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Engage



Engaging people to be fully alive in Jesus.

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OUR VISION:

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*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy; I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full."* – John 10:10 (NIV)

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Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.

*Tell everyone about
the amazing things he does.*

– Psalm 96:3 (NLT)

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Saturdays 5 p.m.

Sundays 9 & 11 a.m.

Mondays 7 p.m.

Deaf/hard of hearing interpretation available at the Sunday 11 a.m. service.
Spanish interpretation available at the Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. services.

**Get to Know
Our Lead Pastor,
Matt Heard!**

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Did you know that Pastor Matt grew up in the hometown of Harper Lee, author of “To Kill a Mockingbird”? Or that he enjoys scuba diving and snow skiing? How about that he preached here nearly 20 years ago? Read on and get to know more about our lead pastor as well as our new vision statement and the myriad ways you can get connected here at Northland as you learn that God wants you to be in relationship and community with others.

Q: Pastor Matt, give us a quick summary of the journey that led you to Northland.

A: Years ago, when I was a student at Reformed Theological Seminary here in Orlando and also helping start the Greater Orlando Leadership Foundation (now Lifework Leadership), I was asked to speak at a Northland men’s gathering. That’s when I met Vernon and many others and began to get to know Northland a bit more. Not long after that, our infant son, Joel, had a very serious health crisis. Arlene and I still gratefully remember how the pastors and community of Northland cared for our family.

For a couple years around 2000, I would preach here (for all seven weekend services in The Rink!) about once a month, and in 2015 I started coming back to again preach about one weekend a month. It’s been a gift to see Northland’s journey and influence grow over the years.

Q: Now tell us a little more about yourself.

A: I grew up in southern Alabama in a small town called Monroeville - its claim to fame is being the hometown of Harper Lee, author of “To Kill a Mockingbird.” My dad was VP of industrial relations for a clothing/textile company called VF Corp., which based its production facilities in the South. Dad died in 1994, and Mom was reunited with him in heaven January 2 of this year. They both continue to be wonderful, godly influences in my journey.

I met Arlene, my lovely wife, at Wheaton College in Illinois. We have been privileged to raise three sons and were blessed with the addition of a remarkable daughter-in-law in December of 2016. Our oldest, Andrew, is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and is currently serving his country overseas. Joel is a graduate of Colorado State University and a technical analyst for Ibotta in Denver. His wife, Mary Rachel, is the catering sales manager for Hilton Embassy Suites. Stephen, our youngest, graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, with a double major in business management and theology and a minor in leadership studies. He is serving at an orphanage in Bolivia during his first year out of college.

I appreciate great friends and meals, books and art, music and movies. I’m a sports fan – Auburn football, the Denver Broncos and the Chicago Cubs are all teams I support. I love the outdoors. In addition to golf, I enjoy scuba diving, fly-fishing, backpacking and snow skiing. I also ride horses and a Harley.

Q: You’ve mentioned your passion for the “Life of the Gospel.” What do you mean by that?

A: John tells us that he wrote his Gospel for two reasons: (A) “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,” and (B) “that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31, NIV). Many of us within the church seem to be a bit inarticulate when it comes to “part B.”



We've rightly focused on part A - urging people to believe in Jesus as the Christ. Tragically, we've too often stopped there and disregarded part B. We've focused on redemption from our sins but neglected the reason for our redemption: the restoration of our humanity - and impact - in all of Life to the glory of God. It's not a matter of choosing one over the other but experiencing and proclaiming both.

If we fall short of embracing the whole gospel, it inevitably involves a failure to credibly declare and demonstrate it in the surrounding culture. If we don't know what it looks like to experience "life in his name," a heartbreaking result is our message and impact fall short of being Life-giving. If the world doesn't see us living out part B, it dismisses our proclamations of part A.

Jesus said He is the Way, the Truth and the Life; however, many of us tend to focus on Way and Truth but not Life. Jesus didn't suggest that we pick two out of three! Yes, we are to relate with Him as Way (obedience) and Truth (doctrine), but both of those should lead to Life. Discipleship is to be more than the passing along of informative truth statements and corrective codes of conduct. It must be restorative, resulting in reclaimed humans who are thriving and flourishing in all arenas of their human experience to the glory of God and as Life-giving light and salt in their communities and culture.

Q: Tell us more about Northland's new vision statement, "Engaging people to be fully alive in Jesus."

A: Jesus made an amazing declaration: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" [John 10:10, NIV].

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Q: Some of our readers are new to Northland and may not know how to take their first step in getting connected and building community. Others have come here for years but haven't found their circle. How can people get connected?

A: Whether you are new to Northland or have been here for years, there are some really practical ways to get connected through classes, ministries and small groups.

A great first step is to have a conversation with one of our Connect Team members in the foyer after any of the worship services. We typically extend an invitation for anyone who is looking for a way to get connected to visit with the folks in the foyer who are wearing orange lanyards. That is our Connect Team. They can answer questions, make connections and help people determine a best next step.

I'm also really excited about one of our newest classes called *Belong & Grow*. It meets once a week for four weeks and is designed for people to find a way to connect. Whether you have been at Northland for 10 years or one week, *Belong & Grow* is a level starting line for everyone. You'll spend time with many of our staff and pastors in a smaller setting. I'll be there and would love for you to join me, but if that is not compelling enough, there's free lunch!

Ultimately, we want anyone who doesn't feel connected here to know that God wants them to be in relationship and community with others - that He wants them to lean in and experience how others can reflect God's character and glory to us in ways we can't experience on our own. We want them to know that even though it can be intimidating, it is always worth it to do Life with others. ■



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An *epic* Adventure

Epic Trip for high school seniors includes college visit, serve project, team-building – and lots of fun!

By Liz Gritter

Our most recent Epic Trip with high school seniors definitely lived up to its name. The Epic Trip is the reward for high school seniors each year upon their completion of Senior Life Prep. The purpose of this experience, in existence through Northland since around 2002, is to help both high school students and their parents navigate the transitional time between high school and the students' next stage, whether it's college, the military or the workforce.

Peter and Laurie Travers founded this experience, which has been through many iterations through the years. My husband, Jack Gritter, and I (along with help from many others) have facilitated Senior Life Prep for the last several years.

Senior Life Prep comprises four gatherings every fall, followed by an intentional eight-week group of teachings. The students gather every Sunday afternoon during the eight weeks to learn about finance, relationships,

apologetics, existing college student testimonies, cooking on a budget, how to change a tire and more. We challenge the students to learn how to cook by dividing them into groups and asking them to create a menu, grocery shop, prepare the meal and serve it to the entire group within a certain budget. Also during Senior Life Prep, we talk about what they are excited about, what their fears are, and how to learn coping mechanisms regarding change.

At the end of the eight weeks, we take them on a five-day trip; they don't know where they are going, and neither do their parents. It's all about learning to trust God and one another and being flexible.

The Epic Trip 2019 did not disappoint! Twenty people went on the trip: 15 high school students and five chaperones. Certain elements of this trip are staples, such as a service project, a college visit, team-building exercises, a spiritual component and fun!





We left Northland on a Wednesday afternoon and returned the following Monday night. Our first stop was Stetson University for the college visit. We spent about an hour and a half there and had a great time. That night we drove to Atlanta, the location of this year's service project. We had a full day of painting, rebuilding wooden stairs, doing yard work, cleaning inside a home and building above-ground planters for Ms. Consuela and her children. Ms. Consuela is a quadriplegic single mom whose children (10, 15 and 17) are her primary caregivers. Her bright and cheerful disposition had a wonderful affect on our students. Some told us later that she and the service project were their favorite part of the trip! We left Atlanta that evening and headed to Greenville, S.C., to have a time of debriefing the day and discussing Ephesians with the students before heading to bed.

On Friday morning, we took the students to tour the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., for an amazing historical and cultural experience. Everyone was astounded at the size of it! From there we took them to Maggie Valley for an afternoon of snow skiing and snowboarding. Some of the students had never skied or snowboarded, so we offered lessons, and then most of them hit the slopes. We stopped for dinner in Maggie Valley and then headed back toward Asheville for another time of sharing in the evening.

On Saturday morning, we went to downtown Asheville in the cold, windy weather for a scavenger hunt! We divided the students up into teams, and they had to find 30 historical landmarks within a two-hour time period. Most found all 30 - along with coffee and donut shops to warm themselves up along the way. We also found out who the leaders and followers were. It was really fun to watch that evolve.

We stayed in Asheville for lunch and then went to the Blue Ridge YMCA for an afternoon of outdoor team-building activities. The group was divided into two teams, and each team was run through a series of low ropes exercises and games with different levels of difficulty. It was another teachable moment as the students felt tension and frustration. We had some great discussions after each exercise, where the students were given the opportunity to share about how they were feeling about both the exercise and one another. God really showed up during these times, and reconciliation was always taking place. We ended the afternoon with archery as a whole group - another fun experience! We ate dinner there, debriefed in the YMCA lodge and then headed toward South Carolina for the night.

On Sunday morning, we traveled to the U.S. National Whitewater Center for a full day of fun outdoor activities.

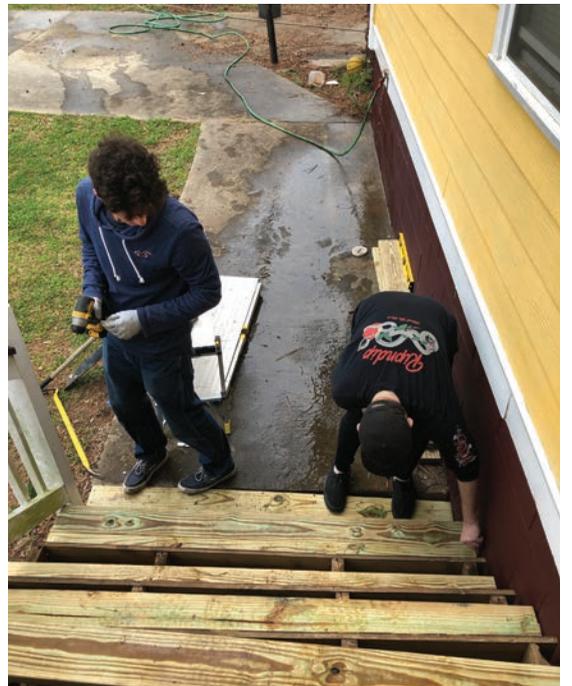


The students had the opportunity to zip-line, mountain-bike, rock-climb, kayak and ride a paddleboard. Ropes courses and white-water rafting were available as well. All the students went white-water rafting, and the course was amazing! They had class II to class IV rapids, and we only had two participants fall out of the rafts!

