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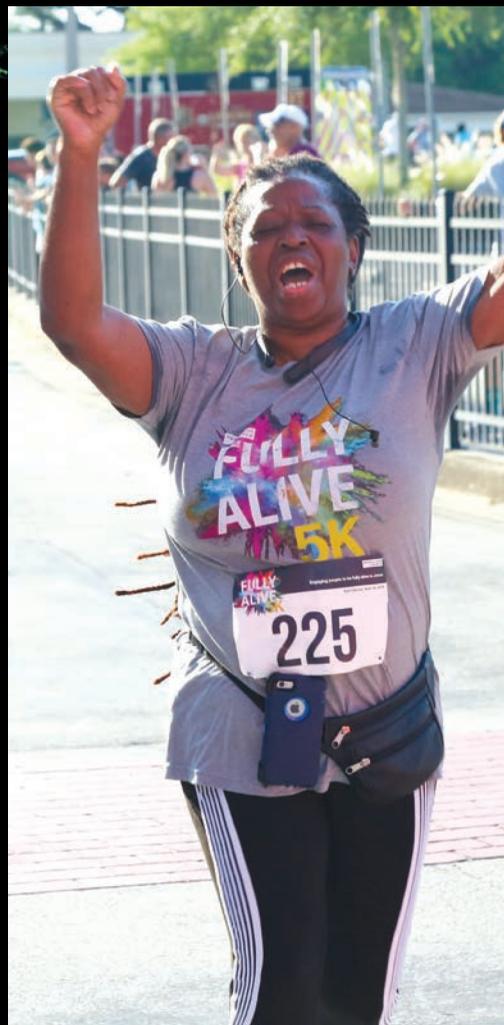
# FULLY ALIVE 5K



On May 18, the Northland foyer was buzzing before the sun came up. Volunteers began arriving at 5 a.m. to help set up for one of our most exciting events of the year. At promptly 7:30 a.m., Northland kicked off the Fully Alive 5K race!



243 runners +  
4 four-legged runners +  
45 Fun Run kids =  
Over \$2,500 benefiting  
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# Speaking Their Language

A close-up photograph of two hands in American Sign Language (ASL) against a black background. The hand on the left is illuminated with a red glow, while the hand on the right is lit with a warm, golden light. The fingers are positioned to form a specific sign, with the right hand's index and middle fingers extended and slightly curved.

*ASL interpreters share the gospel with those  
who can't hear it for themselves*

BY MELISSA BOGDANY



## As congregants funnel in to the sanctuary

for the 11 a.m. service, they may hear a “Good morning,” chatter about the message, laughter, or even the sounds of the worship band starting.

Others hear nothing. Silence. Their language is not, for the most part, being spoken.

They enter the sanctuary and make their way to the front at the left side, where American Sign Language interpreters are ready to bring the worship music and message to life for the deaf and hard-of-hearing congregants who attend the 11 a.m. Sunday service at Northland.

As the praise-and-worship band plays and sings, an interpreter signs the songs. But it’s not about just signing word for word or letter by letter. ASL interpreters must relay the words by concepts and give attention to the timing of ASL motions as well as facial expressions, as these are necessary to give the most accurate translations in the language.

When the music transitions into the sermon, another interpreter takes over to break language barriers and bring the entire sermon to the deaf and hard of hearing.

“I enjoy being a tool that’s prayerfully used to spread the gospel,” says Christina Trout, one of our ASL interpreters for worship and sermons. “It’s amazing to be able to be utilized with the gift that He’s given.”

She adds: “I love watching a deaf person being

engaged. They’re seeing the lyrics not just word for word; they’re seeing it presented to them whole. It’s a whole body experience. Because it’s so expressive, sometimes words seem too small.” About 80 percent of ASL communication consists of facial expressions and body language, while 20 percent is the words, according to Christina, a predominantly self-taught, nationally certified ASL interpreter.

Christina lived near a large deaf population up north, so she began signing at the early age of around 3.

“I don’t remember not having signing ability,” she shares. She learned just how important the language is – and how it feels to rely on it – after not being able to talk for two weeks due to suffering TIAs (ministrokes). “I fell in love with sign language.”

But what was really a “life-changer” for her is the fact that she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer just before turning 21.

“If God allowed me to go through this, then there’s someone out there going through what I am who relies on an interpreter.”

One impactful moment for her was watching a congregant moved by the sermon and songs when she was newly interpreting.

“Watching that aha moment enlightens the body and soul. You see it hit...and I’m a part of this moment,” she shares.

Another deaf interpreter at Northland, LJ Williams, mostly interprets the songs, which he can rehearse in advance, as he himself is deaf. That doesn't stop him from dabbling in interpreting sermons, though. On those days, one of the hearing interpreters feeds him the message in English, and he interprets it into ASL.

As the Deaf Ministry team leader, LJ also teaches the beginner and advanced ASL classes at Northland and leads the Signing Choir.

"The purpose [of the class] is to bridge the communication and culture gap between the hearing and deaf worlds," he shares. "In the class, students learn ASL vocabulary structure and grammar as well as deaf culture norms used within the deaf community.

"The Signing Choir," he says, "consists of members of all hearing levels - deaf, hard of hearing and hearing - and the goal is to give space for the deaf and hearing to worship together through ASL as well as make Christian/Gospel music accessible to those who are deaf and hard of hearing who may not have access to allow them to connect with worship."

This ministry has proved to strengthen LJ's faith.

"As a deaf person who doesn't always have full access to communication, the places I serve at Northland have provided me with the opportunity to grow in my faith and [have] a closer walk with God. ... For others who have shared with me, whether they are a part of the ministries or not, being able to come to Northland events where access is provided makes a huge impact.

"Those that are in ministry have said they are able to serve and bless others just like other church members without language barriers," he adds. "I think the biggest impact is in the awareness of hearing members. A lot have taken the ASL class or are in the Sign Ministry, and that in and of itself begins to create more accessibility for the deaf community."

The decades of experience of the interpreting team at Northland helps with that accessibility. Northland is one of a few churches in the area to offer this level of deaf interpretation, says Christina, a professional interpreter since 2003.

"Services for the deaf tend to be marginalized," she says. "The deaf are essentially unchurched because the socialization isn't there, and [interpreters] are unskilled. You wouldn't want a surgeon operating on you just learning what to do from a book or YouTube."

Christina says sometimes even hearing congregants gain different and deeper understandings from watching the interpreters.

Kristin Costanzo, one of Northland's interpreters for the worship team, also teaches a sign language class for young adults, signs for FaithAbility (a monthly gathering for adults with intellectual disabilities and their family members and friends) and Buddy Break (a respite program), and is involved in the Signing Choir. Kristin says when she was a baby and wasn't speaking yet, as she has Down syndrome, she used sign language. While her school signed word for word, she wanted to learn "real ASL." She



# “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

– Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

*Deaf Ministry team leader, LJ Williams*



began attending Northland about five years ago.

“It makes me feel good being in the presence of God and being able to communicate through sign language,” she shares.

“What I find is nice with Kristin,” her mom, Barbara Costanzo, says, “is she’s fluent - she can communicate with people who use sign language. It’s fun to watch.”

“It’s a passion,” Althea Maloy, another Northland interpreter, says of her serving in this ministry. “God’s really given me such a blessing so I can love what I do every day.” She wonders, “Who’s God gonna put in my path today? It’s such a powerful, beautiful thing.

“It’s a gift that God’s given me, I believe, and I love to share the love of Christ through such a beautiful skill that He’s given me, that I can give back to Him and share my love for Him by sharing His love with people who would not have access to what the Bible means otherwise,” says Althea, who has been doing deaf interpretation for 30 years at churches, colleges and other schools, and as a freelancer.

Growing up, Althea had a girl who needed an interpreter in three of her classes. “She encouraged me to become an interpreter, ... and we have been friends ever since.”

