needs.



### 121Hope

The purpose of this ministry – Northland’s response to human trafficking – is to bring hope to victims and survivors of trafficking and to empower them through one-to-one relationship. We collaborate to identify victims, connect them to resources and begin the healthy healing process. We strive to create and promote awareness.

### Jail Ministry

This ministry provides weekend worship services and weekday educational classes at John E. Polk Correctional Facility for men and women in Sanford. It also assists people through Bridges of America.

### Prison Ministry

This ministry also offers weekend worship services and weekday educational classes at these facilities:

- Tomoka Correctional Institution (men), Daytona Beach
- Polk Correctional Institution (men), Polk City
- Lowell Correctional Institution (women), Ocala
- Sumter Correctional Institution (youths), Bushnell



### Homelessness

This ministry is a downtown Orlando gathering to connect and serve those on the streets. Services include the Homeless Services Network (HSN) assessment of families and individuals. Also, we partner with The Open Table to train communities to transform the lives of those experiencing or at risk of economic poverty. In addition, we partner with the faith-based initiative Community Resource Network (CRN) in the response to homelessness.

# Volunteer Opportunities

The following volunteer opportunities are available to assist weekly and biweekly:

- Praying
- Doing administrative work related to planning and organizing, including database, phone calls, emails, logistics and materials
- Running errands
- Keeping up the technology
- Setting up transportation
- Leading teams on Serve Days
- Helping with jail and prison educational classes
- Assisting in the recruiting of and caring for volunteers

Local Missions is the Great Commission. Jesus commanded us “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV).

**For details about Local Missions, contact Matthew Shiles at [matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net](mailto:matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net) or Gus Davies at [gus.davies@northlandchurch.net](mailto:gus.davies@northlandchurch.net).**

# Add a Northland Short-Term Trip to Your 2018 Bucket List

BY OLIVIA B.

Short-term missions make long-lasting impact.



## Over the years, Northlanders have set foot in dozens of countries around the world.

From Brazil to Ukraine to Costa Rica, we have visited friends and partner churches to bring encouragement and helping hands and to learn from believers around the world.

Those who have gone on a trip know that the lasting relationships formed make the weeklong trips life-changing. The Psalmist's words "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" hit home as people from Orlando form tight bonds with brothers and sisters from all over the world (Psalm 133:1, NIV).

We have had the gift of hosting multiple international partners here at Northland, making the journeys across borders both ways. Maria from our partner church in Costa Rica served us as a True North intern this last summer. Pastor Robert Uganda visited us for the Hunter's Last weekend and for the screening of the film Queen of Katwe. Our friends from New Life Church in Ukraine visit at least once a year, along with others from around the world.

One way Northland grows as a church is through the perspective and insights offered through our partners. World events take on new meaning when seen through their lenses. We also learn a great deal about how others do evangelism, disciple-making and training of new church leaders. Once a month, the Global Missions team host a virtual "round table" discussion with our international partners. Participants use Google Hangouts to "meet" and talk about different subjects like next generation leadership, church planting and evangelism. This helps maintain connection with partners before and after short term trips.

A short-term trip is not just a multi-day experience; it's a lifelong impact both on those who are being served and on those who go to serve. As friendships are formed and worldviews are shaped, Northland and partner churches strive to sharpen each other to reflect the glory of the God we serve.

**Want to join a short-term trip? Visit [somedayistoday.net](http://somedayistoday.net) for more info!**

**Alaska** (high school student trip) – July 9-16

**Brazil 1** – June 9-16

**Brazil 2** – October 6-13

**Costa Rica** – July 14-21

**Cuba** – September 8-15

**Dominican Republic** (middle school students and a parent or guardian) – June 8-16

**Jamaica 1** (high school students) – June 9-16

**Jamaica 2** (college students) – June 16-23

**Jamaica 3** (families) – June 30-July 1

**More info at [somedayistoday.net](http://somedayistoday.net) !**



# CARE Ministries On Mission to Love Others

**In September Pastor John Tardonia and Pastor Jeremy Jobson** moved into the CARE Center (Northland's Compassion and Reconciliation Ministries, located in The Rink, our original building adjacent to the main Worship Center building) to align and unite the CARE Center ministries with their work in care and counseling, and training and equipping Northland group and ministry leaders.

*Within weeks of Hurricane Irma hitting, the newly formed team, which had already been impacted by the recent departures of various leaders, found itself bonding around the mission, offering compassionate care and restorative reconciliation to everyone housed on-site in the emergency shelter. The result has been a clarifying one that has fueled the team forward with great excitement for what lies ahead in this newest iteration of such an essential core of Northland and the New Testament church – loving one another and loving all those we have access to for the sake of the gospel. Read on to learn more about the various teams within the CARE Center family of servants on mission together.*



(L to r) Pastors Jeremy Jobson and John Tardonia

## LifeHope Benevolence

LifeHope is Northland's benevolence ministry, which serves both the Northland congregation and the surrounding community. It provides holistic care through times of unforeseen financial hardship to those individuals and families that qualify and choose to embark on the LifeHope journey.

Through personalized plans built around each person's specific situation, LifeHope seeks to empower those in need by helping them achieve their personal goals for the purpose of self-sufficiency. Key aspects of the program are financial education, accountability, and building or strengthening relationships with the community and with God. Our mission is to help all those we meet get closer to

becoming the people they want to be so they can fulfill the purpose for which they were created.

For more info, visit [northlandchurch.net/lifehope](http://northlandchurch.net/lifehope), or for volunteer opportunities, contact Ivonne at 407-937-1824.

## LifeHope Childcare

Created to serve the needs of single parents in the process of overcoming life's challenges, the LifeHope Childcare Center is available to those parents who meet the criteria set forth by the LifeHope ministry and serves infants and toddlers from 6 weeks to 18 months old.

Our mission is to walk alongside the parents and children as we provide childcare in a safe, secure, Christ-centered atmosphere. Developmentally appropriate learning activities are provided to nurture the whole child in the areas of physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development. Mothers will receive extensive holistic case management. This includes academic,

employment, spiritual and emotional goals that lead to a life of self-sufficiency and spiritual and emotional maturity.

Our vision is to provide the necessary resources, education and care to ensure the future success of these parents and children long after they leave the center.

Contact Melissa Rivera or Mary Lee McCaffrey 407-949-4017 for more info or volunteer opportunities.

## Pastoral Care and Counseling

Pastor John Tardonia and Pastor Jeremy Jobson work with congregants and people from the community on spiritual, emotional, physiological and relational challenges in their lives. The two meet with individuals, couples, families, and groups or communities. Pastoral care is always provided to Northlanders and the community for free on a short-term basis.

If counseling is deemed beneficial, Northland has an expansive counseling referral network in the community and an expanded capacity for counseling on-site with

counselors and interns for a very low-cost administrative fee, the maximum being \$30 per session and with a sliding scale down from there based on income. For more info, call 407-949-7204. There is also a Crisis Line for after-hours, more urgent requests: 407-937-1740.

### Shepherding Project

This team works to provide training, development, care and support to anyone who is leading any part of the congregation, sometimes called the shepherds over the flock in Scripture (i.e., leaders, facilitators or hosts of groups, house churches, ministries and so on). Topics include practical and theological engagement with head (information), hand (resources) and heart (inner life) emphasis. Contact Pastor John Tardonía at 407-937-1755 or Pastor Jeremy Jobson at 407-937-1774 for more info or to request their collaboration.

### Ministers on Duty

Did you know you can call Northland's main number, 407-949-4000, or come by Northland in person throughout the week to speak with one of our ministers on duty? We have a team of faithful ministers who take shifts throughout the week to listen, encourage and pray with anyone who needs it.

### Access Ministries

Access Ministries at Northland exists to create opportunities for all individuals to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Our mission is to ensure that individuals and families living with disability are welcomed, equipped and engaged in distributing the Church and

using their God-given talents to benefit the Kingdom. Contact Heather Subbert 407-937-1828 or heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net for more information or to get involved.

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times, that is, experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education. Contact Lynda Mason at 407-949-4013 for more info or volunteer opportunities.

### Healing and Recovery Groups

We have several healing and recovery groups that focus on the compassionate care and restorative reconciliation of people to God, others and themselves. You can find a complete listing of these groups on pages 28-29. These groups cover just about every topic: sexual addiction, alcohol addiction, divorce care, recovery programs from those affected by someone else's compulsive sexual behavior, and more. The leaders of these groups are always seeking to create safe spaces for people to be known, to grow and to heal so participants may one day be able to offer that same help to others. Contact the leaders directly for more information or volunteer opportunities.



# LifeHope Childcare Turns 2!

**You are invited** to perhaps the biggest birthday bash Northland has ever thrown! **Join us after each of the services during the weekend of February 10 through 12** as we wish a happy birthday to LifeHope Childcare, our ministry for single moms and their babies. Stop by to grab some delicious treats, to learn about volunteer and staff opportunities as well as the criteria for acceptance into the program, or even to drop off a box of diapers or unscented wipes. You will also have the opportunity to take a tour of the childcare cottages.

LifeHope Childcare was created to address the needs of single moms in the process of overcoming life's challenges. Childcare is provided in a safe and secure Christ-centered environment while moms work, attend school, and work on their financial, spiritual, educational, professional and personal goals.

For more information about LifeHope Childcare, contact Melissa Rivera at melissa.rivera@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-4017.

# Why did you build that?

Our younger children learned how God helped Nehemiah rebuild the city wall. So we used tools and worked together to build a pretend wall. (See Nehemiah 1:36; 2:3-5; 4:3, 6-9, 15-18; 6:15.)



## Volunteers of the Month: Jamie, Adeline & Avery Harrell

Sharing the truth of God's Word with our 4-year-olds has genuinely become one of the Harrell girls' priorities. They come each week ready to teach the children and join in the fun with them as they learn and discuss their lessons. With lots of love and commitment, Jamie, Adeline and Avery are truly making a difference in the children's lives. We are so grateful for their love of God and desire to serve. Thank you, ladies!

