In Me In You

This mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27 NIV

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Galatians 2:20 NIV
**LENTEN STUDY and INTERGENERATIONAL MIDWEEK FAMILY WORSHIP**

**WEDNESDAYS, 7 to 7:45 p.m. at Northland’s Longwood site.**

Also, live webstream and podcast at www.northlandchurch.net.

**Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.**
Celebrate Ash Wednesday, the First of Ashes

**Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.**
Worship/Communion

**Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.**
Worship/Communion

**Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.**
Worship/Communion
Concert of prayer

**Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.**
Worship/Communion
O2 Band; Brian Katauskas, speaker

**Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.**
Worship/Communion
Children’s focus: Eleanor Tracey, speaker

**Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.**
Worship/Communion
Holy Week service

Details: Barb Olsen (407-949-7183 or barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net)

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**A LENTEN STUDY “HOW TO”**

“Lent, as we will experience together soon, designs to interrupt the comfortable patterns of life that so easily lull us to sleep. However, one of the great challenges of Lent is its very longevity in the tradition of the Church. In some ways, the tradition designed to interrupt the pattern has become the pattern that needs to be interrupted.

“Lent is a fire alarm, a wake-up call, a closer brush with the death that leads to life. The secret lies in the way we approach the season. Don’t approach it as an interesting tradition, a spiritual exercise or worse - a contest, a rote giving-up-chocolate thing every year. That’s the pattern.

“We are looking for a way of practice that narrates us into the Story of stories. Beyond the notion of spiritual disciplines, we are searching for what we like to call ‘story immersion practices.’ Story immersion practices are those curious ways and means that re-orient our own stories inside of the grand story of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” (J.D. Wait, Asbury Theological Seminary)

immerse yourself in the story by joining us Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Northland at Longwood sanctuary for this personal Lenten study that will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25. The study, which is a daily reader and accompanying elements, will be available at www.northlandchurch.net. If you prefer to have a personal, printed copy of the reader, a limited number will be available in the Northland bookstore for $5.

There will be intergenerational, midweek services each Wednesday evening at Northland at Longwood that will provide additional opportunities for breaking the patterns of our lives. Join us each Wednesday through April 8 at 7 p.m. live or via the webstream. Video of these worship services also will be available on Northland’s website the following weekend on the “In Me. In You.” web page.

**DAILY READER:** Read it - every day. Talk about it with friends.

**PRACTICE THE STORY:** Individual exercises are interspersed throughout the Reader. Short, simple, non-threatening, with clear instructions - these are ideas for active, personal worship.

**STORY IMMERSION PRACTICES:** If “practicing the story” exercises are like swim lessons, “story immersion practices” are more like going off the high dive. But don’t be afraid to get wet! God will honor everything you attempt!

**WEBSTREAM:** If you cannot attend the midweek services, log in and join them live on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through April 8.

**PODCAST:** If you are unable to participate in the Wednesday family worship services in person or online, you can watch them on Northland’s website as podcasts, available the following weekend. Just go to the study, “In Me. In You.”

**VIMEO:** There also will be very thoughtful elements added to the daily reader online periodically for viewing. Watch for them.

**WORSHIP:** Worship on site or online each weekend. Dr. Hunter’s sermon topics will be laying a broad foundation for Christ’s journey to the cross, as outlined in the Lenten study.

**MIDWEEK FAMILY SERVICES:** Take advantage of additional worship opportunities each Wednesday at 7 p.m. through April 8. These will be unique experiences. See the schedule in this issue.

**FAST AND FEAST:** Each week, consider choosing something from which to abstain. Then on Sunday, feast on that from which you fasted. Let it remind you that we serve a god of joy and goodness. His nature, and therefore His economy, is not one of scarcity, but one of plenty. Think about that, feast on what you have, and see the pattern that needs to be interrupted.

**CELEBRATE:** Remember the joy of the season. Each Sunday is set aside to practice the discipline of celebration.

**PARTICIPATE IN A LENTEN CONNECTION GROUP:** While practicing the story is a very personal endeavor, it is both encouraging and an essential part of discipline to come together with other believers. If you wish to join a Connection Group, registration can be completed online at Northland’s website (www.northlandchurch.net). If you do not have access to a computer, on-site registration will be available at the Connection Center, located in the lobby, at all locations before and after services on the weekends of February 21 to 23 and February 28 to March 1.

Details: Jennifer Raymond (jennifer.raymond@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1832)

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership teams will be available each week to lead people through the final steps of the membership process. Meet in the Hospitality Suite (adjacent to the foyer, directly behind the main Welcome Center).

**CONNECTION GROUPS**

Connection Groups, led by staff members and elders, will meet immediately after the worship time in various classrooms. Child care for children six weeks old through fifth grade is available during Connection Groups, from 8 to 8:45 p.m. Preregistration is required. Details and registration: Morgan Perun (morgan.perun@northlandchurch.net)

**MEDITATION/COMMUNITY**

The sanctuary, lobby and Nature’s Table Café will remain open until 9 p.m.

**O2 STUDENT MINISTRY**

High school students are invited to join Brian Katauskas in the fellowship hall of the Student Ministries and Care Center for group discussion after the worship time.
WELCOME, FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Learn about our vision, mission and core values.

SITE MINISTER COMMISSIONED

Meet Oviedo’s site minister.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember what Christ has done for us.

The perfect surrender and humiliation were undergone by Christ; perfect because He was God, surrender and humiliation because He was man. Now the Christian belief is that if we somehow share the humility and suffering of Christ we shall also share in His conquest of death and find a new life after we have died and in it become perfect, and perfectly happy, creatures.

- C.S. Lewis
What's Happening This Week?

LONGWOOD SITE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* SANCTUARY
11:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* AUDITORIUM
11:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* CHAPEL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:00 pm Employment Network 1117/SMMC
7:00 pm AMEN 118/SMMC
7:00 pm Divorce Care 4205,8,9,10
7:00 pm Word Weavers FH
7:15 pm Praxis (cc) 4204

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
9:30 am Joy of Living Study 4209-10
6:30 pm Oviedo Bible Study (cc) 5100,02-06/SMMC
7:00 pm Childcare provided

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:00 pm The New Eve Study (Women) NOCC

MOUNT DORA SITE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* SANCTUARY
9:00 am Infant/Walkers Room 15
9:00 am Classes for 2 year olds Room 15
9:00 am Classes for 3's - K's Room 1
9:00 am Grade School Ministry Rooms 2, 3
9:30 am CREW32 Youth Bible Study Youth Room
11:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* SANCTUARY
11:00 am Infant/Walkers Room 15
11:00 am Classes for 2 year olds Room 15
11:00 am Classes for 3's - K's Room 1
11:00 am Grade School Ministry Rooms 2, 3

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6:30 pm Men's Bible Fellowship Rooms 2, 3
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery (cc) Calvary Chapel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:00 pm The New Eve Study (Women) NOCC

OVIEDO SITE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* AUDITORIUM
9:00 am Infant/Walkers Infants 9-109
9:00 am Classes for 2's - 3's 9-105
9:00 am Classes for 4's - K's 8-107
11:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* AUDITORIUM
11:00 am Infant/Walkers Infants 9-109
11:00 am Classes for 3's - 4's 9-107
11:00 am K's - Grade School 8-107
11:00 am AXIS: Middle School Small Groups 9-105
11:00 am The Quest for Authentic Manhood (Men) 7-111
6:00 pm AXIS: High School Ministry NOCC
6:00 pm Lenten Study (Couples) Cluxton home

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:00 pm Lenten Study (Couples) Wiest home
7:00 pm Bible Study – 1 Corinthians Welday home

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6:15 am The Quest for Authentic Manhood (Men) NOCC
6:30 pm Lenten Study (Men) NOCC
6:30 pm AXIS: Middle School Ministry NOCC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:00 pm The New Eve Study (Women) NOCC

WEST OAKS SITE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00 am WORSHIP (cc)* CHAPEL
9:00 am Infant Care 215
9:00 am Crawler Care 215
9:00 am Class for 2's - 3's 211
9:00 am Class for 4's - 5's 213
9:00 am Class for K's - 1st graders 104/F.Hall
9:00 am Class for 2nd - 5th graders 104/F.Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:00 am Men's Small Group Room 6
6:30 pm Lenten Study Novak home

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? --Romans 8:38 (NIV)

*Concurrent worship with other sites
(cc) Child care provided
(hi) Hearing-impaired interpretation
(ECW) Early Childhood Ministry
(CWW) Children's Worship Wing
(SMCC) Student Ministries and Care Center

What's on the Web?

Check out the interactive studies!

Take notes on the screen while you're watching the study. E-mail them to yourself for printing.

SERVE OTHERS

Learn about Northland's global partners and sign up for local service projects.

Looking for JOB OPPORTUNITIES at Christian organizations? Go to jobs.northlandchurch.net.

DISTRIBUTED SITES @ HOME

Are you interested in starting a distributed site in your home or another setting? If so, contact Dan Lacich (407-367-9612 or dan.lacich@northlandchurch.net).