She is encouraged when she learns of the impact her interpretation is having. It’s not uncommon for her to hear, “*That’s* what that verse means! I’ve heard that verse a million times, but I’ve never heard it that way.”

She adds, “If you don’t really understand how to pull those concepts out, ... you would lose so much information.”

In addition to these areas where deaf interpretation is available, Northland offers deaf interpretation for Bible studies, support groups, Boost (a monthly activity night for families with disabilities) and special events. The weekly service is also live on the Northland website. □

**Team's Creativity**

**Makes Children's Church**

**Fun Place to**

**Get to Know God**





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BY REBECCA LANG  
*Executive Director for Community Life*

## **Bible Barn, The Love Sub, Bonsai Brothers, High Seas Adventures, King City Chronicles, Caribbean Queen and Commander Cosmos.**

It might sound like a Thursday night lineup for cable TV, but these are actually the names of some of the awesome Children's Church series we offer every week in kids church.

As creative as the titles are, even more creativity lies within the team that leads Children's Church. Made up of a small group of volunteers and staff, the Children's Ministries worship team takes worship and learning the Bible to another level. Gone are the days of felt figures on flannel boards. Robert and David, the two main actors for kids church, teach the important lessons from the Bible wearing all kinds of wigs, hats and costumes that include bell bottoms and space suits, monocles and mustaches.

Inspired by Robert's love of acting and extensive career as a professional actor, the characters are developed and their scripts are written with a specific set of characteristics in mind. When my daughter spent a season on "The Love Sub" series, I got to tag along on a trip to Goodwill. Robert meticulously searched for the right costume pieces for Azalea, a Jesus-loving hippie with a blonde Afro. He puts that same kind of care and attention into every role that he and David play, ensuring the characters and the skits bring the Bible to life for every kid who walks into church.

Helping them do that is Marisol, our kids worship producer. Marisol, David and Robert work together to build a fun worship experience for the kids. Marisol's work is focused on the worship time for kids church. She manages and schedules volunteer musicians and singers who lead worship and praise, including dance moves, hand motions and sign language. She's intentional about choosing songs that reinforce the weekly Scripture focus and are easy to memorize so as the kids grow up and move on to middle school, the lessons they learned in kids church stay with them.

Let's meet David, Marisol and Robert now and hear the passion behind what they do as they serve our kids every weekend in kids church.

### **DAVID'S GIFT OF ACTING**

David was born and raised in Kansas City until four years ago, when he moved to Orlando for a job opportunity. He loves Kansas City almost as much as he loves Jesus. When not in costume during weekend worship, he walks the foyer, and you can easily spot him because he always has his kids church gear on. David has always loved acting, and after responding to an ad in the church newspaper, he joined an improv team at his church back home in

Kansas City. The team members had so much fun that they were pulled from that and asked to be children's ministry teachers. They were the perfect fit! David said it was a bit of an experiment, and it paid off. It also solidified his love to serve kids through his acting gift.

David's children are part of kid's church every weekend. It provides him a unique opportunity to gauge how well the message of the lesson came through. He says, "It makes it a lot more fun for me, and I get to hear about it from their side. If something's gone really well, then they're repeating it or talking about it on the ride home from church.

"Sometimes this ministry can be frustrating because it's hard to gauge how effective you really are. You put your message out there, and you don't see these kids for another week. In any other job, you get the instant gratification of knowing what you accomplished. ... It's good to hear them playing the characters and talking about the Bible lessons they learned. It reinforces that we're making an impact and the message is getting through to the kids."

David also shared that his kids are part of the family "back here," the backstage room where the worship and acting teams gather on the weekends. They come to rehearsal with David, run lines with him, and share in the community that he and the others have cultivated.

## MARISOL'S LOVE OF MUSIC

I remember meeting Marisol in The Hub one weekend several years ago. She was in a full-time job performing in a show at Disney. She had been attending Northland for over a year after "church hopping" and was looking for a place to serve. She wanted to serve, but not as a teacher. She was told there was a worship team for both grade school and early childhood, so she auditioned for a volunteer spot with the leaders at the time, including Robert.

"I auditioned with Robert, and he made me audition for the job in a British accent. That's not easy when you're a Puerto Rican from Brooklyn," she laughs.

After auditioning and connecting with our kids worship team and Debbie Blahnik, our Children's Ministries director, she began serving in early childhood, leading Praise Time and reading the Bible lessons to the kids as Aunt Birdie, a character who helps the lesson resonate with the younger kids through storytelling.

After several years in that role, she got a call from Debbie asking her if she'd be interested in coming on as the grade school worship producer. On January 1, 2018, she became the official children's worship producer and started her partnership with Robert and David leading worship for our grade school kids.



The role of worship leader and producer fit Marisol well. Her previous experiences center around children and music, and she continues to work part time at Kindermusik, an early childhood educational music and movement program for infants through 7-year-olds. While she definitely wants the kids to have fun, her desire also centers around helping them understand the idea of worship as a very important way to connect with and respond to God.

“Our roles are as worship leaders. We’re all worship leaders. Our job is to really teach the children what worship is all about, what it means, the act of worship, that it’s not just what God is doing for us but what we’re offering to Him ... offering our hearts, offering our whole selves to Him in worship.”

When you get feedback from parents like this: “Thanks for following up! Our kids really enjoyed it! Our 7-year-old said, ‘Mom, there were several songs in worship where I felt like God was holding me,’” you know you’re making an impact.

### ROBERT’S FUN CHARACTERS

Robert is the bona fide “elder” of the group. He and his family have been at Northland for 27 years. Like most people, he came up through the congregation. His wife, Sharon, whom you may know from our worship team, always had to be here for both services on Sunday mornings. Rather than go home after the early service, he would head to Children’s Church with his kids.

“I just wanted to worship with them and be around them and see what was going on,” he shared.

While he was there, he got the bug and wanted to be a part of the acting and worship team. The director at the time, Cheryl, knew Robert as a professional actor and invited him to join the puppet team. Having never done puppets, he had a bit of trepidation but was convinced that he could do it because of his ability as a voice and character actor. He jumped right in, and shortly thereafter, he looked at the guy he was serving with and said, “This is where I’m supposed to be. This is my mission field.”

A year or so later, he came on staff part time to help Cheryl with managing some of the workload. He began scheduling actors, writing scripts, directing and making the gospel come to life through the skits. Cheryl was freed up to focus more on the worship and caring for the teachers.

When he first began at Northland, kid’s church didn’t include the skits, only puppets. When a new person joined the children’s team and realized Robert was an actor, they worked together to phase out the puppets for the older kids until eventually it was all live actors. “The kids love it because it’s silly characters and very adventure-based.”

Robert also writes all the scripts that align with weekly lessons and overall curriculum, which covers the entire Bible three times over! So if your child starts as a 5-year-old and moves all the way through until middle school, he or she will have gone through the Bible not



once, not twice, but three times. And they don't skip over anything, Robert says.

"Everything from Creation to Revelation—we don't cut any of it. We even go through the prophets, which is very repetitive, but we've found a way to make it fun. We make sure we touch on every aspect of the Bible so they have a holistic view of the Old Testament, the New Testament and how it all connects together."

These team members and the volunteers who serve with them would tell you they are a family. On Sunday mornings, they serve for five hours. They take the time between services to study the Bible together. They cook breakfast on a griddle and simply enjoy their time together hearing about how everyone's week went, struggles and joys they can invite one another to pray about or celebrate.

Many of the worship singers and tech volunteers are high school students who cut their teeth in kids church and go on to lead in the high school worship band or move on to the main worship team.

Not only do Robert, Marisol and David pour into your kids, but they help prepare the high school volunteers for bigger ministry opportunities and even life.

"It's nice generationally seeing a 60-year-old guy jamming on a guitar working alongside a high school girl who plays guitar with him, mentoring her," Robert says. "It's fun to watch that and to watch Marisol with the teenage kids, bringing them up and teaching them how to lead worship. Leading worship is more than just singing; it's teaching them how to engage and how to connect, how to connect to the audience and the Lord at the same time."