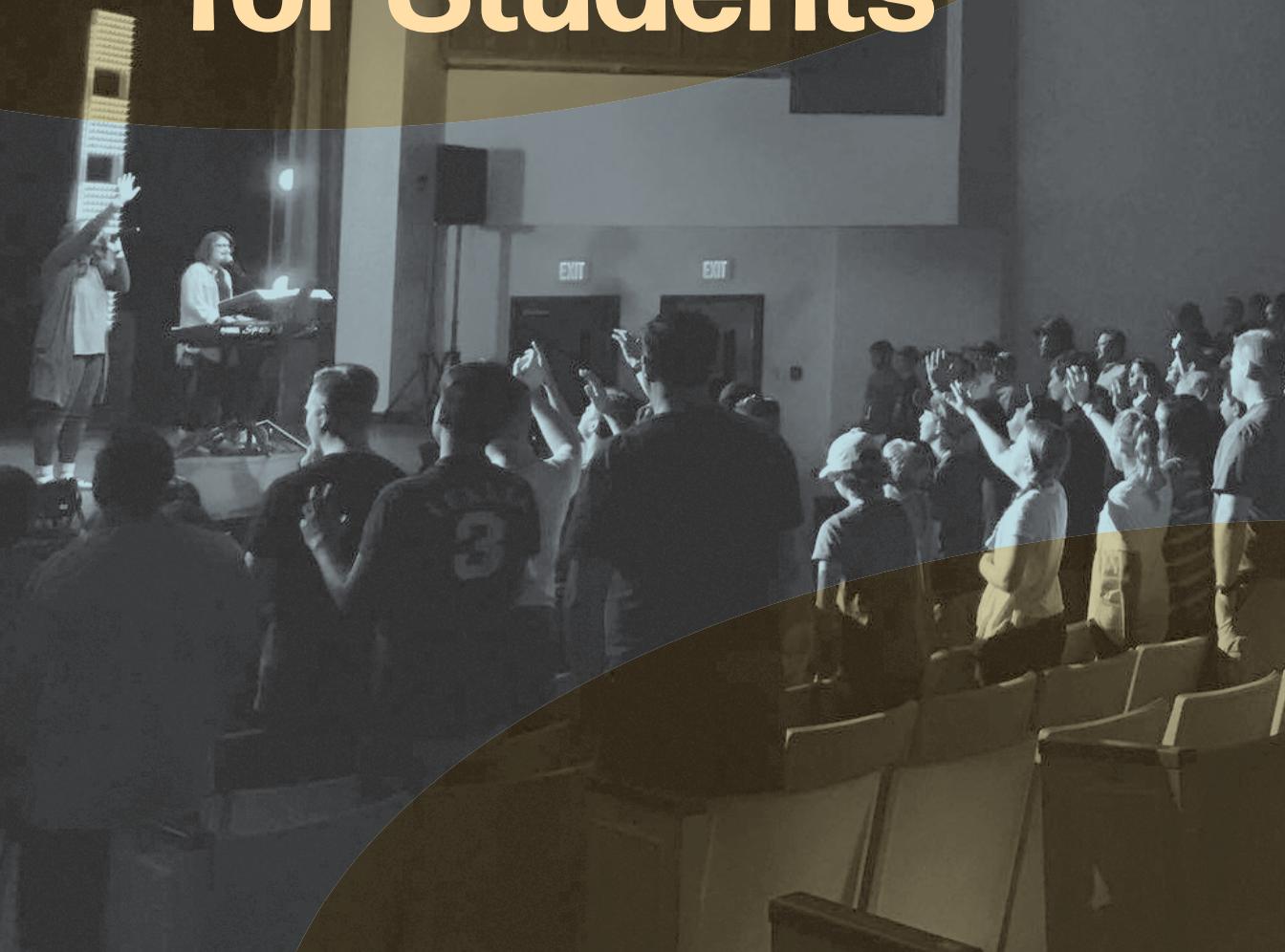
While we all left exhausted, we had great stories to tell. We stopped for dinner and actually met up with two Senior Life Prep alumni. This was a huge blessing both to me personally and to the whole group, as they were able to share stories of each other's Epic Trips! Then we headed out of Charlotte for the night, and all were ready for an early night!

On Monday morning, we went to Bull Street Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, for the end-of-the-trip debriefing and time of sharing. We shared highs and lows of the trip, and how the students were feeling about the trip, themselves and one another. We went over Ephesians chapter 4 again and gave the students time to separate and personally reflect on where they are spiritually, to journal and to pray. Then we gathered for a time of Communion before sending them off to explore Savannah together before heading home.

We are so incredibly blessed to be able to serve in this way! This was another successful Epic Trip, as we heard positive feedback from the students, laughter, and excitement over what they had accomplished, along with a few tears because it was over. Most importantly, though, they felt as though we were all one big family the entire week ... His family. ◻



Life-Changing Camps Provide Summer Opportunities for Students



Lord Used MFuge to 'Reveal My Ultimate Purpose'

By Kayla Jeffers

If someone were to ask me what event or experience had the biggest impact on my life, I would say, without hesitation, "MFuge." I attended for the first time in the summer of 2009 as a college-age chaperone while serving as a youth intern under the direction of Rob Hemphill. I was excited to go but also nervous because I was expected to lead students in a place I had never been to. As the Lord always equips those He calls, He guided me through an incredible week of camp in Birmingham, Ala.

MFuge is a camp that feels much more like a mission trip. Not only is there Bible study and worship, but we serve with missional organizations all over the city. The Lord showed up in so many ways. I was able to bond with the students in the youth group, get out of my comfort zone to share the gospel, and hear from God so clearly. Audra Hemphill, Rob's wife, said it best: "We have seen exponential growth in students through MFuge." Even as a college student, I experienced tremendous growth in my faith, and the course of my life was changed because of MFuge.

I recognized the call to student ministry while I was in college. One of the major steps into that calling was serving as a Fuge Camps

staffer. In 2011, I spent my first summer on staff, in Glorieta, New Mexico. I had no idea what to expect, but the Lord was ready and waiting to teach me an essential, unforgettable lesson: the importance of connection.

There is something so beautiful and inspiring about a team of people who have one vision: to make Jesus known. I never truly understood what the Lord intended the church to look like until I worked for Fuge Camps. Each team I served with was a near perfect representation of the body of Christ.

First Corinthians 12:27-28 says: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, next miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, various kinds of tongues" (CSB).

Each person on our team had different talents and strengths. We needed one another, just like the human body is at its best when all the parts are functioning

As I reflect on the past few years, I realize how much the Lord has taught me to possess a servant's heart. Who would have known that one summer of camp would lead to a lifetime of service, ministry and disciple-making?



properly. The Kingdom work that the Lord accomplished through us was exponentially greater than anything we could have accomplished as individuals. How timely it was for the theme of my first summer with Fuge to be “Connect” and for me to realize the importance of living life in the context of gospel-centered community.

Fast forward to the summer of 2013. As much as I loved my first summer of Fuge, I had no intentions of working it again. Why? I was 24 and thought it was time to land a job in the “real world.” Little did I know, the Lord had something different in mind. I received a call from a camp friend in mid-April about the need for a Fuge staffer in Mobile, Ala. I was only working part time, so I gladly accepted the position, and the rest is history. The theme that summer was “The Big Picture,” and it was at that point that I really began to understand the sovereignty of God. He was using the summers on staff to sharpen my skills as a teacher, mentor and leader.

I spent seven summers with Fuge Camps, working my way up to directing teams. Training, equipping and encouraging a group of people who have devoted their lives to Kingdom work will forever be imprinted on my heart. As I reflect on the past few years, I realize how much the Lord has taught me to possess a servant’s heart. Who would have known that one summer of camp would lead to a lifetime of service, ministry and disciple-making?

Northland high school students have the opportunity to attend MFuge this summer. As I said, I would not be the person I am today without the influence of Fuge Camps. The Lord used that experience to gently mold me and reveal my ultimate purpose in His grand design.

There is no limit to what He can do, so if you are a high school student, take a chance and join other students for an amazing week that could change the trajectory of your life. ■

Student Life Camp ‘Like Nothing I’ve Experienced’

By Janna Harmer

I attended my first Student Life Camp the summer of 2012. I had just completed my first year of middle school, and while I had been a “church kid” my whole life, I can regretfully say that no one would have guessed that based on first impressions; in other words, I’d heard all the Sunday school stories, sat through sermon after sermon, and still hadn’t been personally impacted by any of it ... until that summer after my sixth-grade year.

Student Life was - and still is - like nothing I’ve ever experienced. Having the opportunity to pack a suitcase, hop on an old church bus, and retreat to Stetson University for a week away from everyday normalities is something spectacular. Add the fact that everything from recreation to worship is centered on Christ, and you’re in for the time of your life.

Even in early middle school, I was struggling through some pretty serious stuff, and I can still vividly remember the night I encountered Jesus for the first time ... for *myself*. Sure, I’d heard it all before, and my parents were incredible beacons of what it means to be a Christian, but as the camp pastor was describing this God who loves me enough to drop everything and die to save me from myself,

the Holy Spirit grabbed my heart in a way I’ll never be able to shake. The next few days of camp only confirmed what I had experienced that first night, and by the end of the week, I’d had the opportunity to give my life to Jesus - authentically, personally, truly.

I went into camp that week dead in my sin, and at the end, I left so impacted and forever changed. God can do the unimaginable in a moment - and He blessed me with that moment at a Student Life Camp.

While Student Life caters to middle school through high school students, my youth group would transition our freshmen to another camp similar to Student Life called MFuge. While that camp also had a profound impact on my life, Student Life always had this obvious handprint on my heart that I couldn’t ignore. I felt *called* to something. The more I prayed about it, the surer I was that God wanted me to apply to staff the camp. The only problem with that was the earliest I could apply was after my freshman year of college.

But never try to convince me that God isn’t faithful. During high school, I also began to feel called into music ministry and had started playing with my youth group’s

worship team. Every summer, our leadership team (which the worship team was a part of) would have its own weeklong retreat before going to MFuge with the rest of our students later in the summer. Traditionally, the leadership team had been participating in a retreat called Past the Edge, and while I was totally stoked for that opportunity, there was a change my junior year that blew my mind.