## Children's Church

Details: Debbie Blahnik, Director of Children's Ministries, at 407-949-7162 or [debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net)

- **Grade School Classes (Grades 1 - 5)** During all worship services in the Children's Worship Wing.
- **Early Childhood Classes (Age 3 - Kindergarten)** During all worship services in the Early Childhood Wing.
- **Infant & Toddler Care (Infants - Age 2)** During all worship services in the Early Childhood Wing.
- **Children with Special Needs (Age 3 - Grade 5)**

A variety of options are available.

Details: Heather Subbert at [heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net](mailto:heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1828

## Cooperative School

**A weekday cooperative learning environment.**

The Cooperative School at Northland is enrolling children who will reach the age of 2, 3 or 4 by September 1 into the weekday 2-, 3- or 4-year-old classes, respectively, for the 2016-17 school year. As classes fill up, children will be placed on a waiting list. Registration fees are collected to ensure your spot. Details: Pam Anderson at 407-949-7179 or [pam.anderson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:pam.anderson@northlandchurch.net)



## Children's Choir

Wednesdays starting January 17,  
3:30 to 4:45 p.m., room 5100.

**Calling all kids in grades  
three through five!**

Join the Children's Choir, and you'll discover a fun place where kids come to sing, build relationships, strengthen music skills, and learn ways to lead others in worship.

Parents and caregivers can relax and connect with one another in The Hub while you wait.

To register your child for Children's Choir, go to [https://calendar.northlandchurch.net/event/childrens\\_choir\\_5300](https://calendar.northlandchurch.net/event/childrens_choir_5300). For details, contact Eleanor Tracey at [eleanor.tracey@northlandchurch.net](mailto:eleanor.tracey@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1812.



## Young Disciples Step 1

Wednesdays starting January 17,  
6 to 8 p.m., rooms 5108-09.

**Is your child ready to be baptized?**

Young Disciples Step 1 guides children in navigating the foundational teachings of Jesus and the apostles in a child-friendly environment. It is designed to help children in grades two through five understand more about salvation, baptism and other tenets of the faith. This five-week study concludes with a celebration of baptism. A parent or adult must attend classes with the child. The one-time fee to participate is \$5 per child, which you may pay at the first class. Register at [https://youngdisciples\\_1.eventbrite.com](https://youngdisciples_1.eventbrite.com). For details, email Lindsay Johnson at [lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net).

I hope you enjoyed the Praise Time Celebration performed by your four and five year olds. Your support makes a difference, especially parents, I thank you for giving us the opportunity to encourage and teach your children each week.

I'm so excited the children had the chance to celebrate their faith by having fun and interacting in ways that help them grow spiritually. Thank you to all who participated in the celebration and for being an integral part of this ministry!

*Debbie Clark*  
Director of Children's Ministries



**Friday March 2, 6:30 to 10 p.m.**

Tickets will go on sale Monday, February 5, 9 a.m.

at [NorthlandChurch.net](http://NorthlandChurch.net) | \$20 per dad and \$12 per daughter

# LUG Connect For all Fifth-Graders!

Fourth Saturday of every month from January 27 through May 26,  
Children's Worship Wing.

## Do you have a fifth-grader in your home?

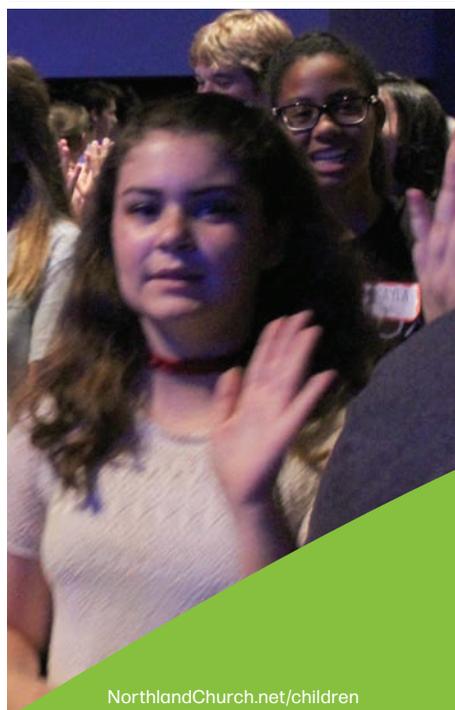
If so, you are aware that middle school is right around the corner and your "little kid" is beginning the journey into adolescence. Northland's Student Ministries and Children's Ministries together want to help you and your child navigate through this transition with a fun and relational program called JumpStart! Let's face it, change can be scary at any age, but LUG Connect is designed to help your student transition smoothly from elementary school to middle school.

During LUG Connect, your soon-to-be middle school student will have a chance to connect with other fifth-graders who are also making the jump to middle school and meet their future leaders in Student Ministries, all while having a blast!

Parents, this is your chance to get to know other families and an opportunity to receive great advice from Student Ministries leaders and other parents who have gone through the same transition, ask questions about Student Ministries' programs, and ultimately become better equipped to continue to disciple your student.

We want to help form relationships with you and your kids that continue through their middle and high school years so we can disciple them and support your discipleship efforts at home.

Questions? Email Lindsay Johnson at [lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net). Childcare is available for other kids in your family with a reservation; contact Pauline Hale at [pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net](mailto:pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net).



## Download Our NEW, Updated Children's Ministries App!

The new Children's Ministries app is here, and it is full of information and inspiration.

### WITH IT YOU CAN:

- Know what your children are learning in Children's Church each weekend.
- Get ideas for engaging your family in conversation about the weekend's Bible lesson.
- See the weekend's sketch from the Early Childhood and Grade School Ministries.
- Listen to the Bible memory verse songs.
- Have easy access to the calendar for Children's Ministries events.

SEARCH FOR "NORTHLAND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES" AT YOUR APP/PLAY STORE:



# Student Events

## Middle School Ministry

To register for these activities and for detailed info, visit [northlandchurch.net/middleschool](http://northlandchurch.net/middleschool).

**LUGROX | Saturdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink.**

Join us for LUGrox to eat, play, hang out and worship God together!

**NORTH SPORTS AND GAMES | Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m., The Rink.** Students can improve their skills in a variety of sports and games and grow in their faith. Come play *and* grow with North Sports and Games!

## High School Ministry

To register for these activities and for more detailed info, visit [northlandchurch.net/highschool](http://northlandchurch.net/highschool).

**RALLY | Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.**

Come to connect with friends and family over teaching, discussion and acoustic worship.

**OPEN FLOOR – for high school students**

**Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m., The Rink.** If you're a poet, rapper, singer or even a creative observer, this open mic gathering is for you.

## The Upper Room

**Sundays, 11 a.m., room 4218.** This weekly Bible study is designed for teens with intellectual disabilities. Join us to learn more about who God is and what He has done. Details: Marty Tracey at [marty.tracey@northlandchurch.net](mailto:marty.tracey@northlandchurch.net)

## Flag Football (for age 18 and older)

**Saturdays, 9:30 a.m to noon, sports field.** Join in for flag football and a devotional during halftime. Details: Dan Brown at [Gr8danbino@hotmail.com](mailto:Gr8danbino@hotmail.com)



# Connect

Looking to grow in your faith and walk with others while doing so?

Our classes, Bible studies, care groups and other training events offer an opportunity to connect!

Visit [northlandchurch.net/calendar](http://northlandchurch.net/calendar) for more information.

## Baptisms

### ADULT BAPTISMS

**Sunday, February 11, 2 p.m., Ken and Diane Watkins' home.** Get baptized by immersion or sprinkling as a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19). To sign up, visit [northlandchurch.net/baptism](http://northlandchurch.net/baptism). Details: Sharon Ferreira at 407-949-7189 or [sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net](mailto:sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net)

### CHILD BAPTISMS

Northland recommends the Young Disciples course for grade school-aged children prior to baptism, but it is not mandatory. Details: Debbie Blahnik at [debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7162

### INFANT BAPTISM/DEDICATION CLASS

**Saturday, January 20, 7 p.m., rooms 4206-07.** Details: Diane Jones at 407-949-7188 or [diane.jones@northlandchurch.net](mailto:diane.jones@northlandchurch.net)

## Bible Studies & Training

### ADULTS

#### ACTS: A STUDY OF GRACE

**Wednesdays starting January 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., rooms 5106-07.** Study the book of Acts with a goal of gaining a greater understanding of the spreading of the gospel after the news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Part two of this study begins at chapter 9 in the book of Acts, which corresponds to week 7 in the study guide (available in the bookstore for \$9). The five-week class ends February 7. Even if you could not participate in part 1, you can attend part 2 and grow in your faith walk. Details: Benjamin Mixon at [rmixon75@gmail.com](mailto:rmixon75@gmail.com) or 808-343-4391

## **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

**Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., rooms 5208-**

**10.** Join us as we learn American Sign Language. This class will be divided into three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Details: LJ Williams (text only) at 407-885-3270

## **AN UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**Sundays starting February 4, 10:45**

**a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room 4204.** Join in this eight-week class to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and understand the function of His Holy Spirit for the church today. You will be inspired to connect with God on a deeper level of insight, wisdom and revelation according to biblical truths. The equipping and training will take you forward to be involved, serve and strengthen the global church. Ultimately God's purpose, plan and individual calling for the believer become evident through the redemptive love of Jesus Christ. Book for class is available at the Northland Bookstore for \$7.99. Details: Rhonda Mixon at rraa4mix@gmail.com

## **BLENDED FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SERIES**

**Sundays, February 18 through April 15, 9 to 10:30 a.m., room 4204.**

Blended families experience unique issues. Become a "smart" stepfamily through author Ron Deal's practical and realistic solutions to the common issues stepfamilies face. This biblically based DVD series is suitable for pre-marrieds, remarriages and individuals involved in any of the multitude of ways stepfamilies are brought together. Child care is available with a reservation made with Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net. "The Smart Step-Family (second edition)" workbook (\$10.99) is required, and the book (\$15.99) is optional; both are available in the Northland Bookstore. Details: Jeff Reinking at jfreinking@cfl.rr.com or 407-616-6658