When you drop off your child for church, you're not dropping him or her off to a daycare-like setting where they sing Bible verses and play games while you're in the sermon listening, learning and growing in your understanding of who God is. In fact, they are experiencing the same high-level biblical teaching, along with ways they can practically live out what they've learned weekend to weekend.

"Some of these kids come out of the program knowing Scripture better than their parents," says Robert about the curriculum and weekly experience.

David says, "When kids are new to the church, and you meet them out in the foyer when they're signing in, you can tell the kids are unsure. We bring them back and show them the area, and they're kind of in awe but still not sure. My favorite part is after they've come through here, seeing them leave. ... Their faces are excited and lit up. You can hear them telling their parents, 'Oh, Mom, Dad, I had so much fun. I can't wait to come back!'"

He adds, "That's not anything about us. It's about something we've done through the power of God that helped make them feel loved and accepted. ... That's all that counts. If a child comes and enjoys church, even if the parent doesn't, they are statistically more likely to come back. If we can be a part of getting a kid in church, his family to church and getting involved, and maybe changing the trajectory for that entire lineage of family in Jesus, and if me getting on stage and acting silly somehow helped that family, it's worth every ounce of energy, time and effort we put into it."





Robert shared that he used to feel guilty about not being a missionary and going on mission trips until he began working in children's ministry. He soon realized his mission field is right where he is now. Thousands of kids have come to Christ in kids church on salvation weekends over the years. Knowing they started their lives with Jesus during that time affirms his calling and the hard work that he, David, Marisol and the rest of the team put in every weekend.

Serving in Children's Church is a labor of love for these three. It is a calling on their lives to pour into our kids in so many fun and meaningful ways. They can't do it alone, though. Especially in the summer, when some of our regular volunteers take a break, we could use some help. If you've ever considered serving in Children's Ministries but were worried about the commitment, try it out for the summer, and see what you think!

We have a big weekend coming up June 8 and 9. Our fifth-graders are moving on to middle school, and it's promotion weekend, when all the kids move up. It's both a nervous and exciting time for our kids. You can be praying for them and their teachers during this transition, and you can learn more about Children's Ministries in general. We'll have volunteers and leaders in the foyer highlighting all things Children's Ministries, everything from your child's next step to where you might step in and serve with this special team.

Stop by and visit us June 8 and 9 while you're here for worship, or check out [northlandchurch.net/children](http://northlandchurch.net/children) to learn more. □



## Save the Date!

### PROMOTION WEEKEND

The weekend of June 8 and 9, all services. All children age 2 and up will be promoted to the next age/grade level. Questions? Contact Debbie Blahnik at [debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7162.

### 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](mailto: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 at our Saturday service June 8, 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](mailto:lindsay.johnson@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7153, or <https://www.northlandchurch.net/events/5th-grade-graduation-ceremony>



## Children's Church Worship Team

Are you a musician or singer, and do you want to share your gifts and talents?

Do you have a heart for worship and love working with kids? Then we would love to have you join our Children's Church worship team! To sign up, go to <https://northlandchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/36589> (adults) or <https://northlandchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/36592> (7th- to 12th-graders). For more information, contact Marisol LaBoy at [marisol.labay@northlandchurch.net](mailto:marisol.labay@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1742.

# A NOT SO TERRIBLE PARABLE

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**Saturday, July 27,  
7 p.m., The Rink**

(See page 20 for more info)

## Volunteer of the Month: Lauren Sickles

A great love for our children and a desire to help them learn the Word of God are just two of the many attributes Lauren Sickles exhibits each weekend in our Early Childhood classroom. Whether it's helping with all the details or leading the lesson, Lauren shines, just like her wonderful smile! She is a personal example of service. Thank you, Lauren, for sharing your time and talents with all of us in Children's Ministries!



## Why did you make that?

In Early Childhood, we learned how Jesus healed an official's son, just as He promised He would. We made a first aid kit to remind us that Jesus healed the son and of His perfect timing and promise (John 4:46-54).



## 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  
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## Children's Church

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

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

A variety of options are available.

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

## Cooperative School

**A weekday cooperative learning environment.**

The Cooperative School at Northland is enrolling children who will reach the age of 2, 3 or 4 by September 1 into the weekday 2-, 3- or 4-year-old classes, respectively, for the 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](mailto:pam.anderson@northlandchurch.net)



# the Studios

[NorthlandChurch.net/TheStudios](http://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. Details: Marisol LaBoy at [marisol.laboy@northlandchurch.net](mailto:marisol.laboy@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1742

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Wednesdays, August 21 through November 6, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing, room 5100.**

Calling all kids in grades one through six! You'll discover a fun place where kids come to sing, build relationships, strengthen music skills, and learn ways to lead others in worship. To register your child, go to [northlandchurch.net/thestudios](http://northlandchurch.net/thestudios). Details: Marisol LaBoy at [marisol.laboy@northlandchurch.net](mailto:marisol.laboy@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1742

## THE STUDIOS DANCE TROUPE

**Wednesdays, August 21 through October 30, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Children's Worship Wing, room 5100.** Young dancers (ages 7 through 18), join us as we work on dance technique and learn choreography. We look forward to performing with other young artists at the Northland Family Feast on November 3. Details: Nichole Gordon at [thestudios@northlandchurch.net](mailto:thestudios@northlandchurch.net)

## 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. Details: Nichole Gordon at [nicholerg95@gmail.com](mailto:nicholerg95@gmail.com)

## ROCK BAND CAMP

(ages 10 and up)

**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.



# Summer Is Here!

*Northland Student Ministries is kicking off new events at The Rink this summer!*

## **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 the best time to grow deeper in your relationship with God and for the youth group to become more unified. Leave the homework behind, and bring your friends to The Rink every week for an unforgettable summer! □



# Middle School Ministry

To register for these activities and for detailed info, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/MiddleSchool](http://NorthlandChurch.net/MiddleSchool) or contact Rob Hemphill at [rob.hemphill@northlandchurch.net](mailto:rob.hemphill@northlandchurch.net).

## PRAY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AT STUDENT LIFE CAMP

**June 3 through 7.** Please join us in praying for our middle school students while they attend Student Life Camp, which is a week full of worship, Bible study, recreation and fun. Every moment and activity is geared toward helping students grow in their faith and make connections with the youth group. Pray for our middle school students to dig deeper into God's Word and strengthen their relationship with Jesus!

## THE DISTRICT EAT AND PLAY

**Friday, June 21.** Hang out with all your friends at The District Eat and Play in Oviedo! The cost and other details will be announced at Fusion and through parent emails.



# High School Ministry

To register for these activities and for detailed info, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/HighSchool](http://NorthlandChurch.net/HighSchool) or contact Rob Hemphill at [rob.hemphill@northlandchurch.net](mailto:rob.hemphill@northlandchurch.net).

## 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](mailto:Heather.Subbert@northlandchurch.net)

## PRAY FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS AT MFUGE

**July 14 through 20.** MFuge, also known as Mission Fuge, is a camp experience that is much more like a mission trip. Please join us in praying for our students who will have a week full of worship, Bible study, hands-on ministry and fun while exploring the city of Nashville! Students will 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. Pray for the students to experience life change while they are being the hands and feet of Jesus. It's not too late to join us on this trip if you are interested!

## DOULOS

**Thursdays beginning June 6, 6:30 p.m., The Rink.** Join other high school students who are developing their leadership skills and going deeper into God's Word.

## AQUATICA

**Friday, July 26.** It's time for some fun in the sun at Aquatica with all your friends! The cost and other details will be announced at Crew Nights and through parent emails.