Our leadership team was going to Student Life to serve the staff as student

volunteers. We weren't going as campers, but to get neck-deep in the behind-the-scenes, hard, almost-always-unnoticed work that takes place every day to provide campers with the same incomparable experience I had had almost four years earlier. I was more than ready to dive headfirst into this opportunity, and that week was just as life-changing as my first with Student Life.

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I'll always remember that first afternoon with the staff, before all the campers arrived, setting up the worship chapel. I was on stage, and when I turned around to face the hundreds of chairs, each representing a life that would hear the gospel in the ensuing days, I felt it again, so tangible, so clear: This is where I wanted to be, more than anything.

Student Life Camps have changed my life in more ways than one. Ultimately, I give God the glory for altering my eternity in that moment, and I'll always be able to look back and find that watermark of where He did it all: Student Life 2012.

Northland middle school students have the opportunity to go to Student Life Camp this summer. They can experience Jesus like never before, grow closer to other students in the youth group, and begin to discover the ultimate purpose that God has for them. Student Life Camp could mark the beginning of an incredible journey with Jesus. □



Summer Is Coming!

School is almost out, and we've got big news for you!

Northland Student Ministries is kicking off Crew Nights and Fusion this summer! And we're changing it up with new nights and times! Check out the details:

CREW NIGHTS (high school):

Sundays beginning June 9, 6-8 p.m., The Rink.

FUSION (middle school):

Wednesdays beginning June 12, 6-8 p.m., The Rink.

These nights will be packed with good food, great friends, hype worship, fun competitions and discipleship. Summer is one of the best times to grow deeper in your relationship with God and become more unified as a youth group. Leave the homework behind and bring your friends to The Rink every week for an unforgettable summer! □

Operation Serve: Clean the World Foundation

During spring break, on March 20, some of our high school students and volunteers served at Clean the World Foundation. This organization partners with hotels around the country to recycle and repurpose thousands of bars of soap and plastic bottles. The repurposed soap is shipped to impoverished communities around the world to prevent the spread of diseases and improve their quality of life. Our students and volunteers helped in the sorting process and learned how Clean the World Foundation is changing the world one bar of soap at a time. □



Middle School Ministry

To register for these activities and for detailed info, visit NorthlandChurch.net/MiddleSchool or contact Rob Hemphill at rob.hemphill@northlandchurch.net.

LUGROX

Saturdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink. Join us to eat, play, hang out and worship God together! And bring a friend! **LUGrox concludes May 18, but summer programming begins June 12.**

STUDENT LIFE CAMP

June 3 through 7, Leesburg. Join us for a week of worship, Bible study, recreation and fun at camp with your friends this summer! Student Life Camp uses every moment and activity to help students grow in their faith and make connections with their youth group. This new opportunity is an incredible way for middle school students to dig deeper and strengthen their relationship with Jesus!

PKG UNPLUGGED

Wednesdays beginning June 5, 4 to 6 p.m., The Rink. PKG Unplugged is a new summer outreach with North Sports and Games focused on video games. It's open to all middle school and high school students.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Rink. Come play sports, board games and video games! This event is designed for the whole family to participate. Anyone younger than high school age must have an adult present. Registration is not required. Details: Alicia Cash at Alicia.Cash@northlandchurch.net

High School Ministry

To register for these activities and for detailed info, visit NorthlandChurch.net/HighSchool or contact Rob Hemphill at rob.hemphill@northlandchurch.net.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink. High school students, bring your friends and join us for food, games, worship, a message and small groups. **High School Youth Group concludes May 29, but summer programming begins June 9.**

THE UPPER ROOM

Saturdays, 5 p.m. or Sundays, 11 a.m., Community Art Center. 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: Heather Subbert at Heather.Subbert@northlandchurch.net

MFUGE

July 14 through 20, Nashville, Tennessee. MFUGE, also known as Mission FUGE, is a camp experience that is much more like a mission trip. Join us for a week of worship, Bible study, hands-on ministry and fun while exploring the city of Nashville! Students can serve in different areas, such as children's ministry, painting, construction and yard work, social ministry (homeless shelters, food banks, nursing homes, etc.), evangelism and special needs ministry. Don't miss this new opportunity to experience life change while being the hands and feet of Jesus!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

On **Sunday, May 19**, seniors will be recognized in the **11 a.m. worship service.** Bring your family and friends to celebrate with you!

BACCALAUREATE

On **Wednesday night, May 22**, High School Youth Group will be dedicated to honoring our seniors. Come and be a part of this great night in **The Rink at 6:30 p.m.**

Download Our Student Ministries App!

The Student Ministries app is here and is full of information! With it you have easy access to the calendar for Student Ministries events, Rink playlists and other information that may pop up. Search for "northlandrink" at your app/play store.



Did You

Children's Ministries at Northland

serves families with children from nursery age through fifth grade. Our mission is to come alongside parents in helping them disciple their children.

In Children's Church, children experience energetic worship, prayer time and classroom instruction through age-appropriate activities that make each story come alive. Children also learn how to apply the truths they learn in very practical ways, such as giving an offering to local and global ministries.

Questions? Connect with Debbie Blahnik, Director of Children's Ministries at debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7162.



Know?

Did you know that ...

- ⇒ our Bible curriculum, “Worship, Word & Way,” teaches children every weekend about who God is and what He has done through the stories of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation?
- ⇒ the lessons we learn in Children’s Church go through the entire Bible every three years?
- ⇒ we take an offering each week in Children’s Church and donate it to a different group every month? Some of the past groups have included Child Evangelism Fellowship, Military Biblestick and BASE Camp Children’s Cancer Foundation.
- ⇒ we collected enough offering in Children’s Church to give more than 300 children in Lebanon a cuddly Wildlife Storyteller that plays our Bible memory verse songs in Arabic?
- ⇒ we learn 58 Bible memory verse songs in Children’s Church?
- ⇒ more than 110 teens and adults serve in Children’s Church every weekend?
- ⇒ our longest-serving volunteer, Debbie Longstaff, has served in Children’s Ministries for more than 25 years? And many of our volunteers have served for more than 15 years?
- ⇒ Access Ministries has Children’s Church classroom Buddies available for children with disabilities?
- ⇒ during Children’s Church, we have a classroom and Bible curriculum specifically designed to meet the individual special needs of children with cognitive disabilities who prefer a quieter environment?
- ⇒ more than 400 children attend Children’s Church every weekend?
- ⇒ we have 44 classrooms and two large-group worship rooms in the Children’s Ministries wings?
- ⇒ all ages and grades are given a take-home paper to help families dig deeper into that week’s Bible story during the week?
- ⇒ LUG Connect helps fifth-grade students make the transition from Children’s Ministries to Student Ministries?
- ⇒ Children’s Ministries has its own mobile app with a weekly family devotional and more?
- ⇒ we have a quarterly Welcome to Children’s Ministries luncheon for families to connect with staff, volunteers and other Northland families?
- ⇒ an average of 400 children come for childcare each month while their parents attend adult classes and ministries?

Save the Date!

LUG CONNECT (for all graduating 5th-graders)

Saturday, May 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Hub.

We're inviting all fifth-graders and their parents to join us for a special LUG Connect. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner; please bring a dish to share. Afterward, Student Ministries has invited Joshua Spavin to speak to parents on the impact of technology on teens and families. Joshua is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a registered play therapist at Providence Counseling Center who works with whole families to overcome challenges and bring restoration to the home. This meeting is open to all Student Ministries parents, so invite your friends and family members who have teens or preteens at home. Questions? Email Lindsay Johnson at lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net or visit <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/lug-connect-may4>. Childcare is available for other kids in your family when you register. For details about childcare, contact Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net.

LUG CONNECT PICNIC

Saturday, May 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Northland soccer field.

Fifth-graders and their families are invited to join us for our last LUG Connect - It's a picnic with lots of fun and games planned out in the Northland Soccer Field. Our disaster response team will be cooking hotdogs for us. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and lawn chairs or blankets for seating. We look forward to a fun event. Questions? Contact Lindsay Johnson at lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net or visit <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/lug-connect-may>.

YOUNG DISCIPLES STEP 2

Wednesdays, April 24 through May 22, 6 to 8 p.m., Children's Worship Wing.

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 story, being in community, praying, serving and living generously. This five-week study concludes with the celebration of Communion on May 22. A parent or adult must attend classes with the child. Register at <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/young-disciples-step-2-spring-2019>. Details: Lindsay Johnson at lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net

WELCOME TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCH

Sunday, May 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing, room 5100. If you're new to Northland or if you'd just like to get to know more about Children's Ministries, then this luncheon is for you and your family! This is a great opportunity to get to know each other, ask questions and talk face-to-face with those who are caring for your children. We even provide the meal! Details and to RSVP: Debbie Blahnik at debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7162, or <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/welcome-to-childrens-ministries-lunch>

1ST-GRADE ORIENTATION

Sunday, June 2, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing, room 5100.

Do you have a kindergartner moving up to first grade? If so, you don't want to miss the first-grade orientation. To help with this transition, parents and children are invited to join us for a tour of the classrooms and worship room, and to meet the first-grade teachers and leaders as well as other families with kindergartners. You will also get an overview of what your child can expect at Children's Church, and a question-and-answer time will follow. Details: Michelle Filippelli at michelle.filippelli@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1770, or <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/1st-grade-orientation>

5TH-GRADE GRADUATION CEREMONY

Saturday, June 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m., sanctuary. You are invited to celebrate with us June 8 at our Saturday service, followed by our fifth-grade graduation ceremony! This special ceremony acknowledges the journey through Children's Church and the students' transfer of leadership to the main worship service and Student Ministries leaders. Details: Lindsay Johnson at lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7153, or <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/5th-grade-graduation-ceremony>

HEALING HEARTS CLUB

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Do you have a child age 9 through 13 who has experienced a traumatic event such as the loss of a loved one, his or her parents' divorce, abuse or another event that has had a significant impact on your child's life? Children who have experienced such trauma can go on to develop long-term mental health difficulties, not only causing considerable distress but also compromising their educational and social potential. This spring break we are hosting a spring break camp called Healing Hearts Club Camp. The camp costs \$25 per child. Details: healinghearts@northlandchurch.net or <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/the-healing-hearts-club>





NorthlandChurch.net/TheStudios

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL: "A NOT SO TERRIBLE PARABLE"

(grades 1 through 6)

The parable of the Good Samaritan comes to life as a fun whodunit mystery. Solving the mystery means discovering again just how far our Savior would go to rescue helpless sinners! Rehearsals for singers will be Wednesday mornings beginning June 19 from 10 a.m. to noon, and a dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, July 20. Rehearsals for actors will be Saturday mornings beginning June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon, with a dress rehearsal July 20. Auditions for the acting parts will be held Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. The performance is scheduled for Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m.

SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM

(grades 4 through 8)

Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students will learn some of the fundamentals of dance technique. It is the how-to of leaps, turns and transitional movement. They will also learn short combinations in various styles of dance, such as ballet, jazz and modern. The program will conclude with a parent observation on the last day of class.

ROCK BAND CAMP

(ages 10-plus)

Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Form a band, learn a song, create a logo, write a tune, and hit the stage! This is a weeklong band experience created to develop musicianship and performance skills for students wanting to play in a band. We will have openings in drums, guitar, bass, keys and vocals, and will work toward an end-of-the-week showcase that will rock your summer.

Download Our Children's Ministries App!

The 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 OR USE THE QR CODE:



Children's Church

Details: Debbie Blahnik, Director of Children's Ministries, at 407-949-7162 or 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 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 2018-19 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





Healing Hearts, Transforming Lives

*Healing Hearts Camp helps children
recover from trauma*

By Lindsay Johnson
Grade School Administrator

How do people recover from trauma? Can the Bible help? What can the church do?

Life is not easy, and bad things happen to all of us – including children – that cause our hearts to be wounded. Unattended wounds of the heart can result in poor health, bad behavior, depression, violence, difficulty in school and many other negative symptoms.

This five-day Healing Hearts Club Camp offers children ages 8 through 13 an opportunity to learn about the wounds of their hearts and teaches them how to understand their heart pain in a way that can move them toward healing. They learn through stories, games, art and music with specially trained teachers in small groups of children their own age. As they share their own stories, they make new friends in a safe, fun and welcoming environment, and they learn about God as the One who can heal the wounds of their hearts.

Northland is hosting a Healing Hearts Club Camp this summer break, and our facilitators are preparing for a full camp. They will help guide the campers through understanding and externalizing the pain of heart wounds and teach them how to build resilience into their lives. The campers will explore why they are important to God and why bad things happen. They will learn how to put words to their feelings and navigate the difficulties of

loneliness and grief. Then they will learn how to set good boundaries and build their lives well through the choices they *can* make. Finally, they will learn to take their pain to the cross and ask Jesus to help them forgive.

In the past, students who were struggling to connect with their families and peers came into the healing camp downtrodden and full of rage. The first day, they were so angry they refused to participate at all. Slowly they began to open up and even felt safe enough to explain that they were so angry because what had happened to them was unfair. We gently encouraged them, saying that it was unfair and that they deserve love, joy, respect and the ability to feel safe.

About halfway through the week, we saw a breakthrough. They began to interact with the other students, and we watched as they blossomed into fun-loving children.

By the end of the camp, we were overjoyed to see them laughing, playing and developing meaningful relationships with the other students. On the last day of camp, none of the students wanted to leave. As facilitators, we left hopeful because we had seen the beginning of life transformation. Although we know that healing a wounded heart is a lifelong journey, we were confident that these students now had the tools they needed to succeed.

Please join us in praying for this amazing transformational camp, the children who will be attending, and our facilitators and interns. ■

**Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Register at NorthlandChurch.net/HealingHearts**

Prayer and Missions

Jesus prayed, “Our Father who is in heaven, may your name be treated as holy, May your kingdom come, may your will be done ...” (Matthew 6:9-10, LEB).

Jesus said, pray for God to raise up more laborers to go into His harvest and preach the gospel (Matthew 9:37-38).

Let us share some ways to pray for our local and global missions movement among churches, missionaries, partners and short-term mission teams. If you know specific individuals, families, churches, organizations or programs, please align them with these prayer guidelines.

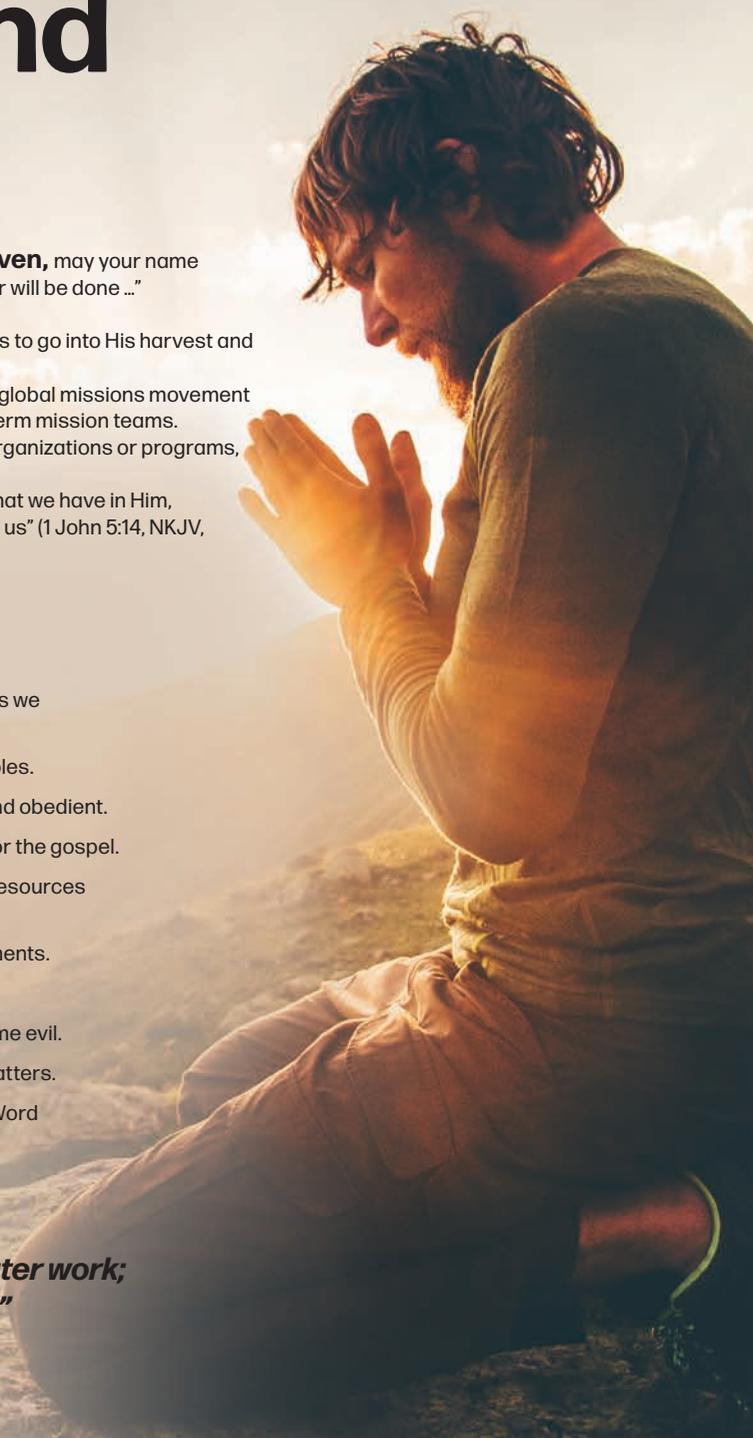
The apostle John wrote: “This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything *according to His will*, He hears us” (1 John 5:14, NKJV, emphasis added).

Let us pray

- Pray that God’s name will be glorified in all the ways we advance the gospel.
- Pray that the gospel will spread and multiply disciples.
- Pray that those who serve will be loving, humble and obedient.
- Pray for perseverance and patience in suffering for the gospel.
- Pray for relationships to grow deep and financial resources to be provided.
- Pray for laborers to sustain and reproduce movements.
- Pray for trust and unity among the believers.
- Pray for peace and favor in hard places to overcome evil.
- Pray for discernment and wisdom in day-to-day matters.
- Pray that worship of God will lead the way for His Word to be declared among the nations.

***“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work;
prayer is the greater work.”***

– Oswald Chambers



Local Serve Day



Local Missions Ministries

LOCAL SERVE

This ministry includes quarterly and yearly opportunities to serve our community in practical ways. The goal is for these days is to be a catalyst for ongoing connection, community and service. Saturday serve days, Red Bag and Stuff the Bus are a few examples.

Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1768.

DISASTER RESPONSE

Those who serve with the Disaster Response ministry train people and respond to disasters alongside government and emergency agencies in communities.

Details: Judy Head at judy.head@northlandchurch.net or 407-388-5798.

LOCAL PARTNERS

We provide both financial and non-financial support and partnership to local organizations.

Details: Judy Head at judy.head@northlandchurch.net or 407-388-5798.

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.

Details: Meg Johnson at meg.johnson@northlandchurch.net.

JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY

This ministry provides weekend worship services and weekday educational classes at several Correctional Facilities for both men and women.

Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1768.

HOMELESSNESS

This ministry assists in coming alongside individuals and families experiencing homelessness in various ways. This includes providing guidance in navigating the system as well as tangible help through various ways.

Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1768.

Thank you to all who make Serve Day happen.

We look forward to your participating in our **next Local Serve Day on June 1!** If you are interested in helping to organize future Serve Days, contact Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1768.

Saturday Serve Days give us an opportunity as a larger body to put our faith into action in a very tangible way. By putting the “When Helping Hurts” principles into practice, we hope that these days are not one-and-done types of events. The following are three simple ways your serving can be the start of something extraordinary and lasting.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION

Central Florida has incredible organizations doing amazing work. Serve Days give us exposure to this work. Take the time to learn who they are and what they do. During the project, ask if you can sign up for the volunteer newsletter. This could open up further serving opportunities for you, your family or your group throughout the year.

CONNECT WITH THOSE YOU SERVE ALONGSIDE

A great way to make a large church feel more personal is by connecting with those around you. Find out which service they attend. Maybe you are part of a group you can invite them to join. If you are open and aware of these connections, you will be amazed at whom you run into throughout the foyer on the weekends.

EXPERIENCE PERSONAL GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION

Giving your time has lasting effects on you and those around you. In addition, serving has an impact on how you can use your unique gifting and skills to serve others in the future. □



Coming This Fall: Perspectives on the World Christian Movement



Perspectives™

Perspectives will take you on a 15-week journey, looking in-depth at the biblical, historical, cultural and strategic aspects of God’s global plan to reconcile every nation, tribe, people and tongue to Himself. During this time, you will learn and be challenged by 15 different teachers. Read what others who have taken Perspectives say about the class.