JOIN any of these worship sites:

KISSIMMEE/ST. CLOUD
First and third Sundays of each month, 11 a.m. 1000 Costa Mesa Lane, Kissimmee Located in the Lago Buena subdivision, located off I-92 and Partin Settlement Road. Details: Kristen Dusseau (407-247-6030) or Michael Dusseau (407-761-8846)

NEW SMYRNA BEACH
Sundays, 5:45 p.m. 528 Oliver Drive, New Smyrna Beach Join Cynthia and Richard Hines in their home for worship. Details: Cynthia and Richard Hines (386-663-4370)

NORTH CAROLINA

Saturdays, 4:30 p.m. Klaus home, 200 W. 14th St., Salisbury, NC Join Laurie and Tim Klaus in their home for worship. Details: Laurie and Tim Klaus (704-636-5966 or pianolauriek@yahoo.com)

PRAY for our concurrent prison worship:

SEMINOLE COUNTY
John E. Polk Correctional Facility Sundays, 9 a.m. Serving the men's dorm. Details: Jail ministry voicemail (407-949-4007)

ORANGE COUNTY
33rd Street Correctional Facility Sundays, 9 a.m., DVD Serving the women's Christian dorm. Details: Jail ministry voicemail (407-949-4007)
ABOUT NORTHLAND

OUR VISION
To see people coming to Christ and growing in Him as we link local and global communities for ministry and worship everywhere, every day.

OUR MISSION
To call people to know and follow Christ and equip them to worship and serve together.

OUR CORE VALUES
Worship, Spiritual Formation, Personal Ministry, Intergenerational Leadership and Partnership.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays at 11 a.m., Children’s worship wing.
Sundays at 11 a.m., Early Childhood wing. (age 3 – kindergarten)
Sunday School for children with Special Needs
Mondays, 7 p.m., Early Childhood wing.
Saturdays, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; and Infant and Toddler Care (infants – age 2)
Mondays, 7 p.m., Early Childhood wing.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES (Age 3 – Kindergarten)

Sundays at 11 a.m., Early Childhood Wing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (Age 3 – Kindergarten)

Sundays at 11 a.m., Children’s Worship Wing.

Join us for Live Webstream Worship at www.northlandchurch.net.

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NORTHLAND NEWS

Publish His glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things He does. (Psalm 96:3, NLT)

SEND NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENCE TO:
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A WELCOME TO FIRST-TIME VISITORS

At Northland, we always open our worship services by saying, “Thank you for bringing the church into these rooms!” Why? Because Northland is a church distributed, gathering in Longwood, Mount Dora, Oviedo and West Oaks, and at more than 1,000 sites worldwide via the Web. In other words, it isn’t the physical structure or the many programs that make up the church ... it’s people like you. You are the church. And it’s our goal to help you to be the church ... everywhere, every day.

Thank you for joining us today to worship God for who He is and what He has done. “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 1:2, NIv).

Please pick up a visitor card from one of the ushers or at the Welcome Center so that we can learn more about you and help you to connect to the many classes, groups and opportunities to serve with others.

COMING UP

Are you grieving the death of a loved one and need support?

Join the Grief Support Group

Tuesdays, beginning March 3
10 a.m. to noon, Northland at Longwood
Student Ministries and Care Center
Room 1112

More info on page 11. Details and registration: Bob Kemp (321-205-6482)

WONDERING HOW YOU COULD SERVE AT NORTHLAND?

Start here!

USHER/GREETER TRAINING
Thursday, March 5
7 to 9 p.m., Northland at Longwood Sanctuary

This training is for current ushers and greeters as well as those interested in serving the Lord through the congregation.

Details: Susan Cholewa (407-937-0544 or susan.cholewa@northlandchurch.net)

NEW STUDY

Revelation, Part 1: Jesus’ Message to the Church

Mondays, March 2 through May 11
(no class March 30)
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rooms 4213-14
Details and registration: Melody Ringenberg (ringenberg@cfl.rr.com or 407-884-9794)

More info on page 12.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Together with world-renowned violinist, Pinchas Zukerman

Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Northland at Longwood

Get tickets at www.northlandchurch.net or call 888-816-4446 • Nature’s Table Cafe will open at 5 p.m.
WORD WEAVERS WELCOMES WRITERS

BY CHERI COWELL
Published author and Word Weavers participant

S cattered across more than seven rooms in The Rink, small groups of eight to ten nervous and excited men and women gather to critique one another. They’ve been meeting together for more than ten years, although their numbers have mushroomed in the last two. They come for different reasons—some for encouragement, some for the spit and polish only a serious group like this one can offer. All come because they’ve been called—called to write. In 1997, a handful of Northlanders gathered around a kitchen table. They talked about their hopes and dreams and how they might support one another as each answered their call to be a Christian writer. From that small group, Word Weavers—a Christian critique group now recognized as one of the premier Christian writers’ groups in the nation—was born.

Within two years, the group had grown from five to twenty-five and began meeting at the Seminole County Public Library on Oxford. As the group grew, so did its members’ publishing successes. Yet, the leadership continued to take new writers under their wings. This emphasis on “giving back” is at the heart of what makes this group tick.

“When you’ve been given so much, it’s only natural to want to turn around and give to someone else,” Linda Rooks, a published author and a founding member of the group, says with a smile. Today, the group exceeds 100, with three “sister groups” meeting throughout the state.

At 9:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month, the doors to the fellowship hall, located in The Rink, swing open for people from as far away as Tampa and Gainesville to gather with fellow writers. The meetings begin with praise and worship, followed by a short time for discussing upcoming writers’ conferences and to celebrate good news offered by members. Some have finally submitted for publication consideration that piece everyone has been critiquing. Others share publication success stories. Every step of faith is applauded.

While the meeting is under way, a few hardy souls divide the group into smaller critique groups. During the final two hours of the meeting, these groups read aloud and systematically review each manuscript. All genres of writing are covered in this diverse group, from fiction, nonfiction, children’s books, teen books, young adult manuscripts, “chick lit,” fantasy, humor, mystery, essays, devotionals, short stories, curriculum and Bible studies. The meetings wrap up at 12:30 p.m.

The goal of Word Weavers is to help writers serve God with excellence in whatever writing they are called to do. “Not everyone is called to publication,” Loyd Boldman, a member of the group’s leadership team, offers. “If you have been called to write your family history, that family history needs to be written to the best of your ability, and we are here to help you do that.” But don’t let that mislead you. This group is serious about its craft, with nearly 40 published authors, several with multiple books, among the group.

The Northland Bookstore has a section for these local “celebrities,” and the authors would welcome the opportunity to speak to any group about their passions.

“We even have a book about us and the Word Weavers celebrate model,” says author and past president Eva Marie Everson. “When we attend writers’ conferences and others hear we’re a Word Weaver, the next thing said is, ‘I wish we had a group like that in my hometown.’ Now they can because we have our own book to show them how.”

When one visits this group, it’s clear they have something special going on. A flurry of excitement permeates the air. These writers are finding what most of us are also looking for—a place to belong, to share their gifts, and to pass along to others the grace they’ve been given.

“We welcome anyone to join us,” says Larry J. Leech II, president of Word Weavers. “You won’t find a more welcoming place if you are called to weave words.”

For more information, visit www.wordweaversonline.com.

LOUSY ECONOMY, LOVING COMMUNITY

“...and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”—John 10:10 (NIV)

H as the bad economy got you down? Have you experienced lost income or employment, or are you worried it might happen to you? In the midst of uncertainty, God offers us His spirit of optimism and opportunity. Optimism comes as we press into God and believe the things He says, such as, “...I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Joshua 1:5), “Surely I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20), “I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit” (John 15:16), and, “In all things God works for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8:28).

Opportunity comes as we find the ways to serve others. When you use your gifts and talent to serve others, you build loving community. A smile, an hour, a skill. God gives gifts to us so we can enjoy them and give them away to other people. And He does this in the context of our Christian community, be it in Mount Dora, Oriedo, Ocoee, Longwood or wherever you gather for worship and service. He’s got something that others need. And the Holy Spirit is prompting you to get involved and serve.

We at Northland can build a loving community by serving others. Do you love to have people over to your home? Why not host a small group Bible study? Do you have awesome power tools and the hands to match? Lead or join a Helping Hands event in your community. Do you love kids? Sign up to serve at The Carpenter’s House or in Northland’s Children’s Ministries. Is your balance sheet strong? Support a Northland missionary or increase your offering.

Since the gifts of God are endless, the possibilities to build community are, too. You’ve got something that the rest of us need. And we will be better off when you give it. We can (and should) be encouraged because God promises to be with us, to train us to be useful for Him, and to use all things, even hard things, to bring eternal good for His people. You and I can trust Christ in this bad economy. Fight back against the devil and the fear and discouragement he stirs up. Don’t run and hide; serve and thrive!