## FAITH DAY WITH THE RAYS

**Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.** What a great way to celebrate Father's Day weekend! Bring the whole fam to a Rays baseball game with Northland Student Ministries! Tickets are \$35, which includes transportation, a hat, a T-shirt, admission to the game, and hearing some of the players share their testimonies. Register at [NorthlandChurch.net/Rays](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Rays)

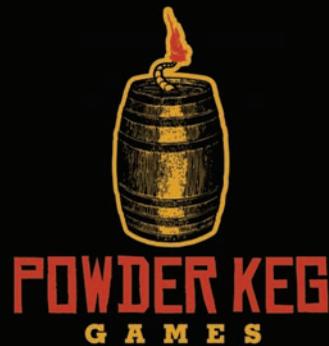


## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**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](mailto:Alicia.Cash@northlandchurch.net)

## 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 who love video games! Join us for PKG (Powder Keg Games) as we explore the question, "How do we find God in gaming?" Invite a friend as we play video games and hear an uplifting devotional. Sign up is required at: [NorthlandChurch.net/PKGunplugged](http://NorthlandChurch.net/PKGunplugged)



## 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.

# Red Bag Project

## Pick Up a Red Bag

July 27-28

## Return the bag of food

August 3-4

*(you can leave it behind your car)*

### It's hard to learn when you're hungry!

We need your help stocking the food pantries of the Seminole County schools we serve. During the school year, we deliver food to the schools every two weeks, which is then sent home with the children who otherwise might not have food for the weekend.

### Help sort food for the Red Bag Project

**We need lots of volunteers** to help sort the food on **Sunday, August 4 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in The Rink**. You do not need to register, and if you can't stay the whole time, that's OK; just come help when you can. This is a kid-friendly project for any age. We will need some volunteers to help with clean up and storage (some lifting required) around 3 p.m. Questions? Contact Judy Head at [judy.head@northlandchurch.net](mailto:judy.head@northlandchurch.net).

### Items Requested for Schools

Although we appreciate the generosity of everyone, we do need specific items in order to pack the proper bag of food to last the weekend for each child. Please keep in mind that cans should be 16 ounces or smaller, and be sure the food is not expired.

#### The items we request for the schools are:

- Fruit (cups or canned)\*
- Vegetables (canned)\*
- Protein items (canned meats, stew, tuna)\*
- Ravioli/spaghetti (canned) (No boxed pasta)
- Soup (canned)
- Breakfast items (bars, cereal, oatmeal)
- Snack/treat items (individually wrapped)
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars)

\*Most-needed items





**Bring in school supplies August 3-4,** and place them in the bus parked in front of the building to help “stuff the bus.”

The school supplies donated will go directly to Tools 4 Seminole Schools. The organization provides free school supplies to every school in Seminole County. Teachers “shop” at the free store for supplies they can give to students in need. Those supplies include backpacks, notebooks, pencils and more.

### Items Needed

To help stuff the bus with school supplies, you can donate these items:

- Backpacks
- Crayons (24-pack)
- Colored Pencils (12-pack)
- Markers (8- or 10-pack)
- Pencil packs (#2)
- Loose-leaf paper
- Composition notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Pink block erasers
- Glue sticks
- Rulers

# Stuff the Bus!

## 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.

Details: Matthew Shiles at [matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1768.

### HOMELESSNESS

This ministry assists in coming alongside individuals and families experiencing homelessness in various ways.

Details: Matthew Shiles at [matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net](mailto:matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1768.

# Hurricane Season Begins June 1

BY JANIE RAY

## As good stewards of our Christian lives, relationships and finances,

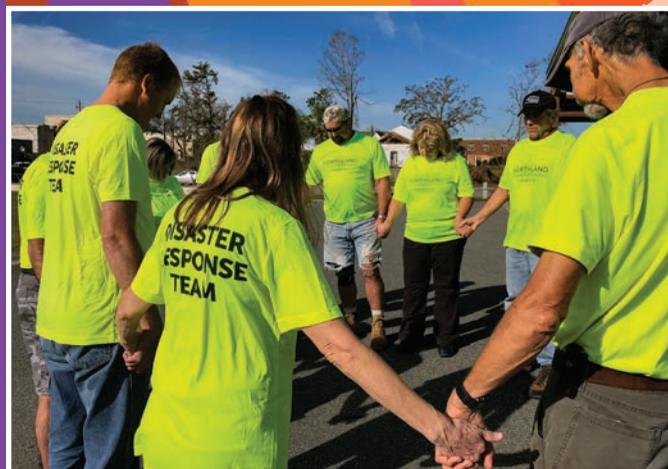
it is also important to be good examples for our family, friends and neighbors regarding preparing for the known and unknown. One of those key areas of planning in Florida is hurricane preparedness.

The Florida hurricane season extends from June 1 to November 30, bringing with it the potential of unleashing one of nature's most powerful natural disasters we can experience in our state. Your preparation is important and often critical to your family's security, comfort and survival.

Many websites provide detailed action planning steps. One comprehensive state-provided site offers a 20-page guide online; the PDF format enables you to print it so you can keep it handy. Visit [floridahealth.gov](http://floridahealth.gov), then search for the Emergency Preparedness Guide. Also, you can pick up a variety of printed hurricane guides and tracking charts that will soon start appearing free in stores as well as in the newspaper.

You may be wondering why your church is focused on hurricane season. The answer is simple: These natural disasters can devastate communities and people's lives. Who better to serve them and help them repair their lives than the church? This is exactly what our Northland Disaster Response Team does through our efforts locally and wherever we may be called to serve.

If you are new to Florida, we encourage you to take the necessary steps to become familiar with all the ways to prepare for this unique season. If you've experienced these challenging storms, please reacquaint yourself and your family to ensure you are as ready as you can be. Your preparedness can and will make a difference. ▣



## Is Disaster Recovery for You?

Come join our team in serving others in their time of need. If you've ever said to yourself, "I'm only one person - what can I do?" here's your chance. Contact Judy Head at 407-388-5798 or [judy.head@northlandchurch.net](mailto:judy.head@northlandchurch.net).



## Hurricane Basic Home Kit\*

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Food (primarily nonperishable)
- NOAA weather radio (battery-powered, hand crank)
- First-aid kit
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Towelettes, baby wipes, paper towels
- Whistle for signaling help
- Small tool kit, dust masks, plastic sheeting, duct tape
- Paper plates, kitchen utensils, manual can opener
- Emergency numbers list
- Cell phone batteries and extra charging devices
- Be mindful of unique family member needs;  
i.e., babies, seniors, pets and the disabled

**\*Recommendation:** A minimum of 72 hours worth of applicable supplies

# 3 Ways to Engage in Short-Term Missions

## PRAY

- For the Holy Spirit to move in the lives of those going
- For the Holy Spirit to move in the lives of those they meet in country
- For God to be glorified above all else

## GIVE

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

## GO - [somedayistoday.net](http://somedayistoday.net)

- **Brazil 1 (June 8-15)**  
*Medical boat ministry to villages along the river, for ages 16 & up*  
TEAM LEADER: Joanne Jensen at [jjensen@alro.com](mailto:jjensen@alro.com)
- **Brazil 2 (October 10-17)**  
*Medical boat ministry to villages along the river and fishing for peacock bass, for ages 16 and up*  
TEAM LEADER: Joanne Jensen at [jjensen@alro.com](mailto:jjensen@alro.com)
- **Cuba (September 14-21)**  
*Discipleship and construction, for ages 18 and up*  
TEAM LEADER: Corinne Cooper at [corinne@islego.com](mailto:corinne@islego.com)
- **Jamaica family trip (July 13-20)**  
*VBS and building a home, for ages 5 and up, with children participating with a parent*  
TEAM LEADER: Kristen Alderman at [kristenalderman@gmail.com](mailto:kristenalderman@gmail.com)