Perspectives will be held Sundays, August 11 through December 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Northland. For details, go to www.perspectives.org/OrlandoFL or contact Julia Kauffman at juliakauffman26@gmail.com.

GUS DAVIES
Pastor



Perspectives offers a sound and solid biblical understanding of God’s perspectives for us and the people He created. I learned the ways God is accomplishing His purpose in the history of the world. My heart and passion are reignited to join God in what He is doing here, there and everywhere!

MATT SHILES
Missions director



You should take Perspectives if you are looking for more. If you desire a deeper understanding of your purpose and God’s plan, this class will challenge your thinking and deepen your desire to know Him more. The class also has a local feel with a global perspective. We will explore opportunities for engaging the nations in Central Florida and beyond.

JULIA KAUFFMAN

Director of international initiatives at Scholastic Book Fairs



I took the Perspectives class because I was new in faith and I wanted to learn about God. The 15-week course focuses on Scripture, history and God's grand purpose. The course opened my eyes to understanding my purpose through God's eyes.

HAZEL SUN

Real estate agent



It is difficult to pinpoint what I learned from Perspectives. However, one thing is sure: God is revealing His passion, His promise and His purpose in His Bible in a different perspective than I previously understood. His truth never changes, but I am beginning to understand His truth with a different perspective and perhaps clarity.

JUDY HEAD

Nurse practitioner and volunteer Disaster Response coordinator at Northland for the last eight years



Anyone who wants to grow and engage in God's global purpose for the world would benefit from this course. It's not about being a missionary or just another Bible study, but it's so much more. Everyone needs to invest the time to understand God's plan, His purpose for their life, and how they might get involved. The reward far surpasses the obstacles of time and financial commitment.

NICK MAROULIS

Senior vice president of clinical program operations at BioPlus Specialty Pharmacy



I took the course thinking I would be learning about how missions work. The course, however, engaged me beyond what I imagined! We had weeks in the biblical section that opened Scripture to me once again and helped me to see things I haven't seen or had missed before. I actually said, "When did that get in there?" The historical section was amazing seeing how God works all things for good and to the glory of His name. I was encouraged by those that walked in the faith before us. Finally, I learned how I fit in God's plan for the world.

DAN GERNERT

Operational analyst (U.S. Air Force, retired)



This class is an incredible foundation for every believer. It helped me and continues to help me realize each and every day how much our God loves us and how much He wants every nation to hear the gospel.

JAVIER VELASQUEZ

Pastor



Perspectives is more than just an amazing class. It is potentially the beginning of a life-changing process. It will inform you, challenge you and motivate you to engage with God's heart and His missional work in the world through us, His church.

Volunteers Find Fulfillment Helping People Through LifeHope

By Ivonne Schatte
LifeHope Manager

LifeHope ministries would not be possible without the involvement of the faithful, Christ-following, people-loving servant volunteers we call advocates. Each week they meet with their clients for about an hour and listen to them. They encourage and guide them and hold them accountable to their goals throughout their LifeHope journey. It takes a special person to pour into a stranger, to be present during his or her time of need, for free. So I asked some of the advocates - Weegie Henry, Laura Vaughan, and Denise Mauro - for a little insight into why they do what they do so perhaps they can inspire other people to join them in their invaluable service to the Lord and His church.

What made you decide to become an advocate?

WEEGIE: I was invited by a friend who was volunteering in the ministry to consider it. After talking to the [LifeHope] staff, I felt it would be a good fit for me, and they agreed.

LAURA: I decided to become an advocate because I want to help people who are struggling with life's issues, those in need of someone to give them a little help to make it over the hump.

DENISE: I have been attending Northland for several years and wanted to become more connected to the church. When Pastor Joel called for volunteers for LifeHope, I knew that this was the ministry I was called to do. I have connected not only with our clients but also with the LifeHope team and its volunteers.



***Weegie Henry** is the education and field trip chairman of Friends of the Wekiva River, a citizen action group. She is also a mentor with Take Stock in Children and the mother of three grown children.*

What is most challenging about being an advocate?

LAURA: The most challenging thing about being an advocate is allowing the clients to take responsibility for themselves and work at their own pace toward their progress. I have a tendency to want to jump in and nudge them along more than I should. I'm learning to keep healthy boundaries.

What do you enjoy about being an advocate?

LAURA: I like helping women realize their potential and strength in Christ.

DENISE: I really enjoy getting to know the client. For the most part, he or she is a genuinely good person who is just struggling through a difficult time. It is very humbling to be able to help a client through the journey of life.

How has serving in this capacity affected your relationship with Christ?

WEEGIE: It makes me thankful for my relationship with the Lord. I am a born-again Christian. I appreciate what a client is experiencing as she moves toward the Lord, connecting her life to His life. Trials serve a purpose! Often this verse comes to mind - Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" [NIV].

LAURA: Being an advocate has given me an even greater appreciation for the mercies that God so graciously bestows upon each one of us, His children.

DENISE: This ministry has brought me closer to Christ as I have been embarking along this journey of miraculous change among the lives of people. Whenever I am beginning to have doubts, I can look at how I have witnessed Him [strengthening] the people in this ministry.

What would you say to someone who is considering serving in LifeHope?

WEEGIE: I would ask that person to consider his/her gifting. Do you enjoy walking alongside a person who needs encouragement and help with direction? The exciting aspect of this ministry is rehabilitation, and it is a privilege to experience the journey with the client.

LAURA: Remember the comfort and encouragement that has been given to you, and give that back to another person. There is great reward in engaging others to become fully alive in Christ. It is contagious!

DENISE: This ministry is a good fit for those who care about other people. This ministry work requires a great deal of compassion, benevolence and awareness. Our clients simply need someone to walk alongside them through the time of need. It grants us the opportunity to present the gospel and the importance of relationship with Jesus, community and with other people. □

Laura Vaughan (left) is a part-time student at Seminole State College and the grandmother of six. She is an intercessory prayer advocate at Northland as well as a Homeless Services Network volunteer. Denise Mauro (right) has been an advocate with LifeHope for 10 years. She loves to garden when she is not taking care of her two grandchildren.



Respond With Generosity This Easter Season

Why are we calling everyone to tithe for Easter?

By Dr. Kevin Urichko
Executive Pastor

If you are relatively new to Northland, you may be wondering about our “tithe for Easter” tradition that has developed over the years. Many in our church family have been following Christ for a long time and already tithe or give extravagantly on a regular basis. But if you’re new to the church in general, you may be scratching your head and wondering what a tithe even is!

The word simply means one-tenth and is mentioned often in the Old Testament as Moses taught the Israelites how to give sacrificial offerings. Even before that, we see the principle being exercised by Abram (Abraham) in Genesis 14:20, where he “gave [the Lord] a tenth of everything” (NIV). This practice of giving back to God one-tenth of your “firstfruits” or the income from your labor is referenced as a common practice in the New Testament too.

Ironically, Jesus neither explicitly eradicates nor commands the tithe in His teaching. He, and later the apostle Paul, seems to be more concerned that people would give the Lord a tenth and then think they can do whatever they want with the other 90 percent of their income. In reality, “Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord...” (1 Chronicles 29:11, TLB). The healthiest perspective on giving starts with the understanding that everything we have belongs to the Lord. We are stewards and managers of His resources – 100 percent of what He has entrusted to us. Nevertheless, the tithe has remained a great starting point or giving goal for Christians.

In that context, let me explain our traditional invitation on Easter. One of the strongest statements in Scripture about tithing comes from Malachi 3:10: “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. *Test me in this*,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough

to store it!” (NIV, emphasis added). Wow! God, who says in other places in the Bible *not* to test Him, invites us to test Him through the giving of tithes!

This scriptural principle is one of the reasons we call everyone in the Northland family to tithe on Easter. It’s an opportunity to test the Lord, trust Him with your finances (His finances), and see what kinds of blessings He pours out. Every year, we hear stories of some way that the Lord uses this practice in the life of our church. To be sure, this isn’t a “prosperity gospel” thing (a theology that God blesses people financially based on their faith and tithing). While the blessing He delivers may be a generous provision of some sort, often it is deeper and more important – a change in perspective, freedom from bondage or the release from the love of money.

We choose Easter as the season to celebrate and worship through a tithe for an even greater reason than obedience or testing. Above any other season of the year, Eastertide – the Easter season – reveals just how generous our God is. He has gone to extraordinary lengths to make a way for us to engage with Him directly and be fully alive, today and for all eternity. Jesus’ generosity in becoming the perfect sacrifice for our sin and paying the price for our rebellion with His life is overwhelming to behold. We want to learn together how to respond to His extraordinary generosity by being generous too. Tithing at Easter is a great place to begin.

So start with this Easter season. Test the Lord. See what He does. Then keep responding to His generosity with your own. Among many other benefits, I know you will find that tithing regularly over the course of years allows the Lord to bring you a peace, contentment and joy that the accumulation of possessions will never provide. ▣



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 for more information.

Baptisms

ADULT BAPTISMS

Sundays, April 14 and May 19, 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. Details: Julie Meeker at 407-937-1772 or julie.meeker@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 or 407-949-7162

INFANT BAPTISM/DEDICATION CLASS

Saturday, May 18, 5 p.m., rooms 4206-07. Childcare available upon request. Details: Diane Jones at 407-949-7188 or diane.jones@northlandchurch.net

Bible Studies & Training

ADULTS

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

NEW THE ART OF MARRIAGE

Tuesdays, June 4 through August 27, 7 to 9 p.m., rooms 4216-18. The Art of Marriage from FamilyLife will help married couples get to the heart of God's design for marriage. It's easy to look for what's wrong. Rather, this class will help you develop your top 10 list of all the things you are doing right in your marriage! When you are aware of what you're doing right and intentionally repeat those things with confidence, you will enhance your marriage. Take your marriage to the next level through insights from Dennis and Barbara Rainey and many other pastors, authors and ordinary couples who will facilitate this class. Video topics include "Love Happens: God's Purpose and Plan," "Love Fades: Overcoming Isolation" and more. God can turn any marriage into His masterpiece if you let Him! Childcare is available. You can order the optional workbook from Northland's bookstore or at TheArtofMarriage.com. Details: Dorothy Mowbray at dorothy.mowbray@gmail.com or 407-353-4636

NEW BECOMING FULLY ALIVE: DISCOVERING YOUR MISSION IN JESUS

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., rooms 4206-07. Join us for this workshop, which includes interactive discussions and tools to help you realize your personal mission and vision as we all seek to become fully alive in Jesus. You'll experience practical conversations that equip

us to love God and love others better, study characters from the Bible to learn from their missions and values, and hear from other Northlanders as they share plans they've developed for becoming fully alive! Details: John Williams at jwgonefishin@outlook.com or 407-625-5646

NEW BELONG & GROW

Sundays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 12:15 to 2:15 p.m., The Hub.