## **BIBLE BOOT CAMP**

**Mondays starting January 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., room 1118.**

Bible Boot Camp is a co-ed 40-week overview of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, designed to help Christian men and women explore the Word of God and grow in their understanding of who God is and what He has done. Whether you are a new believer, are looking for your next steps, or have been a Christian for many years and want to revive your walk with the Lord, this study is for you. In this study, you will see how God reveals Himself to us through the major themes, people, places and events in the Bible. Details: John Small at smalljhsd33@gmail.com or 352-875-5254

## **BIBLE BOOT CAMP**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., room**

**5206.** This is a co-ed, 40-week overview of the entire Bible from Genesis through Revelation, designed to help Christians explore the Word of God and grow in their understanding of who God is and what He has done. Details: John Small at smalljhsd33@gmail.com or 352-875-5254

## **BIBLE BOOT CAMP II: DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING**

**Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., rooms**

**1115-17.** This is an existing group of committed believers who finished the 40-week Bible Boot Camp overview of the entire Bible last year with room for up to 20 additional people who are more mature in their understanding (Hebrews 6:1). Details: John Small at smalljhsd33@gmail.com or 352-875-5254

## **BOOKS AND BEYOND ENCOURAGING FAMILIES EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION**

**Friday, January 26 to Saturday, January 27, The Rink.** With the growing number of pressures families face, parents can be catalysts for lessening the strongholds of tension and anxiety instead of increasing the pressures of outward appearances and unrealistic expectations. On Friday, speaker Dan Marcone, a mental health counselor with a

specialty in anxiety in children and teens, will teach parents how to reduce their own anxiety, how to identify their child's anxiety triggers and recognize them as needs not just behaviors, how to walk alongside a child through anxiety or stressful seasons, and how to nurture a child's ability to regulate his or her emotions. Saturday's keynote speaker is Durenda Wilson. In a world that is moving at warp speed, it's easy to forget that kids are still kids. Their needs haven't changed; they need time to explore and experiment with the real world around them, to absorb life through all their senses, and to process their thoughts at their own pace. While all these are crucial in laying a firm foundation for higher learning, most parents feel they don't have time. Could we be running past what God has for us because we have a hurried, narrow vision of what we're "supposed" to be doing? Do we have the courage to slow our hearts and listen to God's still, small voice? Register at [www.nearhim.com](http://www.nearhim.com). Details: Lucee Price at [lucee.price@gmail.com](mailto:lucee.price@gmail.com) or 407-921-6835

## **COMMUNITY LIFE – JOHN**

**Sundays, 9 to 10:30 a.m., rooms**

**4213-15.** Community Life class is focused on studying God's Word and building stronger relationships by prayer, encouragement, outreach and service together. Details: Jim Patrick at [jpatrick77.j@gmail.com](mailto:jpatrick77.j@gmail.com) or 321-356-5944, or Linda Patrick at [gingerlkp@gmail.com](mailto:gingerlkp@gmail.com) or 321-439-3148

## **FAITH AND FINANCES**

**Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m., room**

**5106.** Join this 10-week class, and get equipped with a biblical vision of money management. You can get involved in two ways: as a participant seeking personal financial knowledge, or as a financial ally taking the class alongside participants while offering support and knowledge throughout the class. Faith and Finances is designed for lower- to middle-income families that face week-to-week financial challenges. Come share a meal, laugh, study Scripture, set

savings goals, build a budget and face struggles together as you learn to overcome your financial obstacles. Childcare is available to participants and allies. You can purchase your workbook for \$10 during class. Details: Matthew Shiles at [matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net](mailto:matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net)

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**Thursdays starting February 15, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., The Hub.** We all need a smart plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! The cost is \$93. Details: Rich Haussmann at [rhaussmann@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rhaussmann@cfl.rr.com) or 407-468-3493

### ISRAEL TRAVEL 2018

#### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 14, 1 p.m., The Hub.**

Come find out why you should visit the land of the Bible on a pilgrimage, educational tour and vacation, and celebrate the heritage of our Christian faith. Come meet the tour operator and study pastor. Learn details about the itinerary, costs, flights, hotels, bus, meals and more. Travel dates are June 7 to 17, with a Rome three-day extension June 17-19. Details: Pastor Gus Davies at 321-377-9213 or [gus.davies@northlandchurch.net](mailto:gus.davies@northlandchurch.net)

### KEEPING THE SPARK ALIVE

**Sundays starting January 14, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., rooms 4206-07.**

Whether you've been married for a few months, a few years or 50 years, come learn, laugh, and loosen up as we explore proven ways to keep the spark alive in your marriage. The class will help you rekindle the flame by taking the time to really get to know your spouse! It will feature interactive exercises based on the book "The Marriage Manual, Part 1: Getting to Know You" (available in the

Northland Bookstore). Each individual needs to have a book; the cost is two for \$25. Strengthen your marriage and your faith as we enjoy guest speakers, retreats and seminars. Details: Vince and Charlene Taylor at [keepingthesparkalive@gmail.com](mailto:keepingthesparkalive@gmail.com) or 407-322-5931

### LIFE IN COMMUNITY - LONGWOOD

**Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room 4210.** Life in Community is a gathering of people who live near one another, worship together and long for a deeper connection in community. The book "Life in Community," available at the Northland Bookstore for \$13.99, is used as a backdrop to uncover why this is so challenging, our wiring and stories, and why it's still worth it! It will be an eight-week journey to inspire and empower us all to live our lives more intentionally in community, as valuable assets in the expansion of the Kingdom. Details: Jeremy Jobson at [jeremy.jobson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:jeremy.jobson@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1774

### LOVE DEFINED

**Sundays starting January 28, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room 1118;**

**Thursdays starting February 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m., room 5106.**

Jesus said the greatest commandments are to love God and love people. Journey with us as we contrast culture's voice and God's voice when it comes to love. While culture's voice is confusing, leading us to unfulfilling relationships, God's voice is clear, providing the best environment for our relationships. Together we will engage the voice of culture, the pages of the Bible, and the stories, experiences and wisdom of the group to awaken our hearts and minds to relationship-transforming love. Whether you are single, married, divorced, parenting or dating, if you interact with people – coworkers, neighbors, friends, enemies – join us in impacting lives and relationships everywhere. The workbook is \$20 in the Northland Bookstore. Details: Tim Kutcher at [timk@lovedefined.org](mailto:timk@lovedefined.org) or 321-277-8675

### MARRIAGE 911

**Wednesdays starting February 7, 7 to 8:55 p.m., rooms 4206-07.**

Is your marriage in crisis? Are you separated? Are problems in your marriage escalating? Marriage 911 provides answers that can heal and mend your marriage. Since men and women participate separately, you are welcome to attend this 13-week program with or without your spouse. The course is led by Linda Rooks, author of "Broken Heart on Hold," and her husband, Marv, as well as other leaders who have victoriously walked through difficult valleys in their own marriages. Pick up a copy of "Broken Heart on Hold" (\$12.99), and begin reading now to prepare your heart. Marriage 911 workbooks (\$35) will be used in class. Both are available in the Northland Bookstore. Child care is offered. Details and registration: Linda at 407-644-8619 or [lindarooks@embarqmail.com](mailto:lindarooks@embarqmail.com)

### MARRIAGE ONENESS

**Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,**

**rooms 4209-10.** Come explore God's design for marriage: oneness of heart, mind and soul. This entertaining and interactive video class covers important topics, such as communication, finances, conflict resolution and more. Private assessment is included in the eight-week course to help you and your mate grow closer than ever before. The cost: \$35 for materials. Details: Melelani and Bennett Frumer at [smoothieteam@yahoo.com](mailto:smoothieteam@yahoo.com) or 407-590-9885

### MARRIAGE PREP

**Sundays starting January 14,**

**8:30 to 10:30 a.m., The Rink.** Are you getting married or considering marriage? Don't miss Northland's Marriage Prep class! See why more than 1,800 couples have gone through this comprehensive course covering marriage intimacy, roles and responsibilities, finance, family dynamics, love languages, communication, conflict resolution,

forgiveness and many other issues. Details: Olga Hagedorn at [olgahagedorn@yahoo.com](mailto:olgahagedorn@yahoo.com)

### **THE PEACEMAKER (CONFLICT RESOLUTION)**

**Tuesdays, 7 to 8:45 p.m., room 4218.** Conflict is inevitable – but it's also manageable. Are you tired of being on the losing end of conflict? Learn how to take charge and eliminate much of the conflict in your life while minimizing that which remains. Learn techniques to help minimize conflicts so you may enjoy your holidays the way they were intended to be enjoyed, with loving peace and Christian contentment. Learn practical and biblical ways to manage conflict during the 12-week study of the book "The Peacemaker," by Ken Sande. Details: Pam Monroe at [pamsmonroe@yahoo.com](mailto:pamsmonroe@yahoo.com) or 321-279-7779

### **START HERE!**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., room 4216.** Are you truly satisfied in your Christian life? Do you want more? If you've never joined a Bible study, if you feel your Christian life isn't working, as if you want to be enlivened again, or if you're looking to get connected to others, join them Sunday mornings. Details: Ed and Kari Maggard at [karimaggard@gmail.com](mailto:karimaggard@gmail.com) or 407-592-3001

## **CHILDREN**

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**Wednesdays starting January 17, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., room 5100, Children's Worship Wing.** Calling all kids in grades three through five! You'll discover a fun place where kids come to sing, build relationships, strengthen music skills, and learn ways to lead others in worship. Children's Choir is sponsored by Northland's Children's Ministries and Worship in the Arts in our combined efforts to create environments where faith and friendships can grow through the arts. Adults, please join us in The Hub for fellowship while the kids are in choir rehearsal. To register

your child for Children's Choir, go to [northlandchildrenschoir.eventbrite.com](http://northlandchildrenschoir.eventbrite.com). Details: Eleanor Tracey at [eleanor.tracey@northlandchurch.net](mailto:eleanor.tracey@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1812