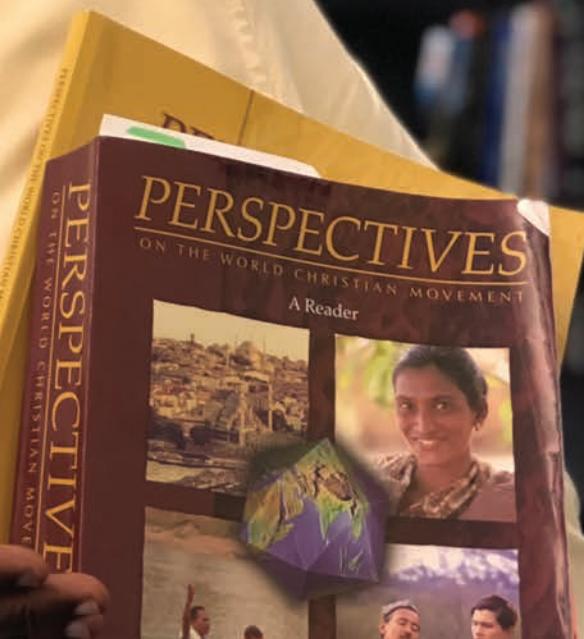
***Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.***

**- Matthew 28:19 (NIV)**

# *You* Were Made for *More*

*A lifetime of  
engaging with  
Perspectives on the  
World Christian  
Movement*

BY MATT SHILES  
*Missions Director*



***Last fall I participated in a 15-week Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class at University Presbyterian Church. Over the last two years, I've heard Pastor Gus Davies talk about this class over and over with passion. I sat down with Davies, our missions pastor, and asked him to describe why it's so compelling and why you should join.***

**Matt: Why are you passionate about Perspectives on the World Christian Movement?**

**Pastor Gus:** Great question, Matt, and thank you. Let me start by saying that the Perspectives course aligns with the Scripture verse that my wife and I have anchored on for over 36 years now, Colossians 1:28-29: "[Jesus] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me" (NIV).

I am passionate because Perspectives helps us to apply that Bible verse. Perspectives is a tool and a resource for fulfilling the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20. Over the last 40 years of this course, it has been very reliable, relevant and readable. Reliable because it hasn't shifted with time and culture. It is based on Scripture, history of the church and people of the nations. Relevant since it is used to train people in churches, colleges and mission organizations. And it's readable because the content is accessible to everyone regardless of personal and professional calling and season of life.

**Matt: You have a fascinating history of taking and teaching this class. Would you share with us some of that journey?**

**Pastor Gus:** My first experience with Perspectives was in the '80s at African Bible College in Liberia. I was doing my undergrad studies, and it was a requirement. My goal at that time was to focus on the anthropology culture aspect of the material. This is where I was first introduced to the writings of Steve Hawthorne, John Stott, Ralph Winter and Peter Wagner, to name a few in the world of mission. They were on the cutting edge of missions at the time. Reading their writings brought change in my perspective for God and the world. Ultimately I did it for the grade, but it changed me.

The next encounter was a few years later at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. During seminary, reading materials from Perspectives was an elective for missions class. My adviser and mentor, Dr. Paul Long, encouraged me to take it because of the in-depth cross-cultural aspect of this material. For me, cross-cultural studies was an important focus since I was an African living in the United States.

Then, during my early days at Northland, in the late 1990s, I participated in and helped facilitate the course over several years as part of the local and global missions team.

From around 2004 until last year, I was in a season of putting it into practice. I was at a point where I wasn't sure I needed more. But in 2016, I was invited to reengage in the process once again by a longtime pastor friend. Over the last year, my passion for this material, paired with my long history with it, has been reignited. Involvement this time looks like me leading and reproducing this for the next generation. This has included participating in a weeklong intensive to become a certified teacher and one that has committed to advancing it further. Involvement also looks



like being part of the Central Florida coordinating team. This coordinating team has allowed me to move my focus from one local church to a stronger connection with other Central Florida churches and the amazing parachurch organizations headquartered in the area.

**Matt: That's an amazing history. Thank you for walking us through the last 30-plus years. It's clear that God has used Perspectives to speak to you in unique ways at different periods of your spiritual growth and development. Can you describe three compelling truths you have learned from the material?**

**Pastor Gus:** How to make disciples is the first compelling truth, [and it] continues to be resonant. The material and curriculum is structured in a way that teaches disciple-making in a comprehensive way. It covers biblical, historical, cultural and strategic aspects. The class framework of having 15 instructors over 15 weeks gives a rich model for students to learn firsthand how discipleship



can be modeled - including amazing interaction, engaging moments and deep exploration in learning.

The second compelling truth is that this is fruit-bearing material. Over the last 40 years, there has been a rich history of a wide-ranging audience being influenced and changing the world for God. This includes people from every age and season of life. Church workers, mission agencies, college students, professionals and retirees have all seen life transformations from this class.

The third compelling truth is the way leadership is taught and valued. The class equips and empowers leaders in all areas of ministry. To develop leaders, you need to give them content they can learn and apply. I see this applied to three different buckets of leaders. For new leaders, this material is for learning and application. For

existing leaders, this is a tremendous tool for continuing education. And for those longtime leaders, it's a tool to help reproduce [themselves] by creating more leaders.

**Matt: How has Perspectives been a catalyst for transformation in your life?**

**Pastor Gus:** My growth continues to grow deeper and to go wider as a follower of the King, rather than being a kingdom worker. I have this relationship with Jesus and huge responsibility from the King. I have to be doing something to reproduce my life in Christ. I think about knowledge in three areas: knowledge that is reproducible, transferable and sustainable. Looking back, the Lord has shown me again that for so long my discipleship and leadership development was focused on connecting, transferring and sustaining this knowledge to others. That served a purpose for that time. It is now important that I transition to much reproducing [of] this knowledge. Leaving a legacy of leaders that continue to reproduce is honoring to the King and His mission.

Through this class, I have also seen the power of invitation. An invitation by my adviser in seminary showed me the importance of cross-cultural communication to all peoples. And again, the power of invitation by a longtime pastor friend has brought me back to engage with Perspectives. I'm committed to inviting and reproducing myself so that others around me are able to grasp the truth that we were made for more.

**Matt: Thank you for your faithfulness to accepting those invitations through the years. So many have benefited directly, and many more indirectly, from you answering the call. Now the invitation to come and experience Perspectives is extended to us.**

***Will you come and discover that you were made for more? Join Pastor Gus, me and other Northlanders as we journey through this material together on Sundays, August 11 through December 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. here at Northland. For more information and to sign up, go to [perspectives.org/orlandofl](http://perspectives.org/orlandofl) or contact [Julia Kauffman, lead coordinator, at FLperspectives@gmail.com](mailto:Julia.Kauffman@FLperspectives@gmail.com).***

# Made to Minister

*Stephen Ministers and Ministers on Duty  
available to assist you*

BY DR. KEVIN URICHKO

**You probably have heard Pastor Matt mention** at the end of worship services that we have “ministers” available at the church during the week. Have you ever wondered who they are? Or even what it means to be a minister?

In some church traditions, that title is reserved for members of the ordained clergy. Others, such as Northland, believe that every member of the Kingdom of God, every Christ follower, is a minister. By responding to the gospel and being filled with the Holy Spirit, we become ambassadors for Christ and ministers to those He brings in our paths.