In a world that can be fragmented, isolated and empty, Belong and Grow allows you to experience a different way of life: community, intimacy and generosity. Beyond a program, seminar or small group, Belong and Grow is a catalyst for life change. Group experiences are designed to help you hear His voice in surprising places, to provoke questions and conversations, and to stretch your comfort zone. Whether you've been here for a short or long time, you can take the first step to discover how you can connect to what God is doing in the midst of this church family. Through this four-week experience, we hope you will be emboldened to live out your calling as a radical follower of Jesus. Details: Lauren Travers at lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-4000

BIBLE BOOT CAMP I

Mondays, through November 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., fellowship hall. The 2019 Bible Boot Camp is a 40-week overview of the entire Bible 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're a new believer, looking for your next steps, or you've been a Christian for many years and want to revive your walk with the Lord, this study is for you. It's an overview of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, and 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 smalljh33@gmail.com or 352-875-5254

NEW BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Sunday, May 5, 2 to 4 p.m., The Hub.

Create a page designed to lead you to meditate on God's Word, worship Him for His goodness, and hide His Word in your heart through creative art and journaling. Bring a journaling Bible or notebook, scissors, a glue stick and a page protector. The cost: \$5. Details: Donna Kannon at donna.kannon@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7199

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

4206-7. Study God's Word together, and grow through fellowship, prayer and encouragement. In January, Don Weiss will teach on Abraham, man of obedience, and Joseph, man of dreams. Call Jim or Linda for information on February's topic. Details: Jim Patrick at jpatrick77.j@gmail.com or 321-356-5944, or Linda Patrick at gingerlkp@gmail.com or 321-439-3148

NEW EVANGELISM: SHARING THE GOSPEL

Tuesdays, April 9 through 30, 7

to 8:30 p.m., The Hub. Explore and discover the gospel message in all of the Scriptures. Learn about the role of the messenger and relevant methods to share the Good News. Details: Gus Davies at gus.davies@northlandchurch.net or 321-377-9213

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a nine lesson money class that teaches step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off debt, spend wisely and save for the future. The class is based on biblical financial principles that Dave Ramsey has put in a way that anyone can understand. Financial Peace University has helped hundreds of thousands of families get control of their finances and live a financially peaceful life. For great options to participate online or in a group that will work for you, contact Barb Olsen at barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net.

KEEPING THE SPARK ALIVE MARRIAGE CLASS

Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., rooms 4206-07. Join the fun anytime!

Come learn, laugh and loosen up as you explore proven ways to keep the spark alive in your marriage. This class is for couples of all ages. 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." Strengthen your marriage and your faith as you enjoy date nights, fellowship, speakers, retreats and seminars. Get ready to create new sparks! The book is available in Northland's bookstore, and each spouse will need his or her own copy of the interactive "Marriage Manual" (set cost: \$25) to make the experience more personable. Details: Vince Taylor at keepingthesparkalive@gmail.com or 321-228-1066

LOS PRIMEROS PRINCIPIOS: FUNDAMENTOS PARA UNA VIDA PLENA

Los domingos, desde el 5 de Agosto al 16 de Diciembre, de 9:00 am. a 10:30 a.m. Salones: 4209-10.

Un estudio profundo pero práctico de aprendizaje y transformación de vida a la imagen de Cristo. Estudiaremos los Principios Fundamentales que hicieron de los creyentes del Primer Siglo testigos maduros de su fe en Jesús. Details: Cecilia Velasquez at latinos@northlandchurch.net or 217-891-2162

FIRST PRINCIPLES: FOUNDATIONS FOR AN ABUNDANT LIFE

Sundays, through December 16, 9

to 10:30 a.m., rooms 4209-10. A deep but practical study to transform one's life into the image of Christ. We will study the Fundamental Principles that made believers of the First Century, mature witnesses of their faith in Jesus. Details: Cecilia Velasquez at latinos@northlandchurch.net or 217-891-2162

NEW "LOVE DEFINED"

Sundays, June 2 through July 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room

4213. Love isn't always easy, but it's certainly more possible if we know what it is and what it looks like. And since Jesus told us to love people, let's come together to be equipped to do just that with greater intentionality and joy. All our relationships and interactions can experience the benefits of our love abounding "more and more in knowledge and depth of insight" (Phil. 1:9, NIV). As we engage culture's confusing voice and God's clear voice together for these nine weeks, we will be outfitted with the tools and encouragement needed to make a difference in our relationships. We know you want to be a better leader, parent, neighbor, employee and friend. Let's figure out how together. Get the "Love Defined" study (required) for \$20 in the Northland Bookstore. Registration is required at NorthlandChurch.net/LoveDefined. Details: Tim Kutcher at timk@lovedefined.org or 321-277-8675

NEW PEACEMAKERS

Wednesdays, May 8 through July

10, 7 to 8:45 p.m., room 4204. Are you tired of conflict damaging your relationships? Conflict is inevitable, but by implementing Ken Sande's peacemaking principles and learning how to handle conflict in a biblical way, it can strengthen and restore your relationships. Details: Pam Monroe at pamsmonroe@yahoo.com or 321-279-7779; Ty Patten at tp@cfl.rr.com at 407-496-7003

NEW START HERE!

Wednesdays through May 29,

6 to 8 p.m., room 4128. Do you sometimes feel that the Christian life you are living is not what you hoped it would be? Our new church vision statement is "Engaging people to be fully alive in Jesus." Join a group that is exploring what it means to be fully alive in Jesus! Whether you are just starting your journey of faith or you need a refresher in the basics,

start here! Childcare is available with registration. Details: Kari Maggard at karimaggard@gmail.com or 407-592-3001

NEW TEENS AND TECHNOLOGY PARENTING CLASS

Saturday, May 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Hub. Bring a dish to share, and join other parents of middle and high school students to hear guest speaker Joshua Spavin share how to engage your students in healthy boundaries with using and having technology in their world. Spavin is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a registered play therapist at Providence Counseling Center. He works with whole families to overcome challenges and bring restoration to the home. His specialties include premarital/marital counseling and helping children through anxiety, depression and traumatic situations, big and small. All parents of middle and high school students are welcome. Details: Alex Anderson at alex.anderson@northlandchurch.net or 407-620-3661

WISDOM ACADEMY: BE QUICK TO LISTEN

Saturdays, through April 27, 9 to 10:30 a.m., rooms 4206-07. Know the Scriptures that include the words listen, listening, hear and hearing. This class offers practical wisdom on how to listen better to God, yourself and others in ways that will enrich your life and strengthen your faith. Details: Rick Bommelje at RBOMMELJE@rollins.edu or 407-312-8530

CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesdays, 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. Details: Eleanor Tracey at eleanor.tracey@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1812

NEW YOUNG DISCIPLES STEP 2 Wednesdays, April 24 through May 22, 6 to 8 p.m., Children's Worship Wing.

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 story, being in community, praying, serving and living generously. This five-week study concludes with the celebration of Communion on May 22. A parent or adult must attend classes with the child. Register at <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/young-disciples-step-2-spring-2019>. Details: Lindsay Johnson at lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net

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

AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

Saturdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m., room 4209. Authentic Manhood is about setting men up to live lives of truth, passion and purpose. Many men lack clarity about what it truly means to be a man. As a result, many men are in a state of confusion. They end up disappointed with life and find themselves lonely and drifting. They're

comparing and competing, focused mainly on trying to keep up with everybody else. Too many guys don't know how to answer the question "Who am I as a man?" and end up settling for a "less than" life. They don't have a compelling manhood vision that is bigger and more meaningful than the conventional manhood that much of the world seems to be chasing. Here's the good news: God has a really clear purpose and vision for men that is unique to men, and He lays it out in His Word. We call it authentic manhood, and it's not only clear; it's inspiring, exciting and motivating. Details: Tom Horvath at tom@tomhorvath.com or 321-217-1781

MEN OF HONOR

Thursdays, 7:15 to 9 p.m., room 5100.

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 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 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 or 321-277-4505

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays, through November 2, 9 to 11 a.m., room 4205. This study is an interactive group designed to

help men grow in their understanding of who God is by exploring His Word. They study the text of the Bible as it relates to the history and origins of the text and compares with other biblical text. They are currently studying Paul's letters and how they are interwoven with the other Old and New Testament writings. Whether you're a new believer, looking for your next step, or you've been a Christian for many years and want to revive your walk with the Lord, this study is for you. Details: Robert Moses at Classic52pkup@aol.com or 407-790-2323

WOMEN

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

"ELIJAH," BY MELISSA SPOELSTRA
Mondays, through May 6, 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., The Rink; or Tuesdays, through May 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink.

At times life can feel like a roller coaster. One day everything is good, and the next it can feel as if everything is falling apart. How can we walk with God through the many peaks and valleys of life? In this seven-session study of 1 and 2 Kings, explore the story of Elijah, an ordinary man who did extraordinary things for God. Learn how God can use the highs and lows of life for His glory, and discover the spiritual stamina He provides to see you through every step. Learn some of the spiritual stamina secrets that helped him hold on and persevere in faith, including practical habits related to prayer, choices, soul care, surrender, mentoring and legacy. The book "Elijah," by Melissa Spoelstra, is \$14.99 at the Northland Bookstore. Details: Cindy Lowe at cindylowe7457@gmail.com or Barbara Montgomery at BibleStudy777@cfl.rr.com

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE FAITHFUL

Mondays, June 3 through July 1, 9:45 to 11:45 a.m., The Rink.

Join us for a five-week study as we strengthen our faith by walking

alongside Gideon, Nehemiah, Esther, Hosea and Malachi through the study of God's Word and teachings of five different teachers. Like our Old Testament predecessors, we too can choose to obey God no matter what our circumstances. The study guide, "The Faithful," is available in the Northland Bookstore for \$14.99. Childcare is available with registration. Details: Cindy Lowe at cindylowe7457@gmail.com

Groups

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.