MD VOLUNTEER AT NORTHLAND AT MOUNT DORA

Ushers, greeters, child care workers and more are needed. Details: Bill Chapman (bill.chapman@northlandchurch.net or 352-434-4116)

MD VOLUNTEER AT THE CARPENTER’S HOUSE FOR FELLOWSHIP

This home in Lake County for 16 abandoned, displaced and medically needy children ranging from 2 to 19 years old has many volunteer opportunities. More info at www.thecarpentershouseoflakecounty.com. Details: Ann South (south4@comcast.net or 352-267-3388)

For Mount Dora opportunities to BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME and BE SENT, see pages 11-13.
Jeremy Jobson
Northland at Oviedo
Site Minister

JEREMY JOBSON
TO BE COMMISSIONED
FEBRUARY 22
HE BECOMES SITE MINISTER
OF NORTHLAND AT OVEDO

A
fter a year and a half as associate site minister for Northland at Oviedo, Jeremy Jobson will be commissioned as minister of our Oviedo site on Sunday, February 22 at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

As a newly commissioned minister, Jeremy takes on the leadership role for all aspects of the site—including pastoral care, counseling, spiritual formation, equipping, empowering the congregation to serve in the community and making connections for serving in the community.

Previously, he had worked under the guidance of Dr. Dan Lacich, former Oviedo site minister who now serves as our distributed sites pastor.

While Jeremy will now have more spiritual and organizational responsibility, he has been filling these roles quite nicely.

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Jeremy and his wife, Maggie, helped launch Northland at Oviedo in 2006 at the Oviedo Marketplace movie theater; he became an intern for Northland’s Oviedo site that September. The site moved to Hagerty High School in spring 2007, and Jeremy became full-time associate site minister that September.

Jeremy has been married to Maggie for more than four years. They live in Oviedo and have two children: Zoe, 3, and Matthew, 1. They have attended Northland since 2005.

“Jeremy has done an amazing job of leading and expanding the ministry at Oviedo.” – Dan Lacich

Jeremy Jobson
Site Minister
Northland at Oviedo

TEDDY NOVAK
Northland at West Oaks
Site Minister

WOW! HOW GOD MOVES WHEN HIS CHURCH ACTS AS ONE

Recentlv, we joined with other churches in the West Orange area to show the movie Fireproof. The idea was to bring churches together and offer something for our community. We met in the Family Life Center at St. Pauls, and it was standing room only. This blog was posted at “thechurchofwestorange.com” the day after the event, and I thought it was worth everyone being able to see how God is moving with those willing to be “The Church” in West Orange.

It is hard to put into words what I felt last night as we watched people after people walk in and join together to watch more than just a movie. The first ever “together event” for the Church of West Orange happened last night on the campus of St. Pauls Presbyterian in Ocoee.

We bought the license to show Fireproof—a recent movie from the same group that released Facing the Giants. The many local expressions of the church that make up the Church of West Orange invited the people of our respective church families to come together and invite friends and family that they attend the journey with for a movie event that challenges every person to live beyond self in every relationship (specifically focused on marriage, but even more than that). Well, people were invited to come together, and people came. It was more than a full auditorium, with folks even standing around and some sitting on the floor.

More than just the numbers, the participation and environment were electric, anointed even. Thanks to all the awesome volunteers who made it happen. Thanks to Family Christian Store and Scott Christopher for helping supply The Love Dare book, as well as being there to provide other resources for those who might want them. Thanks to Jim West and the Total Life Counseling team, who were present to talk with anyone who came that just wanted someone to talk with then and there. Thanks to St. Pauls for being such an amazing host. Thanks to Erin Bethea, the co-star and female lead in the film, for coming and hanging with us and being interviewed afterward. It was a special time. Most of all, thank you, Lord, for involving me in what you do in and through the Church. May we continue to be about loving and growing people and watch you blossom Your church, and not just be about growing “my church.”

The conversations afterward included comments like:

“This was an answer to prayer. Not just to see something that promotes healthy marriages and families, but to see the church quit being so religiously divided and be spiritually unified.”

“What a challenging message for the newest wed.”

“It’s amazing to see what God will do when His church comes together as one.”

“This was special. Can’t wait to see what God does next.”

And it was special. We pray that the effect of last night’s gathering will go far beyond anything we could ask or imagine. We pray that everyone there will take “the love dare” and give love not only in their marriages and families, but in every relationship.

As we have more and more opportunities to be the church in our community, I encourage you to grab the vision and make it your own. God wants to use you just as He is using others to make a difference for His Kingdom. Keep informed in all the good things that we, from the Lenten studies, to serving opportunities, to small groups. I love seeing God in action through you, the church. I am proud to be serving alongside you.

Harry Orcinelli
Northland at West Oaks

2nd- to 5th-grade Bible Study
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
6:30-8 P.M., COX HOME

This is the first of a four-part study series for students to learn more about the four core truths of the Christian faith: Who is God? What is sin? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus come? RSVP at the children’s check-in desk. Details: Michelle Smith (michelle.smith@northlandchurch.net or 407-718-5510)

Sign Up to Serve!
Lunch & training for new volunteers
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 12:30-1:30 P.M., MEET IN COURTYARD BEHIND CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES BUILDING

“BE A PART OF IT” - the awesome work God is doing in and through Northland at Oviedo. There is a role for everyone, and we want you! Greeters, ushers, Communion servers, setup/takedown and Children’s Ministries teachers, teacher assistants and greeters. Details and RSVP: Amanda Hartley (amanda.hartley@northlandchurch.net or 407-222-7374)

Cowboy Bowl
Volunteer Appreciation Party
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 3-5 P.M., BOARDWALK BOWL
(10749 E. COLONIAL DRIVE, ORLANDO)

Howdy, partners in ministry! Don’t miss this whoopin’ hollerin’ good time! All Oviedo volunteers and their families are welcome. RSVP by Monday, February 23. Details and RSVP: Amanda Hartley (amanda.hartley@northlandchurch.net or 407-222-7374)

Lenten Study
“In Me. In You.”
SATURDAYS, 6:30 P.M., NOVAHOME

Connect with others while going through the Lenten study. Contact Tommy Novak to find another small group near you. Details: Tommy Novak (tommy.novak@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7101)

Moved to Volunteer?
Many volunteers are needed in several areas.

Usher, greeter, security, Children’s Ministries, Student Ministries, Tools at Your Service, setup, clean-up, hospitality, special events, etc.

Details: Derika Hacker (407-473-4537 or derika.hacker@northlandchurch.net)
MATERNAL CARE CENTER

BY SUSAN HOLOWECKY

Susan Holoweczy is a field coordinator of evangelistic social projects for the Amazon basin of Peru. She serves with Missionary Ventures International in Yurimaguas, Peru. Northland is a monthly supporter of the Maternal Care Center and has sent two construction teams to help build the center. It is a shelter for women with high-risk pregnancies who live on the river network that makes up the headwaters of the Amazon River. Susan writes, “When Northland became involved in the monthly support of our project, we were able to expand to take in and operate extremely malnourished babies, and also open a full-time medical clinic for the destitute. We are very grateful for your help.” In the following article, Susan shares more about the center and some of the lives forever changed by it.

When we opened the Hogar Materno Hannah (or Maternal Care Center) in 2002, we had no idea of the range of ministry we eventually would be involved in. We began by taking in pregnant women who had been identified by the Health Department as high-risk. Our area had a high maternal mortality rate, and they needed a home where indigent women could stay while in town waiting to give birth. You see, we have almost no roads in our state, and our moms live from a few hours up to several days away by boat. If they have a crisis situation before or during birth, there is no time to make it to a hospital. Dying on the way into the city is a very real possibility.

Providing a shelter for these pregnant women to stay in became the solution. And so we began... We ministered the Gospel to the women and their family members, and many have received Christ, while others have grown in their walk with God through our discipleship.

Several months later, the hospital called and asked if we would mind caring for a baby boy recovering from pneumonia. Wanting to extend our service to the community, we said yes. What we didn’t know was that the eight-month-old boy weighed only 5 1/2 pounds and had a severe cleft palate. Our young director, Yoly, had to feed him with an eye dropper.

She had no experience with this type of severe malnutrition, and she was frightened just to hold him. But being a brave and valiant soul, she set out to take care of him, praying every step of the way. And our great God responded, healing little Juan Carlos of pneumonia and dysentery. He left in a few months, weighing 13 pounds.

He went home fully recovered, but sadly came back when he was almost 18 months old and weighed about eight pounds. His baby sister was malnourished, too, and his mom left them with us. They are now two of the happiest children you might know. Yoly proved to be a wonderful “mom” to children not her own (not very common in our area).

When Mily arrived at the Hogar Materno Hannah, she was 10 months old, but weighed only around five pounds. She came from the Morona River, six days away by boat, and was brought by the mayor’s office because they had seen the wonderful recovery at our center of another child from her area.

Mily’s grandmother was raising her. Her father had died from AIDS, and her mother gave her up. Mily was very ill with diarrhea and sepis. But we prayed, and visiting pastors prayed, and the Lord responded. You can see the results: After three months of loving care, she gained 12 pounds and was in good health when she left to return to the Morona. Her grandmother loves her very much and was delighted.