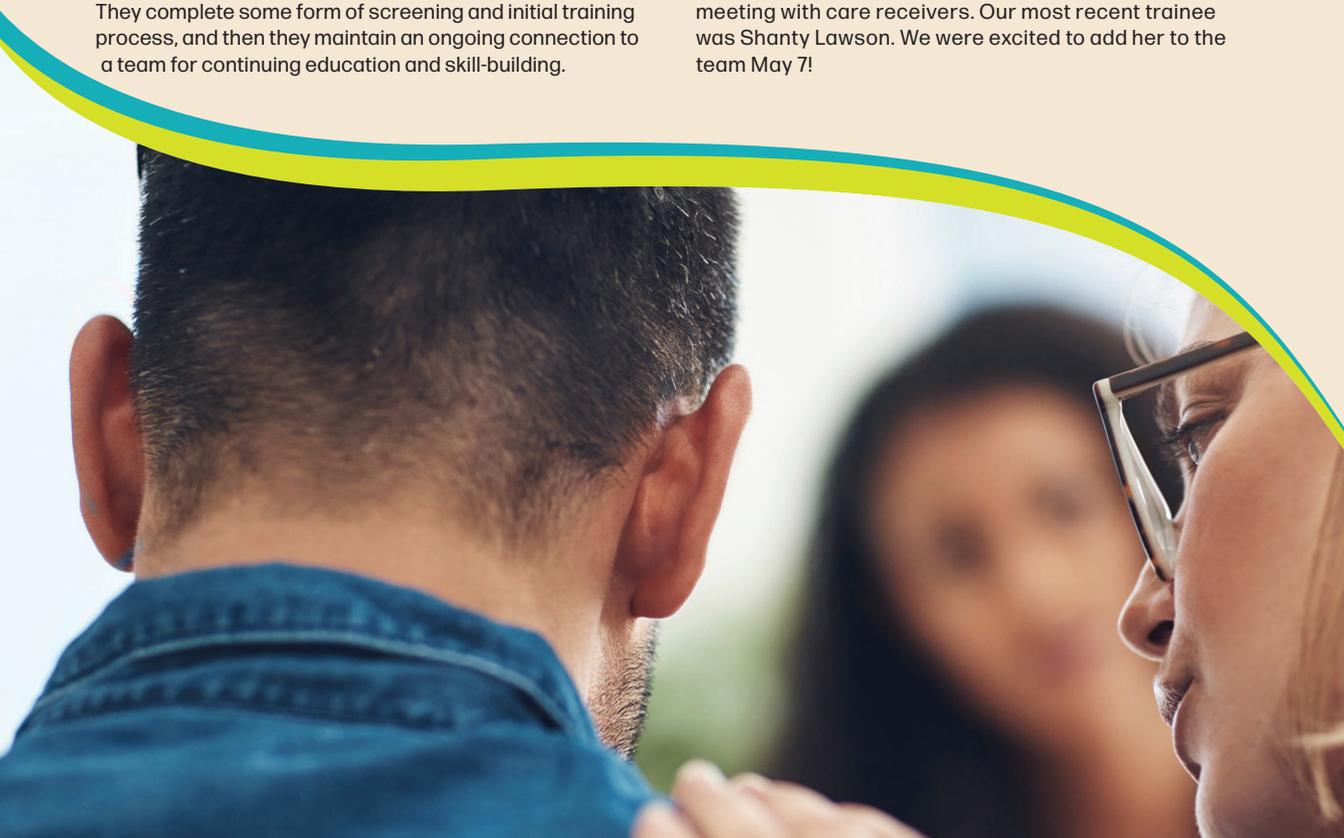
Yet we also equip and commission some people in our community to be trained ministers. These servant-leaders are called and mobilized to a specialized ministry of care for our community that usually involves prayer, listening, empathy, biblical guidance and/or spiritual direction. They complete some form of screening and initial training process, and then they maintain an ongoing connection to a team for continuing education and skill-building.

Each of them is truly made to minister by the Spirit, who distributes unique gifts to all of His followers. I want to highlight two kinds of these leaders at Northland: Stephen Ministers and Ministers on Duty (MODs).

## **Stephen Ministers**

Stephen Ministry is actually an international organization based in St. Louis, Missouri. You may have attended other churches that also have an active expression of this same ministry. I was trained as a Stephen Leader in 1995. Our current team of Stephen Leaders includes Lynda W.G. Mason, Joanne Johnson, Shirley Todd, Dave Whitten and Carroll Woehr.

Every year or so, they conduct a 50-hour training process over four months. Minister trainees learn Christian caregiving skills and how to address specific kinds of struggles while engaging in active role-playing exercises. The training process culminates in a commissioning ceremony and an authorization to begin meeting with care receivers. Our most recent trainee was Shanty Lawson. We were excited to add her to the team May 7!



Stephen Ministers specialize in care for people who are facing tough times, including the loss of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce or separation, loneliness, discouragement, unemployment, aging, birth, adoption, a miscarriage, infertility, chronic illness, a relocation, recovery after an accident or disaster, or being the caregiver of someone with one or more of these struggles. Stephen Ministers are prepared to enter into a long-term caring relationship with these people and meet weekly to be Christian friends who listen, care, pray, support and encourage.

You can count on Stephen Ministers being mature believers in Jesus Christ with caring hearts who will honor you with attentive presence and confidentiality for as long as there is a need! Regular, weekly or biweekly, meetings can be set up at the church.

If you are going through a difficult time and would like to meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact Lynda W.G. Mason at 407-949-4013.

### Ministers on Duty (MODs)

During the week, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., a member of our MOD team is scheduled to be available at the church office. These ministers talk with people on the phone or meet with them in person.

The MOD team was formed almost 20 years ago. At that time, Northland had grown to the point that staff pastors and ministers were not as available as we wanted to be in order to meet with our congregation or guests who happened to stop by the church without an appointment. Desiring to remain a caring and responsive community, several of our shepherding elders began to come to the church for three- to four-hour shifts during the week and remain available to those who called in or came by the office. Over the years, this team has grown to include some Stephen Ministers and many additional shepherding elders.

Our elders are also spiritually mature Christ followers who have walked with the Lord and served Him for years - in most cases, decades. They are ministry leaders who have also completed a yearlong process of study, training and mentoring before being commissioned as elders. As with Stephen Ministers, these MOD team members meet regularly for ongoing training and connection with one another as well as our staff pastoral team.

MODs are available for prayer, questions about the Bible or Christian beliefs, and guidance during a difficult time. They provide emotional and spiritual care like Stephen Ministers but usually on a short-term, one-time, or

crisis-care basis. They, of course, could connect you to a discipleship class for ongoing study, a group for greater connection within our church family, and/or a counselor or Stephen Minister for longer-term care.

You can usually reach a MOD at the church office whenever we are open. Many of our MODs and Stephen Ministers also serve on our prayer teams at the end of worship services, at the front of the sanctuary or in our prayer room.

As one who has been a part of training and supporting these teams of ministers for years, I can confidently say that God has gifted each of them to be a blessing to this church community - each one of them has been made by the Lord to minister. Reach out and let us know how we may serve you! ■



# Connect

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

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

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

## Baptisms

### ADULT BAPTISMS

**Sundays, June 16 and July 14, 2 p.m., Ken and Diane Watkins' home.** Get baptized by immersion or sprinkling as a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19). To sign up, visit [northlandchurch.net/baptism](http://northlandchurch.net/baptism). Details: Julie Meeker at 407-937-1772 or [julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net](mailto: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](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7162

### INFANT BAPTISM/DEDICATION CLASS

**Saturday, July 20, 5 p.m., rooms 4206-07.** Childcare available upon request. Details: Diane Jones at [diane.jones@northlandchurch.net](mailto: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 [Familylife.com](http://Familylife.com). Details: Dorothy Mowbray at [dorothy.mowbray@gmail.com](mailto:dorothy.mowbray@gmail.com) or 407-353-4636

#### 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](mailto: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 [smalljhsd33@gmail.com](mailto:smalljhsd33@gmail.com) or 352-875-5254

#### NEW BIBLE JOURNALING SUMMER CLASS: CREATE A PRAYER

**Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Hub.** Take your relationship with God to the next level—create your own personal prayer journal. Get creative with colorful pages that create a place to journal your thoughts, worship, praise and prayers. The cost: \$20. Details: Donna Kannon at [donna.kannon@northlandchurch.net](mailto:donna.kannon@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7199

