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Marshall Hall,  
and his family.**

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# Be Still

BY PASTOR JOHN TARDONIA



**There is a photo in my office** that I took several years ago while on a vacation with my wife, Karen, in Vancouver, Canada. Early one morning, I slipped out to a bay nearby, where I found several commercial fishing boats in dock. It was a still morning. The fog just hung above the boats, and the water was so calm that it created a mirror image of the boats with all their riggings of ropes and buoys.

You can almost imagine these same vessels with their crews battling high seas, with waves breaking over the bows and crews of fishermen pulling their traps like something on the TV series “Deadliest Catch.”



But in this moment, the boats rested quietly at the docks. There was a certain silence that spoke, a stillness that was moving.

For many of us, life can feel as if we are far out to sea, with one commitment after another crashing onto the decks of our lives as we long for the stillness of a calm harbor to rest and collect our souls.

While our hearts may long for the kind of stillness that restores our souls, being still is a discipline that is not without a challenge. We live in a culture driven by the need to accumulate and accomplish. When asked the question “How are you doing?” our response is all too often, “Staying busy.” And we equate busyness with being well when it may be a symptom that we are just the opposite. Our busyness can be the anesthetic that deadens the pain of an empty life.

There are a number of times in Scripture where we are encouraged to “be still.”

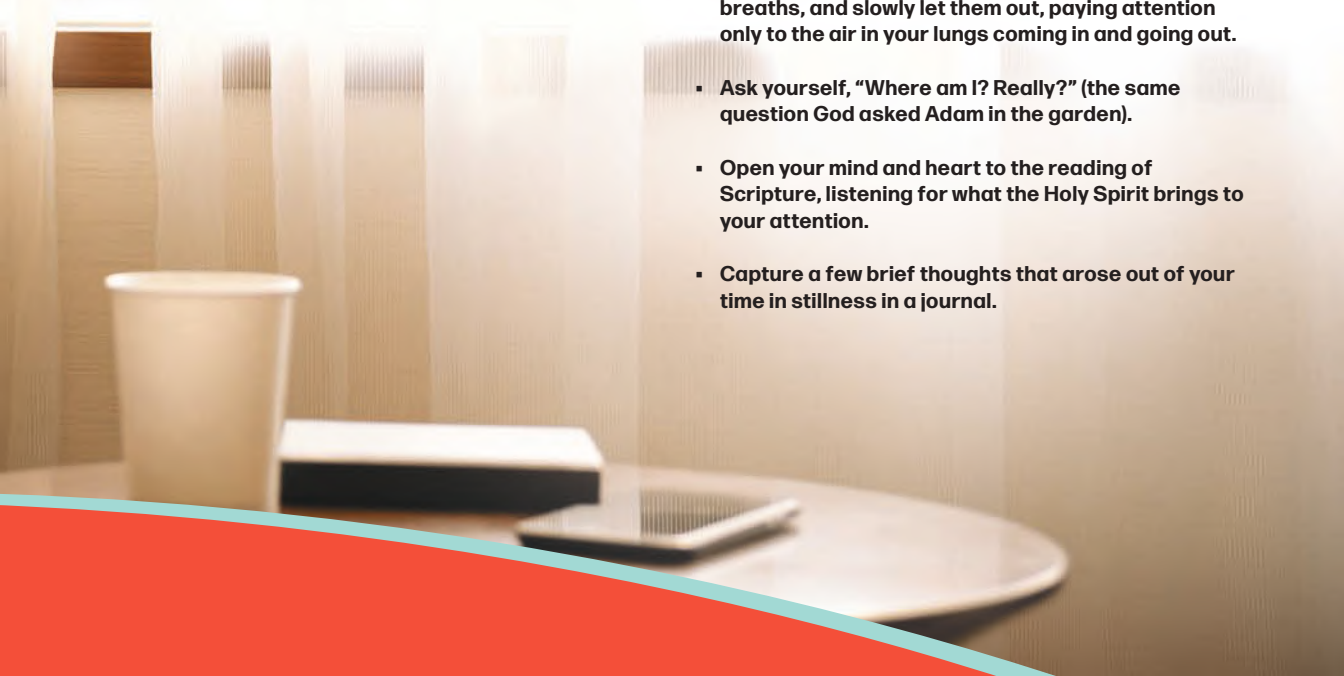
When the children of Israel were sandwiched between the Red Sea and Pharaoh’s encroaching army, Moses said, “The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still” (NIV).

The psalmist says: “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him” (Psalm 37:7, NIV); “I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother ...” (Psalm 131:2, ASV); and “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10, NIV).