Please continue to pray for her, as sadly, Mily, too, has been diagnosed as HIV-positive. But at least now she has a better quality of life, and we still pray for complete recovery.

Thank you for your giving and prayers, which enable us to help precious and innocent children like Mily.

We now provide a number of services in our community. We take in a variety of patients who need recovery when there is no bed space at the hospital. We take in abandoned children until the courts can place them. Recently, we were “given” a couple of newborn babies given up by their mothers. There is no other home for children in Yurimaguas.

My Peruvian staff members to the moms and children and the relatives they bring with them. God is lifted up, people are discipled, and lives are saved. All this takes place because God’s people care enough to get involved in missions by helping to finance the ministry. Some personally help us build our buildings, paint our rooms, organize the medicines, or just hold the babies and play with the children. We are grateful for all your help, and our God will honor your labor of love.

TO REGISTER TO SERVE AT ANY LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT:
1) Visit www.northlandchurch.net
2) Select “Serve Others” on the top menu bar.
3) Select the “Be Sent to Serve Locally” icon.
4) Select the “Click Here & Sign Up” icon.
5) Then just browse the list and join a project.
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

LW 24/7: THE GATHERING
Sundays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, The Rink. **“The Gathering”** is an environment designed for middle and high school students to belong, believe, become and be sent. This environment will be loaded with dynamic teaching, engaging discussions and relevant application. Parents, you are welcome to attend with your students! Led by Mark Nation. Details: Shaylynn Stoner (407-949-7194 or shaylynn.stoner@northlandchurch.net)

MD CREW352 (Christians Radically Encouraging Worship)
Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., room 13; Wednesdays, 7 p.m., sanctuary. For 6th- to 12th-graders. Details: Brent Williams (407-754-4428 or bwilliams@dscff.com)

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

LW LUGRox (Living Under Grace Rocks!)
Saturdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center. LUGRox is an evening full of high energy, high impact and just plain fun! This is the place where you’ll find thrilling games, solid teaching, rocking worship and friend-connecting small groups. Dinner (two slices of pizza, chips and lemonade) is available for $3. Details: Shaylynn Stoner (407-949-7194 or shaylynn.stoner@northlandchurch.net) ATTENTION: NEWLY ATTENDING PARENTS AND STUDENTS, CHECK IN AT THE LUGRox WELCOME DESK!

LW ABS (Area Bible Studies)
Brochures with times and locations are available at the welcome desks at all Northland sites. These small groups are for middle school students and meet in living rooms across the Central Florida area one night during the week. The time involves hanging out with other students, Bible study led by high school leaders and life-changing accountability. Details: Shaylynn Stoner (407-949-7194 or shaylynn.stoner@northlandchurch.net)

O2 AXIS: MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
Sundays, 11 a.m., room 9-105. Girls and guys breakout sessions. Details: Erica Emler (407-687-8570 or erica.emler@northlandchurch.net)

O2 AXIS: MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY
Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Nocc. Youth group environment with activities and fun. Details: Erica Emler (407-687-8570 or erica.emler@northlandchurch.net)

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

LW COLLEGE GATHERING
(For students age 18-25)
Sundays, 7:15 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, The Rink. Come and spend time in worship, prayer and the Scriptures. All college students (age 18 to 25) are welcome. Details: Jenny De Gus (jenny.degus@northlandchurch.net)

O2 SCHEDULE during Lenten study
Wednesdays, through April 8
6:30 p.m. — Check-in and hangout (The Rink)
7 p.m. — Lentic Service (main building, sanctuary)
7:50 p.m. — Activities (The Rink/auditorium)
Hangout (lounges)
Lenten study connection groups (fellowship hall)

ATTENTION STUDENTS: SWAZILAND DISTRIBUTED JOURNEY INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 6 p.m.
Northland at Longwood Student Ministries and Care Center, The Rink
This meeting will cover the details for Swaziland trip 1 (June 23 to July 12), Swaziland trip 2 (June 25 to July 5), and Swaziland trip 3 (July 2 to 12).
Details: Sean Cooper (sean.cooper@northlandchurch.net) or Dan Lacich (dan.lacich@northlandchurch.net)

O2 AXIS: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY
Sundays, 6 to 8 p.m., NOCC. Youth group environment with interactive activities and fun. Details: Erica Emler (407-687-8570 or erica.emler@northlandchurch.net)

COLLEGE MINISTRY

LW SERVANT LEADERSHIP MINISTRY
A primary goal of Northland Student Ministries is to lead students to a deeper understanding of their God-given, unique strengths and spiritual gifting so that they might use those gifts and strengths to serve others. All 9th- through 12th-graders are welcome and encouraged to participate in our Servant Leadership Ministry. For freshmen, we have LUGRox Setup Crew, and for sophomores, juniors and seniors, we have middle school Area Bible Study trainer and LUGRox captain positions. Details: Shaylynn Stoner (407-949-7194 or shaylynn.stoner@northlandchurch.net)

FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS — MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT, MARCH 13 - 15, YOUNG LIFE SOUTHWIND CAMP

Cost: $140 if registration and payment are received by Tuesday, March 3
$165 if registration and payment are received after Tuesday, March 3
No registration will be accepted after Tuesday, March 10
Check-in: 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Children’s Worship Wing
Departure: 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 13 via Holiday Coach Lines
Return: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Children’s Worship Wing
Details: Shaylynn Stoner (407-949-7194 or shaylynn.stoner@northlandchurch.net)

The undersigned shall be liable and agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to the authorization. Should it be necessary for my child to return home due to medical reasons or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs.

The undersigned does also hereby give permission for my child to ride in any vehicle designated by the adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted while participating in the activity sponsored by Northland Student Ministries.

I further give permission for still or moving images of my dependent to be used by the church for promotional purposes in printed and/or electronic media.

Signature of Guardian Date
Insurancce Company Policy Number

STUDENT INFO
Name _____________________________

Male [ ] Female [ ] D.O.B. ____________
Grade ______ School ____________________
E-mail _____________________________
Phone ___________________________ Cell ________
Address __________________________ City __________ ZIP __________

PARENT INFO

Name _____________________________

Date of Birth ________________________
Grade ______ School ____________________
E-mail _____________________________
Phone ___________________________ Cell ________
Address __________________________ City __________ ZIP __________

[ ] I would like to serve as a parent chaperone.

(Parent/Chaperone Signature) ____________

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

(To be used only if we can’t reach parents in an emergency.)
Name _____________________________
Phone ___________________________ Cell ________
Relationship to Student _____________________________

Total Payment $__________ Check Number ____________

[ ] I authorize an adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted to consent to an x-ray examination, anesthet, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Acts on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

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INITIAL ____________________________
Hello, boys and girls.
Welcome to THE BEEHIVE!
I'm Buzz. Stick with me during our family worship service, and we'll learn more about who God is and what He has done!

JESUS BECAME A MAN
John 1:14

In the Bible, the Word is a name for God's words written in the Bible. It is also the name of God's Son, Jesus. He is 100 percent man and 100 percent God at the same time. His friend John explained that in the beginning, the Word, who is Jesus, was already there with God, and He was God. All things were made through Jesus. Then Jesus, the Word, became flesh. That means He became a man with skin and hair and everything! He made His dwelling, which is another name for His home, with us. We have seen His glory. Glory is the greatness that can only belong to God. Jesus came from the Father. And He was full of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God. But Jesus, the Son, has shown us what God, the Father, is like.

Today we worship Jesus, who is holy. “Holy” means perfect and without sin. Because He is holy, we treat Jesus with great respect—that’s worship!

Holiness describes the way God stays perfect and without sin.

Unscramble these letters to describe Jesus becoming a man.
EHT DRWO MECABE SHLEF

Today’s Buzzword is HOLY!
I heard it ________ times.
I think it’s important to God because_________________________________________________
______________________________________________.

Draw a picture of your favorite story about Jesus when He was here on earth as a baby, a boy or a man.
Hey there, why did you make that?

On Sundays at 11 a.m., Yvette shares her gift for teaching God’s love with a class of 4-year-olds. As a professional teacher, she brings a wealth of experience and passion for children to her classroom. We love you, Yvette, and appreciate the example you set for all of us!

Northland’s 5-day Bible study for children, The Daily Way, is available at www.northlandchurch.net or at Children’s Church.

Jesus left Heaven to become a man so He could take God’s punishment for the sins of all men, women, boys and girls. Take a moment now and thank Jesus for taking your punishment for you.

Volunteer of the Week: Yvette Rhode

We made aprons as we learned to serve others just like Stephen did!

Join Children’s Ministries! We need 11 more volunteers on Saturday evenings. Details: Debbie Blahnik (407-949-7162 or debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net)

A Waltz in the Park
DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Friday, March 6
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cost: $14 Dads / $6 Daughters
Tickets on sale at www.northlandchurch.net.

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TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!