### **YOUNG DISCIPLES STEP 1**

**Wednesdays starting January 17, 6 to 8 p.m., rooms 5108-09.** Is your child ready to be baptized? Young Disciples Step 1 guides children in navigating the foundational teachings of Jesus and the apostles in a child-friendly environment. It is designed to help children in grades two through five understand more about salvation, baptism and other tenets of the faith. This five-week study concludes with the celebration of baptism on Sunday, February 18. A parent or adult must attend classes with the child. The one-time fee to participate is \$5 per child, which can be paid at the first class. Details: Lindsay Johnson at [lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7153

### **YOUNG DISCIPLES STEP 2**

**Wednesdays starting February 21, 6 to 8 p.m., rooms 5108-09.** Is your child ready to take First Communion? Young Disciples Step 2 teaches children in grades two through five what it means to live as disciples of Christ. Children, alongside their parent or mentor, will explore the seven ways we respond to God for the benefit of others: by worshiping, reading the Bible, sharing our stories, being in community, praying, serving and living generously. This six-week study concludes with the celebration of Communion on April 4. A parent or adult must attend classes with the child. Details: Lindsay Johnson at [lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7153

## **MEN**

### **AMEN (A MEETING OF MEN)**

**Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., rooms 5108-9, Children's Worship Wing.** Learn to apply God's Word to real-life situations. Details: Mike Long at 407-625-3015 or [mlong@brewerlong.com](mailto:mlong@brewerlong.com)

### **AUTHENTIC MANHOOD:**

#### **A MAN AND HIS FATHERHOOD**

**Saturdays, 9 to 10:30 p.m., room 4209.** Being a dad is one of the most important and influential roles a man could ever play. But being a good dad doesn't always come naturally. That's what this is all about – setting you up to win as a dad. All six sessions are designed to help dads think strategically about how they play out their important role. It will equip you with insights to help guide you through key decisions and the great challenges of being a dad. Featuring several noted experts and authors, this class offers men a bigger vision of fatherhood than just providing for and protecting their kids. In addition to key foundational truths, it gives dads an inspiring vision for grace-based fatherhood and helps them point their kids toward true greatness. It also equips dads with important distinctions in raising sons and daughters. Full of practical insights, biblical wisdom and helpful resources, this class prepares dads to launch healthy sons and daughters into the world. Details: Tom Horvath at [tom@tomhorvath.com](mailto:tom@tomhorvath.com) or 321-217-1781

#### **MAN IN THE MIRROR MEN'S GROUP: "DISCIPLESHIP LIFE"**

**Tuesdays, 6:45 to 8 a.m., room 1118.** Following Christ leads us to the discipleship lifestyle: disciples who are making disciples ... who are making disciples. Details: Paul Heyd at [theheydout@att.net](mailto:theheydout@att.net) or 407-830-8110

#### **MEN OF HONOR**

**Thursdays, 7:15 to 9 p.m., room 5102.** This ministry reveals how Jesus Christ works in the daily life of the average man, making him a disciple of Christ, not just a hearer of the Word but also a doer. Come hungry for the Word, and come hungry from work—we will feed both needs! Men of Honor participants share experiences of the everyday guy and the needs of the common man and his family, struggling to survive in this world while "seeing the Kingdom of God" right here on earth. Details: Vito Fera

at [vitofera@networksoundinc.com](mailto:vitofera@networksoundinc.com) or 407-923-5115

### MEN'S LIFE IN COMMUNITY

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., room 4128.** Most of us live in a shadow of what God intended for us. Life in Community calls us into the light. Reclaiming Scripture's stunning vision of gospel-centered community, it inspires us to live in love unbounded. Held during the Women's Community Bible study, this is an opportunity for men to study and work out the scriptural implications for life. Details: JT Almon II at [jalmon18@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jalmon18@cfl.rr.com) or 321-277-4505

### MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m., room 4205.** The first five weeks they will cover "The Full Story of the Gospel," from Genesis to Revelation. This will provide an overview of the Bible, the big picture. Following that will be an inductive Bible study. The leaders are Bob Moses and Bob Watson. Details: Bob Moses at [classic52pkup@aol.com](mailto:classic52pkup@aol.com) or 407-790-2323

## WOMEN

### WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY AT NORTHLAND

**Mondays starting January 8, 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., The Rink; Tuesdays starting January 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink.** There is no quest without questions. A question is an invitation to vulnerability, to intimacy. The Bible does not shy away from such an invite. Over and over we see the people of God asking questions of their Creator. We also see the God of the universe asking questions of His creation. The Quest is a challenge to accept the invitation. In this six-week excursion with Jesus, Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best. Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God, and to bring your questions before Him. Let the crooked punctuation mark

be the map that points you into a closer relationship with the Father. Details: Barbara Montgomery at [BibleStudy777@cfl.rr.com](mailto:BibleStudy777@cfl.rr.com)

## Groups

[northlandchurch.net/groups](http://northlandchurch.net/groups)

Groups are a key aspect of our church community. Most meet weekly in the home of a group member or leader and some meet here on site. No matter where the gathering is the goal is the same ... to connect with people who love Jesus and who want to grow deeper in their faith through fellowship, prayer and digging into God's word.

There are all sorts of groups! We have groups for Men, Women, Young Adults, Cycling and Knitting enthusiasts, Families, and so much more! You can check out all the different groups at [northlandchurch.net/groups](http://northlandchurch.net/groups).

Having trouble finding a group OR want to list your group on the groups page? Let us know! Email Rebecca at [groups@northlandchurch.net](mailto:groups@northlandchurch.net) or call 407-937-1816.

## Healing & Recovery

### ADULTS

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS THE FORTUNATE FEW

**Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., rooms 5106-07.** This is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with one another, that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Details: Frank at 407-599-9770 or at 407-617-0449 or Doug at [idosugs@aol.com](mailto:idosugs@aol.com)

#### AL-ANON SUPPORT GROUP

**Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., room 5208-09.** Alcoholism affects families, and can affect our emotional well-being, for better or worse. Problem drinking can make life extremely difficult for the non-drinking family member. Al-Anon members share their experience, strength and hope in coping with an intimate relationship that is affected by alcoholism or drug abuse. Details: Nancy Cook 407-484-3069

#### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**Fridays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., The Rink.** Gain freedom from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Join them each week for teachings, testimonies, praise and worship, and share groups, which include CR 101; men's chemical addiction, codependency, anger and sexual addiction; and women's chemical addiction, codependency, love and relationship addiction, eating disorders, codependent moms, anxiety and depression, and physical, emotional and sexual abuse. They also offer programs for children and teens. This is recovery for the entire family. Dinner is available from 5:45 to 6:30 for \$3; children eat free. Details: Laurie Jean Harrington or John Williams at [celebraterecovery@northlandchurch.net](mailto:celebraterecovery@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1799

#### COSA

**Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., room 4210.** Cosa is a recovery program for men and women whose lives have been affected by someone else's compulsive sexual behavior. Child care available. Details: Dixie at [LongwoodCOSA@aol.com](mailto:LongwoodCOSA@aol.com) or 407-312-3494, or [cosa-recovery.org](http://cosa-recovery.org)

#### DIVORCE RECOVERY

**Tuesday evenings; call for time and location. New session starts January 2. Deadline for registration: December 28.** A divorce is a devastating, traumatic event for which even the strongest individuals find themselves unprepared. This group offers a series of programs designed to address those aspects of your life

that are most impacted by ending your marriage relationship: your physical self, mental self, emotional self and spiritual self. Registration (\$5) and orientation are required before attending this 15-week class. The workbook costs \$22. Childcare will be provided. DC4K is being offered for elementary-age children. Details: Donna Delzingaro at 407-937-1749 or donnadd@cfl.rr.com

### **GRIEFSHARE**

**Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., rooms 4206-07.** GriefShare is a ministry to walk alongside those who are grieving due to the death of a loved one. The cost: \$22 for the GriefShare journal, available at the Northland Bookstore. Details: Jeremy Jobson at jeremy.jobson@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1774

### **THE LANDING**

**Fridays, 7 to 8:45 p.m., Children's Worship Wing.** Do you know of a hurting or struggling teen? Are you a teen who feels like life is out of control? This ongoing 52-week program, based on the beatitudes, is geared specifically toward teens in grades 6 through 12, is student-driven and runs concurrently with Celebrate Recovery. The Landing is a safe place where struggling teens can acquire tools to live a Christ-centered life. Details: Suzanne Long at slong27@gmail.com

### **LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES**

**Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., rooms 4210 and 4213.** Life's Healing Choices offers freedom from our hurts, hang-ups and habits through eight healing choices that promise true happiness and life transformation. Using the beatitudes of Jesus as a foundation, Senior Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church and John Baker, also a pastor at Saddleback, developed the eight choices shared in this book. Details: Laurie Jean Harrington at lauriejean2@bellsouth.net or 407-927-4393

### **PRAXIS (CONQUERING FEAR, ANGER, ANXIETY)**

**Tuesdays, 7:15 to 9 p.m., rooms 5103, CWW.** Conquer fear, anger and anxiety through biblical principles. For child care, contact Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net. Details: Skye Engel at 407-834-3158

### **RCA – RECOVERING COUPLES ANONYMOUS**

**Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., room 4215.** RCA is a 12-step program and fellowship of recovering couples. They suffer from many different addictions, and they share their experience, strength and hope with one another, that they may solve their common problems and help other recovering couples restore their relationships. The primary purpose is to stay committed in loving and intimate relationships, and to help other couples achieve freedom from addictive and destructive relationships. Child care is available. Details: David at dbt197@gmail.com or 407-687-5390, Dixie at RecoveryHealing@aol.com, or recovering-couples.org

### **STEPHEN MINISTERS**

Need a Stephen Minister? If you are in our congregation and are going through a difficult time and need a Stephen Minister, who can walk alongside you for a season, contact Lynda Mason at 407-949-4013.