#### NEW BLENDED FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SERIES

**Sundays, September 29 through November 17, 9 to 10:30 a.m., room 4204.** Blended families experience issues unique to stepfamily living. Become a smart stepfamily through author Ron Deal's practical and

realistic solutions to the common issues stepfamilies face. This biblically based DVD series is suitable for pre-marrieds, remarriages or individuals involved in any of the multitude of ways stepfamilies are brought together. Childcare is available with a reservation provided to Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net. "The Smart Stepfamily" workbook, second edition (\$10.99) is required, and the book (\$15.99) is optional; both are available in the Northland Bookstore. Details: Jeff Reinking at jfreinking@cfl.rr.com or 407-616-6658

### **NEW COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Sundays through November 3, 9 to 10 a.m., rooms 4206-07.** Many Christians grew up reading red-letter editions of the New Testament (Bibles in which the words of Jesus are printed in red). Imagine an Old Testament where every reference, prophecy, shadow, image and allusion to Jesus appears in red. If such a red-letter version of the Old Testament existed, it would have a lot of red! And if Jesus is God, then it would light up a living room. This series of 20 classes, taught by Wayne Lukens, demonstrates that every book in the Bible points toward Jesus - His personality, mission or character. He is the unifying theme of the Old and New Testaments. You can think of the Old and New Testaments as act 1 and act 2 of the same drama. Discover how the story of Israel in the Old Testament repeats itself in the New Testament, in almost every detail. Not only does Jesus fulfill the Old Testament narrative, but He also reenacts, relives and replays it. Details: Jim Patrick at jpatrick77.j@gmail.com or 321-356-5944

### **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 MONEY & MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY**

**Orientation: Wednesday, August 21, 7 to 8 p.m., room 4216; class: Wednesdays, September 4 through October 9, 7 to 9 p.m., room 4216.** Financial stress can devastate a marriage. But there is a better way - God's way! This six-week small group study will show you how to discover God's approach to managing your finances and strengthening your marital relationship. The cost: \$39 per couple. The materials needed, "Money & Marriage Bible Study Manual" and the book "Your Money Counts," will be available at orientation. Register at northlandchurch.net/calendar. Details: Bob Shoemaker at bshoemaker@compass1.org or 407-463-8271

**PEACEMAKERS**

**Wednesdays, 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 PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT**

**Sundays, August 18 through December 8, 4 to 7 p.m., rooms 4206-7.** Perspectives is a course that focuses on the purposes and character of God and His invitation for us to join in His work. Perspectives covers the biblical, historical, cultural and strategic movements of God's story. It is about the Great Commission through the local church and mission agencies. Perspectives is a discipleship and leadership class for any follower of Christ with a desire to advance the gospel by praying, mobilizing, welcoming, sending and going. Register at northlandchurch.net/perspectives. The cost: \$280. Details: Gus Davies at gus.davies@northlandchurch.net or 321-377-9213

**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

**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

**WOMEN****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

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: SEAMLESS**

**Mondays, September 16 through October 28, 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., The Rink; or Tuesdays, September 17 through October 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink.** Whether you've grown up hearing Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible can be overwhelming, and the 66 books may

seem disconnected at first glance. In this study, Angie Smith shows you how the whole Bible—from Genesis through Revelation—connects as one beautiful, seamless thread. Join them as they connect with the people, places and promises of God’s Word in a fresh way and gain an understanding of the Bible as one complete story. “The Seamless Study Guide” by Angie Smith will be available in the Northland Bookstore for \$14.99. Details: Cindy Lowe at [cindylowe7457@gmail.com](mailto:cindylowe7457@gmail.com) (Mondays), or Barbara Montgomery at [biblestudy777@cfl.rr.com](mailto:biblestudy777@cfl.rr.com) (Tuesdays)

**NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: KNOWING GOD BY NAME**  
**Mondays, November 4 through December 2, 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., The Rink; or Tuesdays, November 5 through December 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Rink.** All that we value in personal relationships—love and trust, time together, shared experiences and communication—are built around who a person is. You can have no higher goal or greater joy than to know God personally. And you cannot begin to know Him intimately until you know Him by name. Saturated in Scripture, Knowing God by Name is a rich, meaningful study for any woman desiring to know God better. In “Knowing God by Name: A Personal Encounter,” author Mary Kassian focuses on 35 Hebrew names of God that describe His character, relationships and purpose. Join them as they learn the significance of each ancient word. You’ll be awestruck by the Lord’s magnificence and your heart will be compelled to worship and praise Him. Details: Cindy Lowe at [cindylowe7457@gmail.com](mailto:cindylowe7457@gmail.com) (Mondays), or Barbara Montgomery at [biblestudy777@cfl.rr.com](mailto:biblestudy777@cfl.rr.com) (Tuesdays)

## Groups

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

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

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

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

## Healing & Recovery

### ADULTS

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS THE FORTUNATE FEW**  
**Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., rooms 5106-07.** This is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with one another, that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Details: Frank at 407-599-9770 or at 407-617-0449 or Doug at [idougs@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [celebraterecovery@northlandchurch.net](mailto:celebraterecovery@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1799

### NEW DIVORCE RECOVERY

**Tuesdays, August 27 through December 10, 7 to 9 p.m.; call for location. Registration deadline: August 27.** 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 and orientation are required before attending this 15-week group. The cost: \$5 for registration and \$16 for the workbook. Childcare is available with registration; contact Pauline Hale at [pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net](mailto:pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net). Preregister at [northlandchurch.net/calendar](http://northlandchurch.net/calendar). You will receive a call to complete the registration process. Details: Donna Delzingaro at 407-937-1749 or [donnadd@cfl.rr.com](mailto:donnadd@cfl.rr.com)

**THE LANDING**

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

**LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES**

**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, August 27 through December 10, 7 to 9 p.m.; call for location. Registration deadline: August 27.** 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 and orientation are required before attending this 15-week group. The cost: \$5 for registration and \$16 for

the workbook. Childcare is available for infants through fifth-graders with registration; contact Pauline Hale at pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net. In your email, include the child's name and age, and indicate if the child has any allergies. Details: Donna Delzingaro at 407-937-1749 or donnadd@cfl.rr.com

**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. Details: Daniel Wolf at danieljwolf@cfl.rr.com or 407-760-7590

**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 linksfellowshippcf@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](mailto: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](mailto: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: Kristie Albino at [Kristie.Albino@gmail.com](mailto:Kristie.Albino@gmail.com) or Jen Kennedy at [Jen@kenedik.com](mailto:Jen@kenedik.com)

### NEW MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY

• 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.

• 18-YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY

**Sunday, July 14, 5 to 7:30 p.m.; call for meet-up location.** They are blessed and excited to be celebrating their 18th year as a ministry! There have been many fun and memorable times along the way. Not only have they been able to help many in need, but they've made lasting friendships. So they are going to celebrate with a potluck dinner and fellowship event. Bring a main dish and a side dish to share, and look forward to a great time! 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](mailto: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](mailto:northlandchurch.net/signingchoir) or LJ Williams at [josephhwilliams626@gmail.com](mailto:josephhwilliams626@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:pauline.hale@northlandchurch.net) Details: Alex and Brandi Crane at 321-303-0831 or [transformers.northland@gmail.com](mailto:transformers.northland@gmail.com)

## HISPANIC MINISTRY - SPANISH TRANSLATION

**Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. services.**

Spanish translation is available online and listening devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

Join the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northlandhispano](http://www.facebook.com/northlandhispano).

Details: [latinos@northlandchurch.net](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/northlandhispano). Details: [latinos@northlandchurch.net](mailto: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](http://northlandchurch.net/wisdomacademy).