Details: Julie Meeker (407-949-7153 or julie.meeker@northlandchurch.net)

Circle each word from John 1:14 that you find in the puzzle below:

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US

A M O N G T J T
N J B R F H R T
D W E L L I N G
E O C F E S K E
D R A U S S I G
E D M B H M E L
T H E H M A D E
ASH WEDNESDAY TRADITION

BY CONNIE RAINWATER
Director of Content Development

Over the past decade, Ash Wednesday has become a favorite element of Northland’s Lenten season. This day of fasting and confession culminates with the traditional imposition of the ashes. As each participant passes before the officiant, receiving ashes on his/her forehead in the shape of a cross, each also receives these words from Genesis 3:19: “You are made from dust and to dust you will return.” While this may seem a rather morbid practice, for us who focus so often on God’s grace, it can be a powerful reminder of how much we need that grace.

The use of sackcloth and ashes as a sign of mourning or deep repentance goes back more than three thousand years and involves many cultures. Sackcloth was an uncomfortable garment made from goat hair. Ashes were a symbol of great personal remorse. We have come to associate them with Job: “Therefore I ..., repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6). Sackcloth and ashes are referenced throughout the Bible nearly 100 times from Genesis to Revelation. The custom of combining prayer, fasting and ashes goes back to the early Hebrews:

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. –Daniel 9:3 (NIV)

The very early Christian church encouraged the use of sackcloth and ashes for the same symbolic reasons. New converts in early Rome would receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday and would be made to dress in sackcloth until Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter.

Much later, Christian churches continued to think about how best to use the symbolism of ashes. Though sometimes practiced privately during this period, ultimately, this became a public practice, but instead of sprinkling ashes on the head, ashes were rubbed onto the forehead in the shape of a cross. Marking the forehead with a cross of ashes was a sign of repentance and a reminder of the penitent’s baptism.

While these rituals are not required of the church, they can be significant reminders of all that Christ has done for us. Whether or not you decide to participate in the Ash Wednesday service this year, make it your goal to remember that what brought Christ to the cross was our own sin.

FAMILY WORSHIP:
SUCCESSFULLY WORSHIPING GOD TOGETHER WITH YOUR KIDS

BY BECKY WELDON
Children’s Curriculum Team

Children are a special part of God’s Kingdom. He delights in their worship because they approach His throne with an enviable innocence and simple belief. In fact, Jesus held up children as an example of how all believers should participate in His Kingdom:

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humblest himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. –Matthew 18:2-4 (NIV)

This year, as Dr. Hunter teaches about God’s Kingdom, consider worshiping with the Kingdom’s youngest members. Throughout Lent, Northland is offering intergenerational family worship services on Wednesday evenings. These services are being designed to be family-friendly and interactive in nature—perfect for those short attention spans!

As parents, the idea of worshiping with our children can seem overwhelming. Be assured that with a little preparation and dedication, the entire family can enjoy memorable worship experiences. Check this same column each week for tips to help you prepare your children for the service. Here are a few ideas to help you get started:

• Discuss with your children why God wants your worship. Explain what they can expect in the service and the behavior they should show to honor God. Show excitement over worshiping together; it’s contagious!

• Create a worship folder. Ask your children to decorate a hard-covered three-ring binder. Insert blank paper and colored pencils. During listening moments in the service, ask them to write or draw what they see and hear. Suggest they include questions to discuss with you later.

MEMBERSHIP FAQS
HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER AT NORTHLAND?

1) Receive God’s gift of salvation, made possible through Jesus Christ. If you are unsure of what this means, the Belong study will take you through the biblical steps.

2) Complete the Belong study in one of the following ways:
   • Take the online study at www.northlandchurch.net.
   • Purchase the Belong DVD and study booklets in the Northland bookstore.
   • From Northland’s website, download the pdf and print a copy.

3) Meet with a membership coach to share your story and clarify any questions you have concerning membership:
   • Ongoing opportunities will be available to meet with a membership coach in person each Wednesday night from February 25 through April 8. Simply go to the Longwood site’s hospitality suite, located directly behind the main Welcome Center, following the Lenten worship service.
   • A membership coach will call those who complete the online membership process in order for them to share the story of how they came to Christ. Online membership does require current personal contact information.

Details:
Ruth Sapp (407-949-4039 or ruth.sapp@northlandchurch.net), Jennifer Raymond (407-937-1832 or jennifer.raymond@northlandchurch.net), Barbara Olsen (407-949-7183 or barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net), or Jennifer Raymond (407-937-1832 or jennifer.raymond@northlandchurch.net)
BELONG STUDY
Join a “BELONG” study Connection Group, online at www.northlandchurch.net, or contact Jennifer Raymond (jennifer-raymond@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-1832).

BELONG — Join others for encouragement and connection.

**ADULTS**

**LW ART GROUP, DIVINE REFLECTION** Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., room 4208. Produce artwork based on a subject of focus from God’s Word. This includes all the visual arts media. Details: Laura Bates (carpearte@aol.com or 407-622-6873)

**LW BUDDY BREAK** Friday, February 13, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Children’s Worship Wing. Northland partners with Nathaniel’s Hope to provide three hours of free respite for parents and caregivers of special needs children. Drop off your child with our trained volunteers and go and do something for yourself. Details and registration: Laura Lee Wright (407-937-0549 or buddybreak@northlandchurch.net)

**LW CONQUERING FEAR, ANGER & ANXIETY** Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m., room 4204. Conquer fear, anger and anxiety through biblical principles. Child care is available. Details: Skye Engel (407-834-3158)

**LW COPING WITH ADDICTIONS AND CODEPENDENCY** Thursdays, 7 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, fellowship hall. A Christ-centered, 12-step program that deals with issues such as alcohol, drugs, relationships, food, sexual addictions, codependency, and issues affecting adult children of addicts. Child care is available. Details: His Way (407-599-9770)

**LW DICVORCECARE MINISTRY** Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., room 4209-10. A 13-week session in which individuals who are divorcing or have divorced will gain spiritual growth and personal healing. Pre-registration is required; child care is available. Details and registration: Donna Delzinger (407-937-1749)

**LW DIVORCECARE KIDS** (DC4K) Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. This group is for children whose parent is attending DivorceCare. Pre-registration and application are required. Costs $51. Details and registration: Elaine Harland (407-949-4002 or elaine.harland@northlandchurch.net)

**LW EMPLOYMENT NETWORK** Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., room 4205. You may also visit the Christian HELP ministry at 450 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details: Christian HELP (407-834-4022)

**LW FAITH AND SCIENCE GROUP** New day: last Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Children’s Worship Wing, room 5106-7. Meet to discuss science in light of God’s Word. Study: Why the Universe Is the Way That It Is, by Hugh Ross. Details: Kent Cofoid (kent.cofoid@gmail.com)

**LW GRIEFSHARE** Tuesdays, beginning January 20, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1118. If you are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, this healing ministry will walk you through the steps of grief during this 13-week session. Details and registration: Dorie Anderson (407-949-7124)

**LW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** Tuesdays, beginning March 3, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1112. Support for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Limited to 10 people. Details and registration: Bob Kemp (321-205-6482)

**LW ORPHAN CARE GROUP** First and third Thursdays each month, 7 p.m., room 4205. CGC Ministries (Connecting God’s Children’s Ministries) is designed to connect the needs of God’s foster and orphaned children with the people who want to help them. Details: Greg and Sheri Bell (407-617-1911 or belfamily@clfr.cc)

**LW PAGE TURNERS** Third Tuesday of each month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Special Needs/Cry room. For the list of books currently on the calendar, and for other details, contact Sue Newman (407-830-5776).

**LW SENIORS GROUP (AGES 55 AND UP)** Third Wednesday of each month, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, fellowship hall. This month Northland’s worship team will be entertaining the group. Bring nonperishable food items for the Pastoral Care pantry. Details and RSVP: Marilyn Casey (407-273-2857)

**LW SUPPORT FOR THE SEPERATED** Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Learn practical steps for healing, hope and reconciliation in the Lord through the painful journey of the divorce process. Details on qualification and assessment: Donna Delzinger (407-937-1749)

**LW WORD WEAVERS** Second Saturday of each month, 9:30 a.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, fellowship hall. Details: www.wordweaversonline.com

**LW CELEBRATE RECOVERY LOCAL CHAPTER** Tuesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Calvary Chapel of the Lakes, 351 Plaza Drive, Tavares. For those dealing with unhealthy habits in the present or past. Child care is available. Details: Marilyn Faber (352-357-0983 or marilynfaber@comcast.net)

**LW BOWLING LEAGUE** Just forming. Get involved in making the decisions that will lead to fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome. Details: Jeff Young (205-332-9931 or sbiltd@yahoo.com)

**LW GATHERING 2:42** Third Wednesday of each month 6 to 8:30 p.m., fellowship hall and sanctuary. An evening of food, fellowship, worship and prayer. Potluck dinner: 6 to 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Worship and prayer: 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Details: Bill Chapman (bill.chapman@northlandchurch.net or 352-434-4116)

**LW MOUNT DORA HOME GROUP** First and third Friday each month, 7 to 9 p.m., call for location. Study: True Spirituality, by Francis Schaeffer. Child care is available. Details: Brent and Melanie (352-383-6415 or melanie@sdccfl.com)

**LW SMALL CHILDREN/HOMESCHOOL PLAY GROUP** Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, location alternates; call for details. Details: Michele Pruitt (352-408-3909)

**LW UNATILLA HOME GROUP FELLOWSHIP** First and third Sunday each month, 6 to 8 p.m., Meadow Home (86 Golfview Circle, Umatilla). Study: select sermons by Pastor Joel C. Hunter. Child care is not available. Details: Hugh and Carole (352-483-6561 or hughandcarole@embarqmail.com)

**MARRIED COUPLES**

**LW COUPLES CAFE** Third Saturday of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Nature’s Table Cafe. Speakers address a variety of topics designed to encourage married couples. Child care by reservation: Diane Jones (407-949-7188 or diane@northlandchurch.net); Details: James Price (james.price@northlandchurch.net)

**LW MARRIAGE MINISTRY** Tuesdays, beginning May 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Children’s Worship Wing. A 14-week Bible-based study that will help strengthen or repair your marriage. Registration deadline is April 22. Handbook cost: $15 per couple. Child care is available. Register: 407-949-4000 ext. 1761 or northlandmarriage@northlandchurch.net.