Having trouble finding a group OR want to list your group on the groups page? Let us know! Email Rebecca at 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 idougs@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: Barbara Gray at 407-332-6743 or barlynne2000@aol.com

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 celebratercovery@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1799

NEW DIVORCE RECOVERY

Tuesdays starting May 7, 7 to 9 p.m.; call for location. Registration deadline: May 3. Registration and orientation are required before attending this 15-week group. 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 the marriage relationship - your physical self, mental self, emotional self and

spiritual self. Registration is \$5, and the workbook costs \$15. Childcare will be provided. Details: Donna Delzingaro at donnadd@cfl.rr.com or 407-937-1740

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

NEW LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

Thursdays through June 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., rooms 5207, 5110; Wednesdays, July 8 through September 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., rooms 4204, 4205. 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. Regardless of what you are struggling with – whether it's emotional, financial, relational, spiritual or sexual – the principles that lead to happiness and healing are always the same, and the choice is always yours. Details: Laurie Jean Harrington at lauriejean2@bellsouth.net or 407-927-4393

MINISTERS ON DUTY (MODS)

Available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. They are a ministry of people with hearts to help. Their desire is to encourage and pray for those needing someone to connect with. MODs can listen, suggest resources and offer biblical support. Details: Jill Johnson at 407-949-4000

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.

NEW SUPPORT FOR THE SEPARATED

Tuesdays starting May 7, 7 to 9 p.m.; call for location. Registration deadline: May 3. Registration and orientation are required before attending this 15-week group. 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 is \$5, and the workbook costs \$15. Childcare will be provided.

Details: Donna Delzingaro at donnadd@cfl.rr.com or 407-937-1740

NEW SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN PHYSICAL CRISIS OR AT A CROSSROADS

Mondays, June 3 through December 16, 10 to 11:15 a.m., room 4216; and 6:30 to 8 p.m., room 4209.

This support group for individuals with a critical or terminal diagnosis or at a crossroads in their lives and their families is designed to keep hope alive and to provide support through their journeys. This includes such diagnoses as heart disease, stroke, COPD, dementia and Alzheimer's. This group is open to families who have their loved one at home or in an assisted living or skilled nursing facility. The group is also helpful to those who need emotional and/or spiritual support; those who have a recent life-altering, life-threatening or terminal diagnosis; adult children who are spending a lot of time as caregivers for their parents, and many more.

CHILDREN

NEW HEALING HEARTS CLUB

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Do you have a child age 9 through 13 who has experienced a traumatic event such as the loss of a loved one, his or her parents' divorce, abuse or another event that has had a significant impact on your child's life? Children who have experienced such trauma can go on to develop long-term mental health difficulties, not only causing considerable distress but also compromising their educational and social potential. This spring break we are hosting a spring break camp called Healing Hearts Club Camp. The camp costs \$25 per child. Details: healinghearts@northlandchurch.net or https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/the-healing-hearts-club

MEN

FAITHFUL AND TRUE

Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1118. 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

FREEDOM GROUP

Call for meeting date, time and details. Freedom Group is a Christ-based support group for men wanting freedom from sexual addiction and intimacy anorexia. Details: David at 407-687-5390

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

WOMEN'S HEALING MINISTRY

Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., room 4218. There is a special place and community for you as a woman. If you have had sexual betrayal in your life, whether it was a parent who was unfaithful to your mother or father, a betrayal in your own dating relationships, or betrayal in a marriage, you will find this group to be safe, insightful, supportive and educational in a confidential community. Details: Vicki Wotring at celebratelife3@aol.com or 520-631-0886

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

ACCESS MINISTRIES

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

First Tuesday of the month starting May 1, 6 to 7 p.m., room 5207. This is a time when men (fathers, volunteers, advocates, friends and others) wanting to pray for Access Ministries at Northland can come together for a time of fellowship and sharing, devotional on prayer and then go to the throne room of God with requests for this very special ministry and group of friends. Details: Nicholas Maroulis at nickpharm1@gmail.com or 407-402-9878

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MINISTRY MEETING

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, 1 to 2:30 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 arabicfellowship@northlandchurch.net

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: Clyde Rodgers at 407-312-2597 or linksfellowshipcf@cfl.rr.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. Join the group as they fellowship and encourage one another in Christ. They will be studying and discussing various worship messages. Their goal is to build a strong spiritual community while living life in retirement. Details: Brian King at brian.king@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-0567

KNIT AND CHAT

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., foyer.

We get together to fellowship and share our projects related to knitting, crocheting and other fiber arts. We have a devotion time and address prayer needs. We also have participated in charity opportunities: helmet liners for the military, warm items for the Ukraine and hats for newborns, and we'll consider other opportunities as they arise. Details: Cassie Small at cassandra.543@juno.com or 407-834-5203

LIFT: LIFE (IN COMMUNITY) FORMING TOGETHER

Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room 4210.

What makes life in community extraordinary? In "Life in Community," Dustin Willis says: "When people live in community moved by the gospel and marked by the Spirit, great things happen. They commit to one another. They grieve together, sing together, eat, pray, and play together. They love, serve, honor, encourage, and provide for each other gladly. And they live on mission together. Hearts are healed, walls come down, and outsiders come in. No competition. No pretense. No vain conceit. Just full hearts breaking bread and giving freely. It is nothing short of amazing. Most of us live in a shadow of what God intended for us. Christ calls us into the light. Reclaiming Scripture's stunning vision of gospel-centered community, it inspires us to live in love unbounded." Details: Richard Bowles at [legacy.bowles@gmail.com](mailto:bowles@gmail.com) or 407-256-1007

MOMS4MOMS

Monthly on Mondays (dates may vary), 9:30 a.m., The Rink.

Moms of newborns and children through 6 years old, join them for fellowship and encouragement as they journey through motherhood together. Childcare is provided for kids 6 months old and up. Registration is required. The cost: \$35 per semester. Details: Meghan Friedman at meghanbelue@gmail.com or Christina Rapalje at Christinamk4@gmail.com

NEW MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY

• RIDE TO REDDICK

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.; call for meet-up location. Meet for a fun fellowship ride north to Orange Lake in Reddick. They will stop for lunch before heading back through some of Florida's natural, unspoiled country.

• FEED THE FIREFIGHTERS

Saturday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.; call for meet-up location. Ride to a Lake County fire station with them as they cook a meal and serve it to the firefighters, one of their favorite events. This event is rain or shine because they don't want to let the firefighters down. If it rains, feel free to bring your car. The firefighters and EMTs are not used to being served, which makes it even more meaningful for everyone. The cost: \$15 per person. Details: Lori Landers at 352-589-1011

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 4204, 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

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. 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 están disponibles en el Mostrador de Bienvenida o "Welcome Desk". Información en nuestra página de Facebook en www.facebook.com/

northlandhispano. Details: latinos@northlandchurch.net

THE WISDOM ACADEMY exists to ignite a transformation in businesspeople everywhere to serve as wise leaders successfully blending biblical principles in business and in life for the glory of Christ. More info is at northlandchurch.net/wisdomacademy.

Special Events

NEW "ALADDIN," PRESENTED BY BALLET FEDOTOV
Friday, May 3, 7 to 9 p.m., sanctuary. "Aladdin" is a timeless tale about a poor boy who meets a princess and falls in love. Neither one knows the true identity of the other. Toss in a magic lamp with a genie, an evil vizier, snakes, trolls, and bats, and you have an enchanting story of wishes granted and two worlds coming together. This is a family event; all ages are welcome! It will feature guest artists Sergiy Sidorskiy from Ukraine and Ena Mikita from Japan, principal dancers from Ballet Fedotov, and students from Russian Ballet Alafaya and Russian Ballet Orlando. The music is by David H. Goldstein. Scenery and original choreography is by Vadim Fedotov. You won't want to miss this beautiful performance, based on the Arabian tale "One Thousand and One Nights." Get your tickets today at NorthlandChurch.net/Aladdin!

NEW "BOYS DOCUMENTARY"
Thursday, April 25, 7 to 9 p.m., The Rink. 121Hope, Restore One and Samaritan's Village are coming together for this important event. What happens when you remove fear of the unknown from the conversation? You become educated. Why does God allow us to experience fear? Because He wants us to grow in faith and lean more on Him and learn that His ways are better than our own. It takes fear to change the world - fear of preventing harm and fear of it never

happening again. Come be inspired by one couple's desire to overcome fear and help trafficked males who cannot help themselves. Think human trafficking can't happen to boys? Think again. Details: Meg Johnson at meg.johnson@northlandchurch.net or 407-687-6390

HEALING SERVICE
First Sunday of the month, 5 to 6:30 p.m., The Rink. The healing service is a place where the hurting, wounded, sick and weary - anyone in need of any type of healing - can come as they are and rest in God's presence. These services are designed intentionally to create an atmosphere where we can focus on Jesus as our Healer and seek Him for healing. Each element of the service will focus on drawing us closer to God in the midst of our suffering. As a result, we will be drawn closer to one another, being in community, giving and receiving hope, encouragement, comfort and support. Details: Jenny Schweickert at jenny_schweickert@yahoo.com

NEW LOCAL SERVE DAY
Saturday, June 1, 8 a.m. to noon; meet in the foyer. Don't miss out on our next Serve Day as we care for our neighbors and local community. We'll gather as a large group in the morning for worship and then head out to serve throughout the community on various projects. Details: Matthew Shiles at matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net

NEW SETUP CREW PARENT PREVIEW NIGHT
Saturday, May 11, 5:45 to 8 p.m., fellowship hall. Calling all parents of eighth-graders! Come and preview the next step in student leadership for incoming high school freshmen. Join our current SETup crew (our ninth-grade servant leadership program) students for a preview night, work alongside them, and see the behind-the-scenes work of the SETup crew, followed by a question-and-answer session. Details: Lauren Travers at lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net

NEW SPECTACLE!
Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10, 7:30 to 9 p.m., sanctuary. Experience the greatest and most inspiring music as the Central Florida Community Arts Community Choir and Symphony Orchestra present Spectacle! Combining showstopping production numbers from stage and screen, selections from classical music's greatest composers and other timeless songs, this immersive, visually striking extravaganza will be unlike anything you've seen from CFCArts before. Join the nation's largest community choir, members of Central Florida's largest symphony orchestra, and the talented CFCArts Dance Company as they dream big through music's greatest hits! Tickets start at \$10 in advance; the program is free for children 3 and under. Buy tickets at NorthlandChurch.net/Spectacle or CFCArts.com/Spectacle. Please note: Northland has implemented new security measures, which include walk-through metal detection and bag checks. Please arrive early and consider leaving personal belongings at home. Details: Rebecca Lang at rebecca.lang@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-4000

Serve at Northland

FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SERVE AT NORTHLAND, VISIT 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: Heather Subbert at heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net

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 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

NEW INTERPRETERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to interpret (translate) into Spanish during the two Sunday morning services. If you are interested, please call Cecilia Velasquez at 217-891-2162 or email us to latinos@northlandchurch.net. Estamos buscando voluntarios para interpretar (traducir) al español durante los dos servicios de la mañana del domingo. Si está interesado, llame a Cecilia Velasquez al 217-891-2162 o envíenos un correo electrónico a latinos@northlandchurch.net

LIFEHOPE BENEVOLENCE

LifeHope Benevolence is looking for people to be the church to families and individuals in need.