### **SUPPORT FOR THE SEPARATED**

**Tuesday evenings; call for time and location. New session starts January 2. Deadline for registration: December 28.** A separation leading to a divorce is a devastating, traumatic event for which even the strongest individuals find themselves unprepared. This group offers a series of programs designed to address those aspects of your life that are most impacted by ending your marriage relationship: your physical self, mental self, emotional self and spiritual self. Registration (\$5) and orientation are required before attending this 15-week class. The workbook costs

\$22. Childcare will be provided. DC4K is being offered for elementary-age children. Details: Donna Delzingaro at 407-937-1749 or donnadd@cfl.rr.com

## **MEN**

### **FAITHFUL AND TRUE**

**Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, fellowship hall.** Join a fellowship of men pursuing sexual integrity. Workbook cost: \$19.95 at Northland's bookstore. Details: Bryan at 816-206-4167, Jim at 407-701-7796, or Kevin Urichko at 407-949-7166 or kevin.urichko@northlandchurch.net

### **SAA FOR MEN**

**Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., room 1115, Student Ministries and Care Center and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., room 4213-15.** As a fellowship of recovering addicts, Sex Addicts Anonymous offers a message of hope to anyone who suffers from sex addiction. The basic principles of recovery practiced by SAA are found in the Twelve Steps, and they can apply the Steps and Traditions to sex addiction, making recovery possible. Child care is provided. Details: David at dbt197@gmail.com or 407-687-5390, or saa-recovery.org

## **WOMEN**

### **SHOULDER TO SHOULDER**

**First and Third Sundays, 2 p.m., Winter Springs**

This is a Christian support and social group for divorced women who have already completed at least one Divorce Recovery session at Northland or another church. Details: Lynn Evans 407-721-5114, levans7532@gmail.com or Fenella Padrino 407-308-9186, fenellapadrino@gmail.com

### **WOMEN'S HEALING MINISTRY**

**Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., room 4218.** This group will provide hope and a safe place to heal if you have experienced sexual betrayal, deception and lies of secrecy that keep you in bondage. Details: Vicki

## CONNECT

M. Wotring at 520-631-0886 or  
celebratelife3@aol.com

### WOMEN'S ANXIETY COUNSELING GROUP

**Mondays starting January 8, 2 to 4 p.m., room 1102.** Have you ever felt trapped or restless? Do you find yourself getting easily fatigued or irritable? Do these feelings disrupt your sleep or daily tasks? If you are a woman between 25 and 45 and you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be experiencing anxiety. Anxiety is the anticipation of a future threat that can be manifested both cognitively and physically. If you would like to know more about anxiety or discuss your experience with others who struggle with it, come to the Anxiety Counseling Group. A brief phone screening is required to participate in the group. Details: Casey Coleman at casey.coleman@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1814, ext. 1106, or Paige Markham at paige.markham@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1814, ext. 1105

## Ministries

### ACCESS FAMILY CONNECT

**Third Friday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing.** During this monthly get-together for families living with disability, they gather for prayer and a potluck, and then parents dive into a special topics Bible study while kids are watched by childcare workers. Details: Heather Subbert at heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1828

### ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

**Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.** Are you interested or experienced in adoption or foster care? This group provides information, community and enrichment. Child care is available; contact Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net. Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net

### ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MINISTRY MEETING

**Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.** If you have a passion for anti-trafficking, join other Northland members to take action through specific roles needed to end trafficking in our community. Details: Meg Johnson at meg.johnson@northlandchurch.net

### ARABIC DISTRIBUTED CHURCH

**Sundays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the Rink.** This group meets for Bible study, fellowship, prayer and praise in the Arabic language. The class targets those who need to worship in Arabic. Child care is available. Details: 407-949-4018, ext. 1712 or arabic@northlandchurch.net

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الساعة الحادية عشر صباحا وحتى الثانية عشر والنصف

### BOOST

**First Friday of every month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing.** This is a monthly worship night where families living with disabilities eat, worship, and connect with one another. Details: Heather Subbert at heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1828

### BUDDY BREAK

**Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Early Childhood Wing.** A free respite program, this is designed to give caregivers of kids with special needs a break from their ongoing caregiving responsibilities. Details: Heather Subbert at heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1828

### GOLF MINISTRY – LINKS FELLOWSHIP OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Second Friday of each month, various locations.** Links is a nondenominational Christian ministry whose mission is to link golfers around the world with other Christian golfers. Each month they have a different speaker and golf format. The cost is reasonable and includes golf, a cart, range balls, tax

and prizes. Details: and reservations: Parks Reinhardt at 407-335-4223 or linksfellowship@cflr.com

### FAITHABILITY - BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays, 9 a.m., room 4218.** This is a weekly Bible study for adults with intellectual disabilities. Join them as they learn about who God is and what He has done according to His Word. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact the group at faithability@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1828.

### FAITHABILITY - FELLOWSHIP

**Third Friday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., room 5100, Children's Worship Wing.** Join us for a time of worship, fellowship, fun and games at this monthly meeting for adults with intellectual disabilities and their family members and friends. Bring your Bible. Dinner will be provided. Individual must be able to function on a 1:5 ratio to participate independently. Details and to register: faithability@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1828

### FLAG FOOTBALL

**Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, sports field.** Young adults age 18 and older, join in for flag football and a devotional during halftime. Details: Dan Brown at Gr8danbino@hotmail.com

### JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTHS) CONNECTION

**(AGE 55 AND ABOVE)**  
**The second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, fellowship hall, Student Ministries and CARE Center.** Join our group as we fellowship and encourage one another. We will be studying and following Pastor Joel's "Kingdom Come" series. Details: Brian King at brian.king@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-0567

### KNIT AND CHAT

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Foyer by Information Desk.** This group is for those who knit (or crochet) or want to learn how to knit. Knit and Chat is intended for fellowship while

sharing the joy of knitting. Contact Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net for child care for children 10 and under. [www.facebook.com/knitandchat](http://www.facebook.com/knitandchat). Details: Cassie Small at cassandra.543@juno.com or 407-834-5203

### **MOMS4MOMS**

**Monthly on Mondays (dates may vary), 9:30 a.m., The Rink.** Moms of newborns and children through 6 years old, join us for fellowship and encouragement as we journey through motherhood together. Childcare is provided for kids 6 months old and up. Registration is required. The cost: \$30 per semester. Details: Katie Justice at katiejustice5@gmail.com or Christina Rapalje at Christinamk4@gmail.com

### **MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY 17TH ANNIVERSARY RIDE**

**Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m.; call for meet-up location.** Where did the time go? It's truly been an amazing ride. We are so excited to see what God will call us to do next year! On this ride, we will go through Seminole and hilly Lake County to lunch in Clermont. After lunch, we will head to Stormy Hill and then have a beautiful ride back through Leesburg and Eustis. Around March, after the time change, we will go to a Saturday night service and then have dinner to officially celebrate our ministry anniversary. Details: Lori Landers at 352-589-1011

### **NORTH SPORTS AND GAMES**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m., room 5100 and The Rink.**

After school program providing an encouraging environment for spiritual growth thru organized play in physical sports, board games, and video games. Small group instruction and mentoring are provided by young adults and high school students with the goal of encouraging middle school students to improve their skills in a variety of sports and games while being disciplined with spiritual lessons from "Ready, Set, Go". Space is limited so register quickly at [nland.ch/northsportssignup](http://nland.ch/northsportssignup).

Details: Alicia Cash at alicia.cash@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-0559

### **SECOND SUNDAYS**

**Second Sunday every month starting January 14, 6 to 8 p.m., The Hub.** This gathering is designed for college students and young adults (married or single) to connect with other young adults at Northland, explore meaningful conversation, and join into co-mission together in our city. Dinner will be provided, so mark your calendar! Invite your friends, share this event, and help us spread the word! Child care is available. Details: Thomas Blevins at thomas.blevins@northlandchurch.net

### **SEW AND SERVE**

**First Saturday of each month, 9:30 a.m., room 1117, the Rink.** They sew various easy-to-make items for charitable donation. Bring your portable machine (if you have one), basic sewing tools, ideas for projects and a giving heart! Details: Joan Siegel at siegeljk@aol.com

### **SIGNING CHOIR**

**Sundays, 1 to 2:30 p.m., room 5100, Children's Worship Wing.** Using American Sign Language and physical movement, the choir's goal is to lead members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community in worship in an environment where they can express the lyrics and "see the beat." Adults and teens are welcome; participants must attend, but they do not need experience. Details: northlandchurch.net/signingchoir or Eleanor Tracey at eleanor.tracey@northlandchurch.net

### **THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING**

**Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m., room 4128.** You are invited to join us for the intercessory prayer time. We intercede for the weekly prayer requests submitted online. We also pray for the elders, pastors, staff, congregations and communities. We pray for the distributed churches, local and global partners, missionaries, ministries and much more. Details: Gus Davies at gus.davies@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-4008

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### **TRANSFORMERS – MARRIED COUPLES**

**Sundays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Student Ministries and Care Center.** We are a community of married couples from all different ages and walks of life who focus on relationships and marriage through bible studies, equipping videos, and community gatherings. For child care contact Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net. Details: Alex and Brandi Crane at 321-303-0831 or transformers.northland@gmail.com

### **HISPANIC MINISTRY - SPANISH TRANSLATION**

**Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. services.** Spanish translation is available online and listening devices are available at the Welcome Desk. Join the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northlandhispano](http://www.facebook.com/northlandhispano). Details: latinos@northlandchurch.net

### **MINISTERIO HISPANO - TRADUCCIÓN A ESPAÑOL**

**Domingos, en los servicios de las 9 y 11 a.m.** Traducción a español esta disponible en línea. Los auriculares para escuchar el servicio estan disponibles en el Mostrador de Bienvenida o "Welcome Desk". Información en nuestra página de Facebook en [www.facebook.com/northlandhispano](http://www.facebook.com/northlandhispano). Details: latinos@northlandchurch.net