**MEN**

**LW AMEN (A MEETING OF MEN)** Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., room 4206. Look at real-life issues, through God’s Word and apply lessons to real life. Details: Dan Bogdan (407-702-5358 or dbogdan@landscapeorlando.com) or Buzz Vincent (407-463-9398 or bvl29@clfr.cc)

**LW MEN’S FRATERNITY** Explore man’s identity in Christ. A 14-week Bible-based study that will help strengthen or repair your marriage. Registration deadline is April 29. Handbook cost: $15 per couple. Child care is available. Register: 407-949-4000 ext. 1761 or northlandmarriage@northlandchurch.net.

**LW MEN’S PRAYER AND PRAISE** Thursdays, 6:30 a.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1111. Details: Bob Keiderling (bobk226@hotmail.com)

**LW PRAYER AND PRAISE THURSDAYS** Third Thursday of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Christian Help of Longwood. Connect with other men studying the holiness of God. Details: Lisa (godsgirl0202@yahoo.com)

**WOMEN**

**LW MOMS4MOMS MINISTRY** Third Monday of each month, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, fellowship hall. Get connected with other moms for friendship and encouragement through monthly meetings and separate playgroup activities. Registration is required. Child care is provided during monthly meetings for infants to 5 year olds. Details: www.northlandmoms4moms.com

**LW THIRD VERSE (AGE 60 AND UP)** Second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1116. Meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Details: Jean Sherwood (407-323-7869)

**LW LADIES NIGHT OUT** Fourth Thursday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m., Chili’s, Mount Dora. Bring a friend. Details: Deborah Balic (407-832-9171) or Frances Merritt (407-554-0076)

**OV THE NEW EVE** Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., NOCC. Details: Stacy Gibson (stacyandy@mindspring.com or 407-388-0965)
BELIEVE

Baptism

An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.

Adults

LW Adult Baptisms
Sunday, March 8, 8 p.m., Ken and Diane Watkins’ home. Adults and teens may be baptized by immersion or sprinkling as a public profession of personal faith if the individual trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord of his or her life (Matthew 28:19). Maps are available at the information desk in the church foyer. Call to sign up: Details: Sharon Ferreira (407-949-7189 or sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net)

LW Life and Teachings of Jesus
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., rooms 4206-07. In this study of the Gospels, learn who God is and what He has done by looking at what Jesus said and did. Details: Sharon Ferreira (407-949-7189 or sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net)

LW Romans, Bible Study
Sundays, 9 a.m., rooms 4213. Doug Moorhead leads this study of faith, grace, justification, sanctification, redemption, atonement and salvation. Details: Sharon Ferreira (sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net)

Children

LW Steps for Young Believers (Grades 2–5) and Their Parents
The “steps” in basic Christian discipleship include classroom sessions and daily at-home devotionals. Materials cost for each class: $5. Registration is required. Details and registration: Teri Grayson (407-949-7148 or teri.grayson@northlandchurch.net). Step 1: Becoming a Part of God’s Family; Sundays, April 19 to May 10, 4 to 5:45 p.m. Focus: Salvation and assurance. Includes Communion instruction. Step 2: The Most Important Thing; Sundays, April 26 to May 24, 4 to 5:45 p.m. Focus: Jesus’ Life A–Z, a basic discipleship theme and learning about the life of Christ. (Students must be present at least four weeks and make up any missed weeks.) Baptism offered on May 31 at 2 p.m. Step 3: Living by the Book: “C–I–N–G” My Way Through the Bible; Sundays, April 26 to May 31, 4 to 5:15 p.m. During the February drive, the Bible. (Students must be present at least four weeks and make up any missed weeks.) Baptism offered on May 31 at 2 p.m.

Women

LW Early Morning Bible Study
Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Student Ministries Care Center, room 1118. Join this open forum discussion on the book of Isaiah: 45-minute time of study and 15-minute prayer time. Details: Ron Morris (ron@createivelie.com)

LW Men’s Bible Fellowship
Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:45 a.m., rooms 2, 3. Motto: Men with a Mission. Details: Richie Kluessen (407-221-4517 or rk@goldinart.com) or Bill Chapman (352-434-4116 or bill.chapman@northlandchurch.net)

LW Beth Moore Study: — Daniel
Every other Saturday, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., room 4212-14. Study: Daniel, by Beth Moore (available at Northland’s Bookstore). Details: Michele Wiseman (407-619-7336)

Financial Peace University

Adults

LW Learn to Speak Chinese
Sundays, 1:30 to 3:15 p.m., Children’s Worship Wing, rooms 5202-5209. Beginner and mid-level classes available. Cost: $100 for textbooks and activity fees for one semester. Details: Jin Guoying (gu.jin66@yahoo.com) or Linan An (lan@mail.ucf.edu)

LW Financial Peace University
Sundays, 10:45 a.m., rooms 4206-07. Class is full. Contact the Haussmann’s for details

Bible studies and classes to help you grow in your knowledge of God and in your faith.

AdulTs

LW Children’s Ministries Prayer Team
Pray weekly, from your own home, for needs in Children’s Ministries. Details: Carol Moss (carol.moss@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7180)

LW Blood Drive
Saturday, March 7, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Monday, March 9, 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. During the February drive, there were 126 donors, and 103 units were collected. As a result, 303 lives were saved!

LW Assist with Northland’s Million Distributed Sites Initiative
Volunteers needed with strong Excel skills to pull data and collate. Details: Calvie Hughson (407-937-1831 or calvie.hughson@northlandchurch.net)

LW Faithful and True
Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1118. Join a fellowship of men seeking sexual integrity. Workbooks are available at Northland’s bookstore for $17. Details and registration: Bryce Hagedorn (407-227-3072 or brycehagedorn@yahoo.com) or Kevin Urichko (407-949-7166 or kevin.urichko@northlandchurch.net)

LW Beth Moore Study: — EsthEr
Mondays, 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room 4206-07, or Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., CWW. Study: Esther: It’s Tough Being a Woman, by Beth Moore. Details or to register for child care (Mondays only): Renee (407-528-7068 or reneeshoemaker@mindspring.com)

LW Beth Moore Study: — EsthEr
Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., rooms 4206-7 (bring your dinner). Study: Esther: It’s Tough Being a Woman, by Beth Moore. Details: Robin Kendal (321-662-5039 or northland.ladies.bible.studies@gmail.com)

LW Precept Upon Precept Bible Study
Mondays, through February 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., room 4213-15. Study: 2 Thessalonians. New study to begin March 2: Revelation, Part 1. Child care is available upon request. Workbook cost is $23.50. Details and registration: Melody Ringenberg (rringenberg@cfl.rr.com or 407-884-9794)

LW The Joy of Living: — 2 Corinthians
Wednesdays, beginning January 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., rooms 4216-18. Join this 13-week study of 2 Corinthians. Study guide price: $14. Details: Carolyn Robin (407-260-9653 or crobins@cfl.rr.com)

LW Men’s Bible Study: — A Heart Like His
Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., rooms 2, 3. Study: A Heart Like His, by Beth Moore. Child care is available. Details: Deborah Balic (407-832-9171) or Frances Merritt (407-554-0076)

LW Beth Moore Study: — Living Beyond Yourself
Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Southeast Orlando. Study: Living Beyond Yourself; Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, by Beth Moore. Details: Karin Dewey (407-243-9482 or dewey@jdewey.com)

LW Faithful and True
Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Ministries and Care Center, room 1118. Details: Terri Grayson (407-949-7148 or teri.grayson@northlandchurch.net). Step 1: Becoming a Part of God’s Family; Sundays, April 19 to May 10, 4 to 5:45 p.m. Focus: Salvation and assurance. Includes Communion instruction. Step 2: The Most Important Thing; Sundays, April 26 to May 24, 4 to 5:45 p.m. Focus: Jesus’ Life A–Z, a basic discipleship theme and learning about the life of Christ. (Students must be present at least four weeks and make up any missed weeks.) Baptism offered on May 31 at 2 p.m.