Whether it's providing financial counseling, walking alongside a person going through financial hardship, or helping with the daily administrative tasks in the LifeHope offices, there are many ways for you to get involved with the LifeHope ministries and make an everlasting difference in someone's life. Want to know more about the different serving opportunities with LifeHope? Details: Ivonne Schatte at ivonne.schatte@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1824

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN & TEENS Classroom assistant during

worship services. Details: Heather Subbert at 407-937-1828 or heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net

USHERS AND GREETERS

Greet and seat those attending worship services. No experience necessary. Details: Lauren Travers at lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-4000

WEEKDAY WELCOME DESK

Weekday volunteers are needed to answer phones and greet visitors. Flexible hours. Details: Lauren Travers at lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-4000

WANT TO SERVE GOD WITH 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 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 or 407-937-0567

Serve with Northland

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

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: Sandra Prieto at 407-665-6077 or sandra.prieto@gal.fl.gov

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP GOOD NEWS CLUBS

in Public Elementary Schools
Serve in Good News Clubs in public elementary schools after school hours. Serve at Goldsboro Elementary in Sanford on Mondays, Winter Springs Elementary in Winter Springs on Wednesdays, or Pine Crest Elementary in Sanford on Thursdays. Good News Clubs meet once a week during the school year after the school day. Training and orientation are provided. Details: Jeneba Davies at 407-435-4673 or jenebad@cefcefnfl.com, or Lisa Saphirstein at 860-604-5523 or saphcircle@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN HELP

Do you have a heart for helping people get back on their feet through employment, encouragement, hope and prayer? Volunteers are needed to help equip and empower people for financial stability by preparing them for employment and providing for their unmet needs. Key service areas are the pantry, client services, training and special events. Core hours of service are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To volunteer contact Volunteers@christianhelp.org, call 407-834-4022, or stop by at 450 Seminola Blvd. Casselberry, FL 32707. They will help you get connected!

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 nanparker@gmail.com, Gracia Miller at 407-415-1461 or millergracia@gmail.com, christiansinpubliceducation.org or ceai.org

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

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

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 Nanas, 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 rebekah.richey@gmail.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

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

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 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

Bibles are needed for the Downtown Homeless Ministry. Donate new or used Bibles at the Northland Bookstore. Details: Tom Denove at 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 or 407-937-0541

Bed sheets, pillowcases and other items are needed at Safehouse of Seminole for battered women and their children. Complete needs list at safehouseofseminole.org. Details: 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

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF) – PEOPLE OF THE PROMISED LAND Mondays, through May 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; for a class near you, contact BSF international at www.bsfindernational.org. Come study God's leading of His people into the Promised Land. Learn how God established His people in a unified kingdom and shaped them to be His light to the world. From Joshua to Solomon, God revealed His heart for His people and drew them into a deeper connection with Him. Join us for this weekly study of God's Word. A school program is available for students in grades one through twelve. Details: Camille Miller at cmillercabsf@gmail.com

CENTRAL FLORIDA'S JOB FAIR (CFEC.ORG)

Wednesday, May 15, noon to 4 p.m., Central Florida Fairgrounds & Exposition Park, 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Visit 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

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) that meets for fellowship, prayer, and discussion of God's principles for business. Details: Armand Dauplaise at 407-221-3114 or adauplaise@aol.com; Pat Leupold at 407-538-6026 or huskerball1956@gmail.com

THE CBMC ORLANDO PEER ADVISORY GROUP

Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8 to 9 a.m., IHOP Restaurant, 1345 Lee Road, Orlando. This is a

ministry for senior business leaders who desire to lead their business according to Biblical principles. It is a unique environment where 8 - 12 non-competing business leaders meet to grow as business leaders, build a business of excellence, and become engaged in the Great Commission. It creates an environment of confidentiality, trust, friendship, mutual support, and long-term accountability. Like having your own personal board of advisors. Details: Pete Krug at 407-221-4589 or pmsavage@aol.com; Armand Dauplaise at 407-221-3114 or adauplaise@aol.com

FORGE

LONGWOOD: Thursdays, 7 to 8 a.m., St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2140 SR434, Longwood, FL 32779. Details: Tom Horvath at tom@tomhorvath.com or 321-217-1781

OVIEDO: Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m., Caterbury Retreat Center, 1601 Alafaya Trail, Oviedo, FL 32765. Details: Dan Lacich at dan.lacich@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1826. Forge is a lively, weekly, early-morning gathering of Christ-following men of all ages and backgrounds who are being shaped by the Father into the men they want to be and were originally designed to be. God FORGES us with His truth, grace, Spirit, and by the interactions with other men, into men of strength who promote the flourishing of men, women, children, churches and culture. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17. Details: Tom Horvath at tom@tomhorvath.com or 321-217-1781

PARENTS

NEARHIM HOME EDUCATORS

Supports and encourages families that God has called to teach their children at home. Details: 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. 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, 407-244-5529 or SKing@truelifechoice.org
- **Sanford & Oviedo Crisis Pregnancy Center**
1002 S. French Ave., Sanford.
Details: Andrea Krazeise at sanfordcpc.com or 407-323-3384
- **Cornerstone Pregnancy Center**
2025 Culver Rd., Orlando. Details: Michelle Lewis at 407-208-9058 or 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 or 386-753-9376

WORKPLACE MINISTRY

**First Tuesday of each month,
5:30 p.m., Orlando.** J4 Leaders (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 or 407-522-4797



Giving just got a whole lot easier!

Financially Partnering with Northland

We've launched a new giving system which will make giving easier, more convenient and more secure. We need your help. First, we need you to create an account in our new giving system. Once you create a new account, we will transfer your information over to the new system. So once you set up your new profile, you won't ever need to log back into your old one.

Get set up on the new giving system at northlandchurch.net/give.

Questions? Contact our Finance Team at financeteam@northlandchurch.net.



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 or visit northlandchurch.net/new.

Worship Times

LONGWOOD and NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET

Saturdays..... 5 p.m.

Sundays 9^(sp), 11 a.m.^(di) ^(sp)

Mondays 7 p.m.

^(di) Deaf/hard of hearing interpretation available

^(sp) 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. Details: Heather Subbert at 407-937-1828 or heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net

Matt Heard, Lead Pastor



Matt is a husband, father, and friend. He's also a pastor, speaker, writer, teacher, leader, coach, 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 has been involved in partnership with

Northland in various roles the past couple of years during our transition into this new chapter of ministry and became our Lead Pastor in May 2018.

He is the the Founder and Principal of THRIVE - a speaking, teaching, and consulting ministry that focuses on engaging human beings to flourish and thrive for God's glory, and he is the author of "Life with a Capital L: Embracing Your God-Given Humanity."

Matt is on the Board of Directors of Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB Global; and the International Arts

Movement with Mako Fujimura. He is also a member of the faculty and Board of Reference for Summit Ministries.

Past vocational roles have included being the President of The Gathering USA and, before that, the Senior Pastor of Woodmen Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs for twelve years. Previously he was pastor of single adults and evangelism at Moody Church in Chicago, the founding pastor of Park Community Church in Chicago, the senior pastor of Sunshine Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the President of Vantage Point Forum in Grand Rapids. He also was the first Executive Director of the Greater Orlando Leadership Foundation (now Lifework Leadership).

Originally from Monroeville, Alabama, he is a graduate of Wheaton College and Reformed Theological Seminary, and has also studied at Wheaton Graduate School in Illinois, L'Abri Fellowship in Switzerland with Francis Schaeffer, Fackelbararnas Bible Institute in Sweden, Capernwray Bible School in England, and two years of Pre-Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Matt and his wife, Arlene, are the privileged parents of three amazing adult sons – Andrew, Joel, and Stephen – and an incredible daughter-in-law named Mary Rachel who is married to Joel. 

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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 line407-949-4025 or
pray.northlandchurch.net

I need the Hospital Ministry to pay a visit?

.....407-949-7149 or
hospitalvisits@northlandchurch.net

I am interested in a Care Ministry?

Barbara Olsen407-949-7183 or
barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net

I want to become a member?

Lauren Travers407-937-1787 or
lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net

I have accepted Christ into my heart and wish to be baptized?

(Infants to 5-years-old)
Diane Jones407-949-7188 or
diane.jones@northlandchurch.net
(Grade School)
Debbie Blahnik407-949-7162 or
debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net
(Adult/student)
Julie Meeker407-937-1772 or
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I need info on Student Ministries?

Kayla Jeffers407-949-7194 or
student.ministries@northlandchurch.net

I need info about Children's Ministries?

Debbie Blahnik407-949-7162 or
debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net

I am interested in Mission Trips?

Matthew Shiles 407-937-1768 or
matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net;
or visit SomedaysToday.net

I want to help at Northland?

The Connect Team407-949-7178 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?

Julie Meeker407-937-1772 or
julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net

I need to plan a funeral?

Julie Meeker407-937-1772 or
julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net

My family is living with disability?

Heather Subbert407-937-1828 or
heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net

I am facing an unforeseen/unexpected financial crisis and need guidance and resources?

LifeHope Info Line407-949-7151
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



FULLY ALIVE 5K



Saturday, May 18



This is a family friendly run/walk that starts and ends at Northland's main building.

RACE SCHEDULE

6:15-7:10 a.m. | Race Day Registration and Packet Pick-Up

7:30 a.m. | 5K Run/Walk (chip timed)

8:45 a.m. | Free Kids' Run (10 and under)

9:30 a.m. | Awards Presentation

ENTRY FEE

Registration before May 1 | \$25

Registration race morning | \$30

Kids Run (10 and under) | Free



Register at
northlandchurch.net/fullyalive5K

Participants receive a Fully Alive 5K tshirt and swag bag.
Top three finishers in each age group receive medals.

The Kids Run is a few hundred yards. All kids need to be registered on race morning and parents or guardians need to sign a waiver.

For safety reasons, in-line skates and skateboards will not be allowed in the race.