### **YOUNG MARRIEDS**

**Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., rooms 4213-15.** Being young and married is a beautiful thing, a time full of adventure, discovery and excitement. Too often this stage of our lives is also full of startling discoveries, tension, misunderstandings and new stresses that leave us bewildered. God's Word is living and breathing and right on point. You won't be lectured in this group but instead will be asked to wrestle with Scripture and its place in the way you think. We will grow together as we think and discuss, will disagree now and then, will laugh, will

support and encourage one another, and may even shed a tear from time to time. Details: Troy Renfrow at [trenfrow@outlook.com](mailto:trenfrow@outlook.com) or 321-917-4825

## Special Events

### BRINGIN' THE FUNNY TOUR – A NIGHT WITH MICHAEL JR.

**Sunday, February 25, 7 to 8 p.m., sanctuary.** Get ready for a night of laughs for the whole family with Michael Jr.! Hailed as one of today's most gifted comedians, Michael Jr. has performed at some of the most prestigious comedy clubs across the nation, including The Improv, The Laugh Factory and The Comedy Store. He's also appeared on many television shows and stations, including "The Tonight Show," "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," Comedy Central and CNN, and he most recently appeared in Sony Pictures' feature film "War Room." Details: Rebecca Lang at [rebecca.lang@northlandchurch.net](mailto:rebecca.lang@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1816

### CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

**January 6 through 8, during worship services, foyer.** Does your new year's resolution include growing in your Christian walk? Deepening your understanding of the Bible? Connecting with other Northlanders in community? If so, then you won't want to miss the opportunity to explore the different classes, ministries and small groups we have at Northland. Lay leaders from our congregation who are passionate about using their gifts to help others will be throughout the foyer promoting and answering questions about their ministries. Bible studies, care ministries, student ministries and small groups are just a few of the areas that will be represented. We are excited about 2018 and the many ways our Northland family can be resources and equipped through classes and groups! Details: Rebecca Lang at [rebecca.lang@northlandchurch.net](mailto:rebecca.lang@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1816

## Serve at Northland

**FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SERVE AT NORTHLAND, VISIT [NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET/VOLUNTEER](http://NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET/VOLUNTEER).**

### BUDDY BREAK NEEDS BUDDIES

Buddy Break is a three-hour monthly respite event for families with special needs. Parents drop off their children for a special program planned just for them. Parents are able to enjoy their morning knowing their children are well cared for and are having a blast! We always have activities planned to help make each month a special experience for the VIP and the Buddy. Be a Buddy to one of our VIPs, and join in the fun! Details: Holly Christian at [holly.christian@northlandchurch.net](mailto:holly.christian@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-0577

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

There are plenty of ways to serve in Children's Ministries. Whether it is through preparing the weekly take-home resources, teaching or helping in a classroom on the weekends, or manning the children's library during the week, volunteers make a difference. Details: Debbie Blahnik at [debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7162

### COMMUNION SERVERS

**Communion servers are needed** the first weekend of each month. Training provided. Details: Lauren Travers at [communion@northlandchurch.net](mailto:communion@northlandchurch.net)

### SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Classroom assistant during worship services.** Details: Heather Subbert at 407-937-1828 or [heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net](mailto:heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net)

### USHERS AND GREETERS

Greet and seat those attending worship services. No experience necessary. Details: Barbara Gritter at [barbara.gritter@northlandchurch.net](mailto:barbara.gritter@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

### WEEKDAY WELCOME DESK

Weekday volunteers are needed to answer phones and greet visitors. Flexible hours.

Details: Barbara Gritter at [barbara.gritter@northlandchurch.net](mailto:barbara.gritter@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

### WANT TO SERVE GOD WITH YOUR MUSIC?

Do you have a musical talent that you would like to use to glorify God? Do you play an instrument? Celebrate Recovery is looking for talented musicians who are willing to make a commitment to our worship band, Broken. Details: John Williams at [jwgonefishin@outlook.com](mailto:jwgonefishin@outlook.com) or 407-625-5646

### WELCOME TEAM

Believers are needed to make phone calls, welcoming first-time visitors and connecting with interested attendees regarding various ministry projects. Training provided, flexible hours. Details: Brian King at [brian.king@northlandchurch.net](mailto:brian.king@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-0567

## Serve with Northland

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, December 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Northland at Longwood.** To reduce your waiting time, you may schedule a time slot at [www.floridasbloodcenters.org](http://www.floridasbloodcenters.org). Details: Ruth Sapp at [ruth.sapp@northlandchurch.net](mailto:ruth.sapp@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4039

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY – INSIDE

Co-facilitate weekly classes in the Seminole County jail. A workbook, a DVD and materials are available. Must have one or more years of recovery. Minimum commitment: twice a month. Details: Matthew Shiles at [shiles@northlandchurch.net](mailto:shiles@northlandchurch.net)

### CHILD ADVOCATES

Become a Guardian ad Litem. In an ideal situation, a child has a parent or caregiver paying attention, but

for many children, there is no one. Will you give some of your time and compassion to such a child? As a GAL volunteer, a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, you would be there to speak in the child's best interest. Details: Diane Klebanow at 407-665-5386 or GALSeminolesInfo@seminolecountyfl.gov

### **CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF CENTRAL FLORIDA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Serve in Good News Clubs in public elementary schools after school. They provide orientation and training. Details: Jeneba Davies at 407-435-4673 or jeneshe1@bellsouth.net

### **CHRISTIANS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

CIPE inspires Christians to embrace their God-ordained role as missionaries in public education, whether as teachers, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers or administrators, helping them to recognize how their walk as Christians impacts everyone around them. Details: Nan Parker at 352-602-9200 or nancparker@gmail.com, Gracia Miller at 407-415-1461 or millergracia@gmail.com, christiansinpubliceducation.org or ceai.org

### **CO-FACILITATE CLASSES IN JAIL**

Men, women or couples are needed to share their faith and knowledge with Seminole County inmates who desire a change in their lives. Training and workbooks are provided. This is a twice-a-month commitment. Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net

### **DISASTER RESPONSE TEAMS**

Train and prepare for serving during times of disaster and local outreach field exercises. All levels of experience are needed, from professionals to those who want to be trained. Details: Judy Head at judy.head@northlandchurch.net or 407-388-5798

### **FINANCIAL ALLIES NEEDED**

Financial Allies are needed for Faith and Finances, a biblically integrated

financial curriculum designed for low-income people. Allies provide encouragement, advocacy and supportive friendship as a class participant strives to become economically self-sufficient. Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net

### **HARVEST TIME INTERNATIONAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.**

This mission ministry needs volunteers to check in clients; help with office work, fundraising and social media; stock shelves; and sort relief products Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ministry also accepts community service volunteers. Learn more at harvesttime.org. Details: 407-878-5526 or volunteer@harvesttime.org

### **HOSPICE OF THE COMFORTER**

Volunteers provide patient and family support, as well as crucial administrative assistance, community outreach, fundraising and help with special projects. Free training is provided. Details: Volunteer Services Department at 407-379-2254, or hospiceofthecomforter.org/volunteers

### **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Mission to Japan, a Northland-supported ministry, is bringing several Japanese college students to Orlando March 2 through 30 so they can experience American culture and practice their English. The program is Mission to Japan's primary way of sharing the gospel with Japanese people, of which only 1 percent are Christian. Mission to Japan takes care of the students during the day with English and Bible classes at Northland as well as sightseeing trips. Several host families are needed to receive students in the evenings and provide meals, a room and Christian friendship. This is a great way for the whole family to learn about a foreign culture, share God's love and make a friend for life. Details: Warren Griffith at 407-243-8867 or info@MissionToJapan.org, or MissionToJapan.org

### **LIVE WORSHIP WITH INMATES**

Servant leaders are needed to attend worship in the jail and connect with the inmates. Opportunities exist at all worship service times. No experience is necessary. Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net

### **LONGWOOD HEALTH CARE CENTER Sundays, 9 a.m., sanctuary.**

Give hugs and show love to the residents of the facility behind Northland on Grant Street. People are needed to bring the residents to the Sunday 9 a.m. service at Northland at Longwood. Details: Patsy Grannan at 407-538-5209 or pigrannan@yahoo.com

### **MEN MENTORING FATHERLESS BOYS**

No age limit or experience required. Must be able to devote at least one hour per week. Details: David Keys at nlmentoring@gmail.com

### **MENTORS AND CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS**

Mentors and classroom assistants are needed for Milwee Middle School students in Longwood. Need to be 18 years old or older and available at least one hour per week until the end of the school year. Must complete SCPS Dividend process. Details: Buzz Vincent, Milwee Middle School at 407-463-9398 or blv292@cfl.rr.com

### **PETPALS**

#### **Saturdays, except the fifth**

**Saturday of the month.** Share your pets with people in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and more. Details: Ann Clark at ann@clarkmail.us or 407-808-7892

### **SERVE WITH NANAS, PAPAS AND FRIENDS**

**Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Kindergarten children; 11 to 11:45 a.m., Special needs or Pre-K children, Goldsboro Elementary Magnet School, Sanford.** Join us in bringing fun, excitement, and the joy of reading to a kindergarten, prek or special needs child! Students develop a love of reading, teachers appreciate having additional help, and Nanans,

Papas and Friends know that they make a difference. This program is part of the Seminole County School District's Dividends Program and Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). Details: Rebekah Richey at [handr527@aol.com](mailto:handr527@aol.com) or 407-252-7009

## Donations

**PLEASE TAKE CLEAN, USABLE CLOTHING, TOYS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND SUPPLIES TO THE SHARING CENTER, FAIRMONT PLAZA, 600 N. HIGHWAY 17-92, LONGWOOD. DETAILS: 407-260-9155 OR [THESHARINGCENTER.ORG](http://THESHARINGCENTER.ORG)**

**Nonperishable food items** can be placed into the designated wooden boxes in the lobby of the Worship Center and in the Student Ministries and Care Center. Details: Judy Head at [judy.head@northlandchurch.net](mailto:judy.head@northlandchurch.net)