Children

LW Infant Baptism/Dedication Class
Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m., rooms 4206-07. Monday, April 6, 7 p.m., room 4212-14. Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m., room 4216-18. This precept class is designed to help parents understand the Bible and how to equip their children with a biblical faith. Details: Sarah Ferreira (sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net)

LW LW Financial Peace University
Sundays, 10:45 a.m., rooms 4206-07. Class is full. Contact the Haussmann’s for details

LW Bible Relevant Now!
Sundays, 10:45 a.m., room 4209. Study the book of James and learn to be patient, to make peace instead of trouble, and practice what the Bible teaches. Details: Sharon Ferreira (sharon.ferreira@northlandchurch.net)

Parents

LW Child Baptisms
Although Northland recommends the steps for Young Believers course before baptism, it is not mandatory. For information about grade school students’ baptisms, contact Diane Jones (diane.jones@northlandchurch.net or 407-949-7188)
Check out the webpage for more information. Click onwww.nearhim.com for more details. Contact James Price (james.price@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7194.
Stewardship
Ways for you to give of your treasure (Matthew 6:19-21).

DONATIONS

Please contact the appropriate number to find out where donations should be dropped off. Non-perishable food items can be brought to Northland. Please take clean, usable clothing, toys and supplies to The Christian Sharing Center, Fairmont Plaza, 600 N. Highway 17-92, Longwood (407-260-9155).

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS) Wednesdays, through May 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Community Methodist Church on U.S. Highway 17-92, Study: Acts of the Apostles. Details: Sandi McLaughlin (407-342-4765 or sandimclaughlin@yahoo.com)

CONFIDENCE IN CRISIS Thursdays, beginning February 26, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Panera Bread in Winter Springs (in the Publix plaza at Tuscaloosa and Red Bug Lake roads). A small group designed for women experiencing marital crisis with separation and/or divorce. Offering encouragement through prayer, discussion and general upliftment. Details: Sandy Isaacs (407-272-7522 or sandylysisaacs@yahoo.com)

DIVORCED AND WIDOWED FELLOWSHIP Second and fourth Sundays of each month, 3 p.m., Nancy Pettit's home, Casselberry. Join other women for prayer and discussion at this potluck fellowship. Children are welcome. Details and directions: Nancy Pettito (407-699-9181)

HEALING GRACE Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., TLC Women's Center, 4004 Edgewater Drive, Orlando. This post-abortion ministry, shares the healing grace of Jesus without judgment. Details: Coorie Moore (407-292-7628)

LUNCHEON STUDY GROUP Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m., First Watch restaurant on State Road 434, Longwood. Cindy Price leads this study of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna, Weaver. Details: Cindy Price (407-221-3981 or cindy@cindyprice.com)

LUNCH AND PRAY Last Wednesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., Denny's, State Road 436 and Cranes Roost Boulevard, Altamonte Springs. Join for fellowship, friendship and prayer in small groups. Details: Irene Williamson (407-756-9060 or frankirenewill@embarqmail.com)

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) First and third Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., east/central Orlando. Meet other moms and get refreshed. Details: Jackie Howe (407-281-9276 or congagirl@earthlink.net)

SMALL GROUP FOR DIVORCED WOMEN Sundays, 3:30 p.m., Winter Springs. Study The Power of a Woman’s Word, by Sharon Jaynes. Details: Lisa Edwards (407-222-9639 or godsi0202@yahoo.com)

STUDY GROUP Every other Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Riverbend Boulevard area, Longwood. Study: Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech, by Mary Kassian. Details: Dana Bates (407-574-6386) and Stephanie Wattles (407-880-8446)

STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS Wednesdays, 7-30 p.m., Longwood. Details: Sharon Fussell (407-830-7740)

SYNERGY 2009 - A CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8 at the Orlando Airport Marriott. Register before February 6 at a cost of $175 or after for $195. Details: www.synergytoday.org/conferences.html

WORKPLACE MINISTRY First Tuesday of each month, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Orlando. J4 Leaders, an interdenominational study group. For women to help encourage one another to succeed with a biblical worldview. Details and reservations: sschultz2@cfl.rr.com or 407-522-4797

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

HELP INNER-CITY YOUTH and their families prepare to be world-class leaders through Frontline Outreach, an Orlando ministry. Details: Stephanie Bush (407-293-3000, ext. 127)

HOST A JAPANESE COLLEGE STUDENT Mission To Japan, a Northland supported ministry, is bringing 20 Japanese college students to Orlando to study English, learn about the Bible, and go sightseeing March 3 to 31. Host families are needed to provide a room, some meals, and a loving Christian home. Host families simply drop their student off at Northland by 9:15 a.m. each weekday, and pick up their student in the early evenings. Details: Warren Griffin (407-273-4494 or info@MissionToJapan.org)

JOIN LIFESONG CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM. Musicians needed. Details: Stephen May at Stephen@mylifeseasonchurch.com.

JOIN RISE COMMUNITY CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM. Musicians needed. Details: Lenny (321-436-7494)

LOAD CHRISTIAN HELP'S VAN at the grocery store and unload it at their food pantry; assistance for the pantry driver is needed Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Details: Dawn@christianhelp.org or 407-834-4022

MENTOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS in Seminole County/east through Orlando Young Life, a Christian outreach organization to unchurched teens. Details: Ame See (407-492-0215) or Chris Storms (321-281-7307)

MENTOR A CHILD one hour a week at the U.S. Dream Academy (www.usdreama.com), 30 mentors are needed; flexible hours and training is provided. Details: Duma Alphonse (407-245-1810, ext. 2307)

MENTOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS downtown at an after school outreach program. Details: Jenny Arrison (407-423-3441, ext. 2306)

MINISTER TO THOSE BEHIND BARS at the Orange County Jail and mentor those coming home. Details: www.hishealinghand.com, 407-219-7625 or aftercare@hishealinghand.com

PROVIDE PRIMARY CARE HEALTH CARE for the uninsured at Shepherd’s Hope Clinic, a faith-based organization. Details: Shepherd’s Hope (407-876-6699)

READ once a week with kindergarteners through second-graders at Goldsboro Elementary School in Sanford. panties, and events. Details: Krissy Todd (krissy@helpforthehomeless.net) or visit www. helpforthehomeless.net.

SUPPORT HOSPICE PATIENTS and their caregivers in the patient’s home, nursing home or Hospice House. Details: Volunteer Services Hospice of the Comforter (407-682-8088)

Looking for the JOB LISTINGS? You can find them at jobs.northlandchurch.net.
Counseling
Northland partner, nonprofit counseling ministries.

DISCOVERY COUNSELING
Dennis Gwin .................................. 407-376-3773

OVIEDO COUNSELING CLINIC
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BOOKSTORE ................................ 407-949-7199
Steve Bruton, Manager
Donna Duckhorn, Assistant Manager
Patricia McManus, Assistant Manager
Bookstore Hours:
Monday ................................. 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday .............. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday ................................ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday ................................. CLOSED
Sunday .................................. 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 5:15 to 8 p.m.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES
Debbie Blahnik, Director ............ 407-949-7162
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Pam Anderson, Co-op Director ........ 407-949-7179

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Scotty Alderman, Pastoral Care Coordinator ........... 407-949-4035
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Ruth Sapp, Congregational Services Director .......... 407-949-4039
Susan Cholewa, Site Coordinator ................. 407-937-0544
Kathy Campbell, Deaf Ministry ................. 407-328-4785

MOUNT DORA
The Seventh-Day Adventist Church
18440 Highway 441, Mount Dora, FL 32757
The Seventh-Day Adventist Church is on the left side of the highway. Look for the “Northland” sign.

MOUNT DORA BLOG SITE ........ mountdora.northlandchurch.net
General Information ................... 407-949-7184
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OVIEDO
Hagerty High School
3225 Lockwood Blvd., Oviedo, FL 32765
Hagerty High School is located on Lockwood Blvd., between E. Mitchell Hammock and E. McCulloch roads.