## Special Events

### NEW FAITH DAY WITH THE RAYS

**Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; meet in the foyer.**

Bring the whole family to a Rays baseball game with Northland Student Ministries! Tickets are \$35, which includes transportation, a hat, a T-shirt, admission to the game and hearing some of the players share their testimonies. What a perfect way to spend Father's Day weekend! Details: Alex Anderson at [alex.anderson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:alex.anderson@northlandchurch.net) or 407-620-3661

## NEW GISELLE BALLET, PRESENTED BY BALLET FEDOTOV

**Friday, July 26, 7 to 9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., sanctuary.**

Ballet Fedotov presents Giselle, the story of Count Albrecht, who, in disguise as a peasant, romances a young village girl, Giselle, who falls in love with him and in turn rejects her jealous admirer Hilarion. Her mother and Hilarion raise concerns over Albrecht, as well as over Giselle's delicately balanced emotions and health. Their fears are justified with the arrival of an aristocratic hunting party, including Bathilde, the Count's beautiful fiancée. Despairing and overwrought at this revelation, Giselle descends into madness and dies. Act 2 takes place near Giselle's forest grave, haunted by the Willis, the spirits of young girls who were betrayed before their wedding day, and their queen, Myrtha. They exact revenge on any man who enters the forest by making their victims dance to their death. Both of Giselle's suitors visit her grave, but it is only Albrecht who is saved from death by the spirit of Giselle, the power of her love and the coming dawn. This ballet features principal guest artists from the National Theatre of Ukraine, Olga Golitsa and Sergii Sidorskyi. Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net)

## Serve at Northland

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

## BUDDY BREAK NEEDS BUDDIES

Buddy Break is a three-hour monthly respite event for families with special needs. Parents drop off their children for a special program planned just for them. Parents are able to enjoy their morning knowing their children are well cared for and are having a blast! We always have activities planned to help make each month a special experience for the VIP and the Buddy. Be a Buddy to one of our VIPs, and join in the fun! Details: Heather Subbert at [heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net](mailto: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](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7162

## COMMUNION SERVERS

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jwgonefishin@outlook.com) or 407-625-5646

**WELCOME TEAM**

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

## Serve with Northland

**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 [matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net](mailto:matthew.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](mailto: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@cefcefnl.com](mailto:jenebad@cefcefnl.com), or Lisa Saphirstein at 860-604-5523 or [saphcircle@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nanparker@gmail.com), Gracia Miller at 407-415-1461 or [millergracia@gmail.com](mailto:millergracia@gmail.com), [christiansinpubliceducation.org](http://christiansinpubliceducation.org) or [ceai.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://harvesttime.org). Details: 407-878-5526 or [volunteer@harvesttime.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://THESHARINGCENTER.ORG)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Beyond Northland

### ADULTS

#### ABORTION RECOVERY

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

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

**Wednesday, July 10, noon to 4 p.m., Central Florida Fairgrounds & Exposition Park, 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando.** Visit [www.CFEC.org](http://www.CFEC.org) to preregister, get job fair tips, research the companies listed, get directions or search Central Florida's Online Job Board. Details: Christian HELP at 407-834-4022 or [christianhelp.org](http://christianhelp.org)

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:allenfsu@gmail.com) or 321-277-8358

### MEN

#### CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN'S CONNECTION

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

#### 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](mailto:pmsavage@aol.com); Armand Dauplaise at 407-221-3114 or [adauplaise@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.nearhim.com)

### WOMEN

#### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

**Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist, 4921 Highway 17-92, Casselberry.** Community Bible Study is an interdenominational group of women from all backgrounds and levels of Bible knowledge studying God's Word together. A children's program is available. Details: Carol at 505-620-5568 or [Orlando.CBSclass.org](http://Orlando.CBSclass.org)

### POST ABORTIVE COUNSELING

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

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

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

**Third Thursday of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., DeBary Golf & Country Club, 300 Plantation Drive.**

All women are invited to the monthly luncheon, designed to connect women with God, their community, and each other. Details: Judy Ann Mumford at [jamumford@gmail.com](mailto:jamumford@gmail.com) or 386-753-9376

### WORKPLACE MINISTRY

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

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



**New to Northland?**  
*We're so glad you're here!*

**Talk to a person with an orange lanyard and they will get you plugged in!**

[NorthlandChurch.net/New](http://NorthlandChurch.net/New)

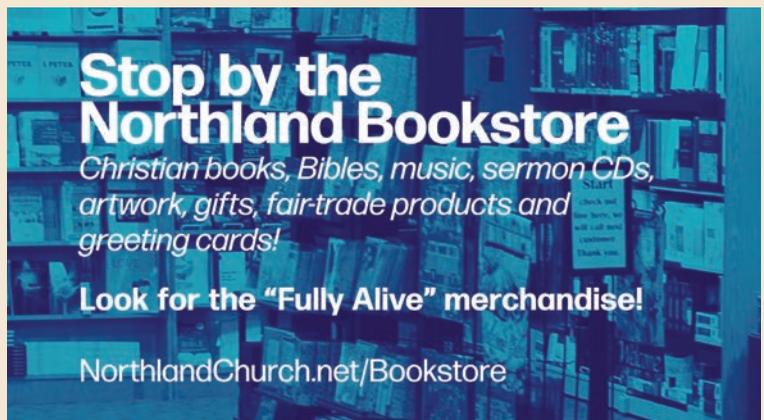


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*Be the first to know about upcoming concerts and events!*

[@NorthlandChurch](https://www.instagram.com/NorthlandChurch)

[NorthlandChurch.net](http://NorthlandChurch.net)



**Stop by the Northland Bookstore**  
*Christian books, Bibles, music, sermon CDs, artwork, gifts, fair-trade products and greeting cards!*

**Look for the "Fully Alive" merchandise!**

[NorthlandChurch.net/Bookstore](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Bookstore)

# New to Northland?

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

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

## Worship Times

**LONGWOOD and NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET**

Saturdays..... 5 p.m.

Sundays ..... 9<sup>(sp)</sup>, 11 a.m. <sup>(di)</sup>(sp)

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

<sup>(sp)</sup> Spanish interpretation available

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## Access Ministries

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

## 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. □

## Contact Info

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## Governing Elders

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407-949-7168

sam.certo@northlandchurch.net

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407-937-1797

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### JT Almon

407-949-7169

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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 line ..... 407-949-4025 or  
pray.northlandchurch.net

### I need the Hospital Ministry to pay a visit?

Hospital Ministry Team .....407-949-7149 or  
hospitalvisits@northlandchurch.net

### I am interested in a Care Ministry?

Barbara Olsen .....407-949-7183 or  
barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net

### I want to become a member?

Lauren Travers.....407-937-1787 or  
lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net

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

*(Infants to 5-years-old)*

Diane Jones ..... diane.jones@  
northlandchurch.net

*(Grade School)*

Debbie Blahnik.....407-949-7162 or  
debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net

*(Adult/student)*

Julie Meeker.....407-937-1772 or  
julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net

### I need info on Student Ministries?

Kayla Jeffers .....407-949-7194 or  
student.ministries@northlandchurch.net

### I need info about Children's Ministries?

Debbie Blahnik.....407-949-7162 or  
debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net

### I am interested in Mission Trips?

Matthew Shiles ..... 407-937-1768 or  
matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net;  
or visit [SomedaysToday.net](http://SomedaysToday.net)

### I want to help at Northland?

The Connect Team ..... 407-949-7178 or  
volunteer@northlandchurch.net

### I want to get involved in a serve project?

Matthew Shiles ..... 407-937-1768 or  
matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net;  
or visit [northlandchurch.net/serve](http://northlandchurch.net/serve)

### I am getting married?

Julie Meeker.....407-937-1772 or  
julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net

### I need to plan a funeral?

Julie Meeker.....407-937-1772 or  
julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net

### My family is living with disability?

Heather Subbert.....407-937-1828 or  
heather.subbert@northlandchurch.net

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

LifeHope Info Line .....407-949-7151  
Visit us online to submit an application:  
[northlandchurch.net/lifehope](http://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](http://northlandchurch.net/groups)

# Summer Baptism Opportunities

Get baptized by immersion or sprinkling as a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19).



**Sundays**  
**June 16**  
**July 14**  
**August 11**  
**2-3 p.m.**  
**Watkins' Home**

**REGISTER AT [NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET/BAPTISM](https://northlandchurch.net/baptism)**