**Vehicles Needed at LifeHope.** Many families working with the LifeHope ministry are able to obtain a job and begin the process of getting back on their feet, but transportation becomes a barrier. Vehicles must be safe and in good working condition. Details: Bud Abt at 407-415-0036 or [bud.abt@northlandchurch.net](mailto:bud.abt@northlandchurch.net) to donate your vehicle

**Men's casual clothes, backpacks, blankets, tennis shoes and hygienic supplies, are needed** by Downtown Homeless ministry at St. George's Orthodox Church, a ministry to the homeless in Orlando. Details: Tom Denove at [tmdenove@gmail.com](mailto:tmdenove@gmail.com)

**Christian and classic children's books as well as parenting and marriage books are needed** for the Northland Children's and Family library. Details: Bethany Durys at [bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net](mailto:bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-0541

**Bibles are needed** for the Downtown Homeless Ministry. Donate new or used Bibles at the Northland Bookstore. Details: Tom Denove at [tmdenove@gmail.com](mailto:tmdenove@gmail.com)

**Bed sheets, pillowcases and other items are needed** at Safehouse of Seminole for battered women and their children. Complete needs list at [www.safehouseofseminole.org](http://www.safehouseofseminole.org). Details: [admin@safehouseofseminole.org](mailto:admin@safehouseofseminole.org) or 407-302-5220

**Recovery House of Central Florida needs donations** to help support its men's residential peer-run and peer-driven nine-month program dealing with drug addiction and alcoholism. The house needs donations of vehicles to transport the men to church, items for 12-step meetings and work, lawn equipment, tools and appliances. Details: 407-323-5857

## Beyond Northland

### ADULTS

#### ABORTION RECOVERY

Bible study for post-abortive men or women that meets in a confidential, supportive setting. Details: Reveille Ministries at 407-333-0404

#### CENTRAL FLORIDA'S JOB FAIR (CFEC.ORG)

**Wednesday, January 31, noon to 4 p.m., Central Florida Fairgrounds & Exposition Park, 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando.** Visit [www.CFEC.org](http://www.CFEC.org) to preregister, get job fair tips, research the companies listed, get directions or search Central Florida's Online Job Board. Details: Christian HELP at 407-834-4022 or [christianhelp.org](http://christianhelp.org)

### INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITIES

#### • **Martin Luther King Candlelight Vigil and Interfaith Service**

**Sunday, January 7, 6 p.m., Orlando City Hall.** Join an array of religious and civic leaders at Orlando City Hall, where you'll receive a commemorative T-shirt and glow stick. The "candlelight" vigil and march leaves Orlando City Hall at 6 p.m. and proceeds to Shiloh Baptist Church, 604 W. Jackson St., for the city's annual MLK Interfaith and Multicultural Service. The featured speaker is U.S. Rep. Stephanie Murphy. The event, sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Central Florida and the City of Orlando Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, provides a natural catalyst for dialogue with children and youths about the history of the Civil Rights Movement, the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr., the advances made and the challenges that remain.

#### • **Interfaith Discussion**

**Wednesday, January 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Adventist University of Health Sciences, Florida Hospital, 671 Winyah Drive, Orlando.**

The topic: "Martin Luther King - Life, Legacy and Lessons for Today." In 1968, the powerful, history-changing 39-year-old civil-rights champion Martin Luther King Jr. had his life cut short by an assassin's bullet. But his influence continues today, as we approach the 50th year since his death. Join the respectful, open and candid discussion, sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Central Florida and Adventist University of Health Sciences. The participants represent a variety of faith traditions as well as those who question the validity of faith altogether. Admission is free, everyone is invited, and your perspective is important!

#### • **"Friends Talking Faith"**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7 p.m., 90.7-FM radio.** The "Three Wise Guys" (Rabbi Steven Engel, Rev. Bryan Fulwider and Imam Muhammad Musri) come together as friends to discuss topics from the perspective of the different religions they represent. Details: Robert Ray at 407-415-8528 or [Robert.Ray@nrmafla.com](mailto:Robert.Ray@nrmafla.com)

## MEALS ON WHEELS, ETC.

Meals on Wheels, Etc. provides home-delivered meals, transportation services and other services to vulnerable seniors in Seminole County. Details: Marci Carter at 407-333-8877, ext.103, or mcarter@mealsetc.org.

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME

**Second Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon, Community United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 17-92, Casselberry.** Details: Kay Johnson at 321-277-8358 or Nancy Allen at 407-327-5077

## USA PRAYER AND PRAISE MEETING

**Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, 120 Third St., Winter Springs.** Pray and give praise for our president and U.S. leaders and circumstances surrounding our country. With the daily attacks on our president, leaders and issues, we are called to humble ourselves and pray. Bring your Bibles, as they pray Scripture as well as words the Holy Spirit leads them to. Details: Nancy Allen Baker at allenfsu@gmail.com or 321-277-8358

## MEN

### CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN'S CONNECTION

**7 to 8 a.m., Tuesdays: IHOP Restaurant, 1345 Lee Road, Orlando; Thursdays, Perkins, University & Forsyth, Winter Park**  
A worldwide men's ministry for 87 years ([www.cbmc.com](http://www.cbmc.com)) that meets for fellowship, prayer, and discussion of God's principles for business. Details: Armand Dauplaise at 407-221-3114 or [adauplaise@aol.com](mailto:adauplaise@aol.com); Pat Leupold at 407-538-6026 or [huskerball1956@gmail.com](mailto:huskerball1956@gmail.com)

## PARENTS

### NEARHIM HOME EDUCATORS

Supports and encourages families that God has called to teach their children at home. Details: [www.nearhim.com](http://www.nearhim.com)

## WOMEN

### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

**Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist, 4921 Highway 17-92, Casselberry.**  
Community Bible Study is an interdenominational group of women from all backgrounds and levels of Bible knowledge studying God's Word together. Our study this year is "The Red Sea to the Jordan River" (on Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers). A children's program is available. Details: Carol at 505-620-5568 or Orlando.CBSclass.org

### POST ABORTIVE COUNSELING

These post-abortion ministries share the healing grace of Jesus without judgment.

- **Choices Women's Clinic**  
2992 Edgewater Dr., Orlando.  
Details: Stella King at [truelifechoice.org](mailto:truelifechoice.org), 407-244-5529 or [SKing@truelifechoice.org](mailto:SKing@truelifechoice.org)
- **Sanford & Oviedo Crisis Pregnancy Center**  
1002 S. French Ave., Sanford.  
Details: Andrea Krazeise at [sanfordcpc.com](http://sanfordcpc.com) or 407-323-3384
- **Cornerstone Pregnancy Center**  
2025 Culver Rd., Orlando. Details: Michelle Lewis at 407-208-9058 or [directorofcpc@gmail.com](mailto:directorofcpc@gmail.com)

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

**Third Thursday of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., DeBary Golf & Country Club, 300 Plantation Drive.**  
All women are invited to the monthly luncheon, designed to connect women with God, their community, and each other. Details: Judy Ann Mumford at [jamumford@gmail.com](mailto:jamumford@gmail.com) or 386-753-9376

## WORKPLACE MINISTRY

**First Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., Orlando.** J4 Leaders ([www.J4Leaders.org](http://www.J4Leaders.org)), an interdenominational ministry for women to help encourage one another to succeed with a biblical worldview. Details: Pam Oldham at [info@J4Leaders.org](mailto:info@J4Leaders.org) or 407-522-4797

## Employment Opportunities at Northland

**Northland is seeking key leaders in Finance, Human Resources, and Student ministries.**

We are recruiting for Comptroller, Human Resources Director, and Student Ministries Pastor positions at this time. If you have a background in any of these roles, please consider applying. Those who are interested and would like more information may visit [northlandchurch.net/employment](http://northlandchurch.net/employment) or contact Pastor Kevin Urichko at [human.resources@northlandchurch.net](mailto:human.resources@northlandchurch.net).

**LOOKING FOR MINISTRY-RELATED JOBS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA? NEED TO HIRE AT YOUR MINISTRY? FIND AND POST PAID POSITIONS AT [JOBS.NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET](http://JOBS.NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET).**

# What We Believe

## THE BIBLE –

We believe the Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired of God, is inerrant in the original writings, and is the Christian's final authority in faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16)

## GOD

**The Trinity** – We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 6:8)

**Jesus Christ** – We believe by miracle of the virgin birth that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God in order to reveal God and to redeem man. He is the substitutionary sacrifice for our sins and arose bodily from the dead for our justification. He is now exalted at the right hand of God, Head of the Church and Lord of the individual believer, fulfilling His ministry as our Great High Priest and Advocate. (Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1-3)

**Holy Spirit** – We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of sin, regenerates and converts sinners, and baptizes them into the church, which is the body of Christ. We believe that He indwells, guides, instructs and empowers the believer for godly living and service, and that He seals and keeps him until the Lord comes. We believe that He bestows spiritual gifts upon each one. We believe that the believer has received one or more spiritual gifts so that he might exercise them for the strengthening and outreach of the body of Christ. The practice of any gift in any gathered body shall be in keeping with the Scripture. (John 14:16-17; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Corinthians 12:7)

## THE MEANS OF SALVATION

We believe that salvation from the guilt and condemnation of sin is possible only as the gift of

God's grace. It cannot be gained by good resolutions, sincere efforts, or submission to the rules, regulations or ordinances of any church, but is freely bestowed on all who put their faith in Christ and trust in the work that Christ accomplished on the cross of Calvary. All who so trust the Savior pass from death unto life, and are forgiven of their sins, accepted by the Father, and born into His family by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. (John 5:24; Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23)

## SECURITY, ASSURANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY –

We believe that all the saved, those in whom God has accomplished His transforming work of grace, are kept by His power and are thus secure in Christ forever. It is their privilege to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation. However, this assurance must not be the occasion for sin, for God in His holiness cannot tolerate persistent sin in His children, and in infinite love He corrects them. True faith in Christ is expressed by a fruitful, God-pleasing life. (John 10:27-29; Romans 8:19-39; 1 John 5:13; Hebrews 12:6; Matthew 7:20; James 2:20)