Northland at Oviedo Community Center (NOCC)
561 E. Mitchell Hammock Road, #300
Oviedo, FL 32765

OVIEDO BLOG WEBSITE ............. oviedo.northlandchurch.net
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Michelle Smith, Children’s Ministries ........ 407-718-5510
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Kathy Franz, Boys Town Liaison ........ 407-415-7678

Prayer — For prayer requests or to join the Oviedo prayer team contact Amanda Hartley (amanda.hartley@northlandchurch.net)

Good Samaritan Ministry — Help someone who really needs it, right now! Sign-up and details: Maggie Jobson (mjbojohn@comcast.net)

Be in the Know — Get on the e-mail list for ongoing events and information. Details: Amanda Hartley (amanda.hartley@northlandchurch.net)

WHOM DO I CONTACT IF...
I AM IN CRISIS?
Northland’s main line .................. 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
I NEED THE HOSPITAL MINISTRY TO PAY A VISIT?
Linda McCulloch ................. 407-949-7149
I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?
Ruth Sapp .................. 407-949-4039
I HAVE ACCEPTED CHRIST INTO MY HEART AND WISH TO BE BAPTIZED?
Sharon Ferreira (adult/student) ....... 407-949-7189
Diane Jones (infants–grade school) ...... 407-949-7188
I NEED INFORMATION ON STUDENT MINISTRIES?
Student Ministries office .............. 407-949-4007
I NEED INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES?
Longwood: Debbie Blahnik .......... 407-949-7162
Mount Dora: Tanya Carpenter ........... 352-735-3832
Oviedo: Michelle Smith ............... 407-718-5510
West Oaks: Derika Hacker ........... 407-473-4537

I AM INTERESTED IN DISTRIBUTED JOURNEYS?
Patti Harshy .................. 407-937-0573
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Longwood: Calvie Hughson ........... 407-937-1831
Mount Dora: Bill Chapman .......... 352-434-4116
Oviedo: Amanda Hartley .......... 407-222-7374
West Oaks: Derika Hacker ........... 407-949-7189
I WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN A LOCAL SERVING PROJECT
Vanessa Puleno ............. 407-949-7156 or visit www.northlandchurch.net
I AM GETTING MARRIED?
Sharon Ferreira ............... 407-949-7189
I NEED TO PLAN A FUNERAL?
Sharon Ferreira ............... 407-949-7189
I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER CDs, DVDs, TAPES AND/OR NEWSPAPERS?
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LIFEBELOPE
LifeHope is a benevolence ministry that serves people in need in our church family and community for the purpose of connecting them to a relationship with God and Christian community through worship, equipping and service. It is the privilege of our ministers, our church family and community for the purpose of connecting LifeHope to love, listen, pray with and serve you during your first visit. They desire is to empower and equip you to live the life God has for you. Details: Laura Young (407-949-7151)

LIFEHOPE HOURS:
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, at Northland’s Student Ministries and Care Center.

"The proper aim of giving is to put the recipient in a state where he no longer needs our gift." —CS. LEWIS (The Four Loves)

ACCESS MINISTRIES
While meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities has always been important to our church, we are working on expanding the programs and services offered. These efforts are being led by Laura Lee Wright, Northland’s Access Ministries team leader (407-937-0549 or laura.leewright@northlandchurch.net).

We can best accommodate your needs if you arrive early for service. Details: Congregational Services (407-949-4000 or congregational.services@northlandchurch.net)

SPECIAL NEEDS/CRY ROOM: It is located at the west end of the main foyer in room 4128.

PARKING: The front parking lot is reserved for those with special needs.

SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING: People with wheelchairs, walkers or other special needs have designated seating areas throughout the sanctuary if needed.

LYRICS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED: Printed lyrics are located at the Welcome Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for children through fifth grade with special needs is on Sundays at 11 a.m.

BUDDY BREAKS: With Nathaniel’s Hope, we offer respite for parents of kids with special needs. Check the Belong section in the Northland News for details.

ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS: Signed worship service is Sundays, 9 a.m. Sound amplification aids are available at the Welcome Center.
PREACHING THE MESSAGE THIS WEEKEND

DR. JOEL C. HUNTER, SENIOR PASTOR

Dr. Hunter believes we can accomplish more because of our differences than we would on our own—without giving up our unique identities. He says, "Both spiritual and intellectual maturity grow from differences. A distributed church uses contrasts to accomplish Kingdom purposes."

Since June 1985, Dr. Hunter has served as senior pastor of Northland. Before bringing his family to Northland, Dr. Hunter served as a United Methodist pastor for 15 years in Indiana. He and his wife, Becky, have been partners in the ministry since their marriage in 1972. A longtime bridge builder who seeks common ground for the common good, Dr. Hunter approaches today’s issues in a biblical and balanced manner. He serves as a national and international leader both in compassion issues and on boards of agencies such as the National Association of Evangelicals and the World Evangelical Alliance.

>> TO READ MORE ABOUT DR. HUNTER, VISIT WWW.NORTHLANDCHURCH.NET.

THIS WEEKEND’S MESSAGE:

THE ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIANITY

GOD IN THE FLESH

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: JOHN 1:14 (NASB)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

WORSHIP FOCUS:

Worship Christ today for His holiness. He alone lived a perfect, sinless life. If He had sinned, He would have ceased to be God. Because He was God, He could bear the full penalty for our sin.

SUMMARY PRAYER:

Father, we praise You that You remembered Your promise to reconcile the world. You came to us in the form of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is our long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine. He is the only Mediator. (Adapted from Our World Belongs to God, st. 1, 4, 24, 28, 45)

RELEVANT READS:

Northland’s bookstore recommends these books that relate to this week’s message:

LENTEN SERIES
• Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth, by Richard J. Foster
• Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting, by Marva J. Dawn
• Simplicity & Fasting, by Jan Johnson
• A Hunger for God: Desiring God Through Fasting and Prayer, by John Piper

DR. HUNTER’S MESSAGE “GOD IN THE FLESH”
• Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message, by Ravi Zacharias
• Slandering Jesus: Six Lies People Tell About the Man Who Said He Was God, by Dr. Erwin Lutzer
• The Case for the Real Jesus: A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks on the Identity of Christ, by Lee Strobel

Bibles are 25% off every day at Northland’s Bookstore.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BIBLE TO WORSHIP SERVICE

DOWNLOADS At Northland’s website (www.northlandchurch.net), you can download today’s message and sign up to receive the Here@Northland weekly e-newsletter!
SPIRITUAL PHYSICAL

And exercise thyself unto godliness: for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. — 1 Timothy 4:7-8 (ASV)

There is a lot of focus in our culture these days on being physically fit. Thousands upon thousands of books are written each year on diet, exercise, nutrition, and a healthy lifestyle.

What if we, as believers, gave as much focus to our spiritual fitness? Lent, the 40 days before Easter, is a very appropriate time to focus on our spiritual well-being, to intentionally set out to develop better spiritual habits in our lives.

For Dallas Willard, the spiritual disciplines are habits and practices that lead to spiritual transformation. These practices include prayer and confession, meditation, study, fellowship, confession, or celebration. Other disciplines require us to cease from some specific activity, pursuing instead solitude, silence, fasting, frugality, chastity, secrecy or sacrifice.

This Lenten season, consider taking a spiritual physical. Assess the condition of your spiritual health, intentionally exercising those parts that are weakest and identifying those parts that are strongest.

“A more reasonable estimate of human costs and values will lead us to think that no labour is better expended than that which explores the way to the treasure-houses of the spirit, and shows mankind where to find those goods which are increased by being shared, and which none can take from us.” (William Ralph Inge, English author, Anglican priest; 1860-1954)

The Bible often compares physical exercise to spiritual exercise—referring to life as a race to be won, a course to be finished. (1 Corinthians 9:24; Galatians 2:2; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 12:1)

• What comparisons do you see between the challenges and the benefits of physical exercise and spiritual exercise?

• Have you witnessed a physical transformation as a result of exercise?

• Do you think spiritual exercise brings the same challenges and benefits?

• Can you back your answer up with Scripture?

Challenges (10 minutes)

C.S. Lewis is quoted as saying, “You don’t have a soul. You have a body.” Practicing the story this Lenten season will remind us that we are souls.

Ask your group members:

• What are your hopes and expectations of this study?

• How might engaging in practicing the story by practicing the disciplines help you to acknowledge that you are a spiritual being?

Closing (5 minutes)

Close in prayer, asking God to accomplish His purposes in every heart present in your group. Pray that you would learn to hold one another up. Pray for His transforming power to be evident in each life.
LORD, HIGH AND HOLY, MEEK AND LOWLY,

THOU HAS BROUGHT ME TO THE VALLEY OF VISION,
WHERE I LIVE IN THE DEPTHS BUT SEE THEE IN THE HEIGHTS;
HEMMED IN BY MOUNTAINS OF SIN I BEHOLD THY GLORY.

LET ME LEARN BY PARADOX
THAT THE WAY DOWN IS THE WAY UP,
THAT TO BE LOW IS TO BE HIGH,
THAT THE BROKEN HEART IS THE HEALED HEART,
THAT THE CONTRITE SPIRIT IS THE REJOICING SPIRIT,
THAT THE REPENTING SOUL IS THE VICTORIOUS SOUL,
THAT TO HAVE NOTHING IS TO POSSESS ALL,
THAT TO BEAR THE CROSS IS TO WEAR THE CROWN,
THAT TO GIVE IS TO RECEIVE,
THAT THE VALLEY IS THE PLACE OF VISION.

LORD, IN THE DAYTIME STARS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE DEEPEST WELLS,
AND THE DEEPER THE WELLS THE BRIGHTER THY STARS SHINE;

LET ME FIND THY LIGHT IN MY DARKNESS,
THY LIFE IN MY DEATH,
THY JOY IN MY SORROW,
THY GRACE IN MY SIN,
THY RICHES IN MY POVERTY
THY GLORY IN MY VALLEY.

—The Valley of Vision, a collection of Puritan prayers and devotions