## MAN

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that he sinned, incurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God and which is inherited by every member of Adam's race. We believe that man is subject to the power of the devil and has within himself no possible means of recovery or salvation. (Genesis 1:26; 1 John 1:8-10; Romans 6:23)

**THE CHURCH** – We believe that the true church is composed of all who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, that those who are members of the true church will be eligible for membership in the local church. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are to be observed by the church during the present age. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are acts of obedience to the Lord. Participation in them, though, is not to be regarded in any sense as a means of salvation. (Acts 2)

**THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK** – We believe that we are called with a holy calling to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. The flesh (our natural desire), which in this life is never fully eradicated, must be kept by the Spirit (through our walk of faith), constantly in subjection to Christ, or it will surely manifest its presence in our lives, to the dishonor of our Lord. (Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 5:16)

**THE ETERNAL STATE** – We believe that the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do, at death, immediately pass into His presence and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming for the church, when soul and glorified body, reunited, will be associated with Him forever in glory. We believe that unbelievers will be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power. (John 3:15-16; Hebrews 9:28; Matthew 25:41-46)

**Find out more at**  
**[northlandchurch.net/about](http://northlandchurch.net/about)**.

## Our Purpose:

### Why we are here.

From its inception in 1972, Northland has been unwavering in its purpose:  
To bring people to maturity in Christ.

## Our Vision:

### What we see.

A vision is a clear mental picture of a preferable future. It sees the future through the eyes of faith. It shares the perspective of the biblical writer when he wrote the following words: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, NASB). Northland's vision is to see people coming to Christ, and to be transformed together as we link locally and globally to worship and serve everywhere, every day.

## Our Mission:

### What we do.

At Northland, we believe God's call to us as a body of believers is to **respond to Him for the benefit of others**. There are countless ways that one can respond to God's grace and goodness. We have identified the following ways that we, as a church, regularly want to respond together:

#### **Worship God – John 4:21**

*Glorify God for who He is and what He has done.*

#### **Read the Bible – Jeremiah 1:12**

*Study God's message to you often.*

#### **Share your story – 1 Peter 3:15**

*Tell others what God is doing in your life.*

#### **Be in community – John 13:35**

*Foster environments for relationship.*

#### **Pray – 1 Peter 3:12**

*Engage in conversation with God.*

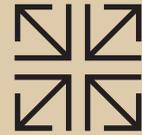
#### **Serve others – Matthew 25:40**

*Meet the needs of the people around you.*

#### **Live generously – Matthew 6:21**

*Give what God's given you.*

We believe that as we respond to God together we will be transformed into the image of Christ.



**D I S T R I B U T E D  
C H U R C H**

Northland is becoming a church of distributed churches, a family of spiritual families. More and more, the larger congregation of Northland is also comprised of smaller, distributed churches – spiritual families that form outside the walls of the building as they follow Jesus together and live out the mission of Jesus in their everyday lives.

All of Northland will continue to gather together for weekend worship services, whether in person or online, but being the church isn't limited to the worship service. The distributed churches also form the church right where people live, as they get together in homes, in offices, on campuses or in coffee shops for meals, fellowship, the study of Scripture, prayer, service and reaching out to those not yet included (Acts 2:42-47).

Are you interested in learning more? We would love to help you. Together we can form the church outside the walls of a building and bring God's love to the world.

## New to Northland?

Do you have questions ... about God, Northland or anything else?

Meet with a member of our Connect Team. Look for the team members in the orange lanyards. They are there to answer questions, help get you involved, invite you to next steps, sign you up to volunteer or just to give you a hug. Questions? Email [hello@northlandchurch.net](mailto:hello@northlandchurch.net) or visit [northlandchurch.net/new](http://northlandchurch.net/new).

## Worship Times

### LONGWOOD and NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET

Saturdays ..... 5 p.m.  
 Sundays ..... 9<sup>(sp)</sup>, 11 a.m. <sup>(di)</sup>/<sup>(sp)</sup>  
 Mondays ..... 7 p.m.

<sup>(di)</sup> Deaf/hard of hearing interpretation available  
<sup>(sp)</sup> Spanish interpretation available

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## Access Ministries

We have programs and services for individuals with disabilities. Find out more at [northlandchurch.net/access](http://northlandchurch.net/access). Details: Heather Subbert at 407-937-1828 or [heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net](mailto:heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net)

## Distributed Hubs

### LAKE COUNTY

#### Northland, A Church Distributed: Lake County

Service times .....Sundays, 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
 2828 S. Bay St., Eustis  
 In Lake Hills Plaza behind RaceTrac  
 Facebook.com ..... [www.facebook.com/northlandlakecounty](http://www.facebook.com/northlandlakecounty)  
 Twitter ..... [twitter.com/northlandlc](http://twitter.com/northlandlc)  
 General Information..... 407-949-4000  
 Jeremy Bell, Site Pastor..... 407-949-7184  
 or [jeremy.bell@northlandchurch.net](mailto:jeremy.bell@northlandchurch.net)

### OVIEDO

#### Reformed Theological Seminary

Service time .....Sundays, 10 a.m.  
 1231 Reformation Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765  
 The Seminary is located at the corner of Mitchell Hammock Road and Alafaya Woods Boulevard, just east of State Road 434 (Alafaya Trail).  
**Northland at Oviedo Community Center (NOCC)**  
 561 E. Mitchell Hammock Road, #300, Oviedo, FL 32765  
 Oviedo Blog Website ..... [northlandchurch.net/oviedo](http://northlandchurch.net/oviedo)  
 Facebook ..... [www.facebook.com/northlandoviedo](http://www.facebook.com/northlandoviedo)  
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## Lead Pastors

### VERNON RAINWATER

#### Lead Pastor

Pastor Vernon Rainwater has been a part of Northland since 1985. His background in law enforcement and social work led him to Florida to work in adolescent counseling and community development. In 1990 he became a pastor at Northland. Vernon and his wife, Connie, have co-labored at Northland in a variety of roles that include student ministries, music, global service and compassion ministries. More on Vernon can be found at [northlandchurch.net/pastorvernon](http://northlandchurch.net/pastorvernon).



### MATT HEARD

#### Lead Teaching Pastor

Matt is a husband, father, and friend. He's also a pastor, speaker, writer, teacher, leader, and consultant. He has been involved in leadership and pastoral ministry for three decades and trying to figure out what it means to be a human being for a bit longer. He is Lead Teaching Pastor for Northland Church and the Founder and Principal of THRIVE – a speaking, teaching, and consulting ministry that focuses on engaging men and women to be fully alive to the glory of God in every arena of their life, journey, and culture. He is the author of "Life with a Capital L: Embracing Your God-Given Humanity" and is beginning work on a second book. Learn more about Pastor Matt's life in ministry at [northlandchurch.net/pastormatt](http://northlandchurch.net/pastormatt).



## Contact Info

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## Governing Elders

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**Bill Wolfe – 407-937-1803**  
bill.wolfe@northlandchurch.net

## Whom Do I Contact If:

**I am in crisis?**  
Northland's main line.....407-949-4000

**I would like to talk to a minister?**  
Minister on Duty (MOD).....407-949-4000

**I want to seek counseling?**  
Counseling referral line..... 407-949-7204

**I have a prayer request?**  
Prayer request line .....407-949-4025 or  
pray.northlandchurch.net

**I need the Hospital Ministry to pay a visit?**  
Chris Nielsen .....407-949-7149 or  
hospitalvisits@northlandchurch.net

**I am interested in a Care Ministry?**  
Barbara Olsen .....407-949-7183 or  
barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net

**I want to become a member?**  
Barbara Gritter ..... 407-937-0557 or  
barbara.gritter@northlandchurch.net

**I have accepted Christ into my heart and wish to be baptized?**  
*(Infants-grade school)*  
Diane Jones .....407-949-7188 or  
diane.jones@northlandchurch.net  
*(Adult/student)*  
Sharon Ferreira .....407-949-7189 or  
sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net

**I need info on Student Ministries?**  
Julie Meeker .....407-937-1772 or  
student.ministries@northlandchurch.net

**I need info about Children's Ministries?**  
Debbie Blahnik .....407-949-7162 or  
debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net

**I am interested in Mission Trips?**  
Patti Harshey ..... 407-937-0573 or  
patti.harshey@northlandchurch.net;  
or visit SomedaysToday.net

**I want to help at Northland?**  
The Connect Team .....407-949-7178 or  
volunteer@northlandchurch.net

**I want to get involved in a serve project?**  
Matthew Shiles ..... 407-937-1768 or  
matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net;  
or visit northlandchurch.net/serve

**I am getting married?**  
Sharon Ferreira .....407-949-7189 or  
sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net

**I need to plan a funeral?**  
Sharon Ferreira .....407-949-7189 or  
sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net

**I have a special needs child or if I have special needs?**  
Heather Subbert .....407-937-1828 or  
heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net

**I am facing an unforeseen/unexpected financial crisis and need guidance and resources?**  
LifeHope Info Line ..... 407-949-7151  
Visit us online to submit an application:  
northlandchurch.net/lifehope  
Computer's available in care center  
Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**I need information on jail/prison transition ministries?**  
Matthew Shiles ..... 407-937-1768 or  
matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net

**I need information on 121Hope Anti-Trafficking Ministry?**  
Meg Johnson ..... 407-937-0547 or  
meg.johnson@northlandchurch.net

**I ran into a homeless family what do I do?**  
Ivonne Schatte ..... 407-937-1824 or  
ivonne.schatte@northlandchurch.net

**I want to start/join a group?**  
Rebecca Lang .....407-937-1816 or  
groups@northlandchurch.net or  
visit northlandchurch.net/groups

**Take a journey  
with the Philippians.**

**The Giant Secret of Joy  
resumes January 13**