Stillness is a posture of the soul that finds rest and restoration in the presence and power of the Lord that ultimately is a benefit to others around us. Poet William Butler Yeats put it this way: “We can make our minds so like still water that beings gather about us that they may see ... their own images, and so live for a moment with a clearer, perhaps even with a fiercer life because of our quiet.”

If you find it hard to get off the treadmill of busyness, here are a few helpful suggestions to get you started with the practice of being still before the Lord.

- **Choose a time and place where there are minimal distractions. (Jesus got up early and went out to a solitary place.)**
- **Resist the temptation to bring your electronic devices into this quiet space.**
- **Settle into a comfortable position, take a few deep breaths, and slowly let them out, paying attention only to the air in your lungs coming in and going out.**
- **Ask yourself, “Where am I? Really?” (the same question God asked Adam in the garden).**
- **Open your mind and heart to the reading of Scripture, listening for what the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.**
- **Capture a few brief thoughts that arose out of your time in stillness in a journal.**





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A close-up photograph of a person's hands. The left hand is holding a black microphone, and the right hand is holding a blue folder or book. The person is wearing a ring on their right hand. The background is dark and out of focus.

Northland Welcomes

# Worship Pastor Marshall Hall

Marshall excited about seeing

God move in amazing ways!

BY JACKIE SCHURGA  
*Human Resources Director*

**When we received more than 50 applicants in just the first week after posting the worship pastor position last November, I knew the team and I were in for a journey!** We were so fortunate

to get to speak to some of the most delightful and talented leaders across the country (and even one in Canada!). But from the beginning, there was something drawing us back time and time again to Pastor Marshall Hall.

As each member of our team spent time speaking with Marshall, we uncovered more and more reasons we wanted him here with us at Northland. Pastor Sean Cooper and I stayed after vocal rehearsals one night the weekend after Marshall had guest-hosted worship and asked the vocal team members what they thought. The heartfelt responses, the overwhelming love, and the pastoring they felt after spending just two days with Marshall were undeniable.

I could not be more excited to welcome Marshall as our worship pastor! Not only have we gained a pastor who fills our sanctuary with the beautiful sounds of worship, but we've gained a brother in Christ, a friend and an entire family to weave into our Northland community. I chatted with Marshall to get to know more about him.



*ABOVE: Marshall and Lori.*

*RIGHT: (Left to right) Reese, Sela and Presley*

**“My goal is to create an atmosphere where someone can experience God.”**

*-Marshall Hall*

**JACKIE:** First things first, where are you from originally?

**PASTOR MARSHALL:** I was born in Lexington, Kentucky.

**JACKIE:** How does that influence your hobbies?

**PASTOR MARSHALL:** Sports! Basketball and football, mainly. I love the Kentucky Wildcats. I also consider myself a movie buff.

**JACKIE:** Favorite meal?

**PASTOR MARSHALL:** Dessert! Carrot cake is my favorite.

**JACKIE:** Who are your worship influencers?

**PASTOR MARSHALL:** My worship music influences have mostly been my friends and colleagues. I have had the privilege of partnering with an incredibly diverse group of worship leaders over the years. I *do* listen to all of the current music, but also I love hymnody, and I love the joy that is expressed



in traditional gospel, and I grew up “Because He Lives.” I consider myself very fortunate to be all over the place.

**JACKIE: Introduce us to your wonderful family.**

**PASTOR MARSHALL:** My wife, Lori, is a worship leader who is deeply passionate about taking the gospel to people who have never heard of Jesus. She loves deep conversations and helping others to feel seen. She formerly served on staff alongside me as Willow Creek’s artist care pastor.

Our youngest daughter, Sela, was born in Barrington, Illinois. She’s 2 years old, and her name means “pause and consider what God has done.” She loves playing make-believe and freeze dance, and being with the family. She also may have a slight obsession with Daniel Tiger!

Our middle daughter, Reese, was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She’s 11 years old and in sixth grade this year. She’s our family comedian and loves Disney, musicals, singing and gymnastics.

Our oldest daughter, Presley, was born in Nashville as well. She’s 13 years old and in eighth grade this year. She

left a little bit of her heart behind at Willow Creek, as she was a passionate small group leader for second-graders there. She also loves musicals, acting and reading.

**JACKIE: Tell me a few things you are most excited about right now.**

**PASTOR MARSHALL:** We are so excited and grateful to be invited into what is happening next at Northland. Lori and I both sense that the way God has created us and gifted us meets Northland’s vision in a wonderful way.

I am excited about connecting with my teammates here - I really love this staff. So far I’ve interacted most with Michelle, Scotty, Matt, Sean, Sydney - there are just amazing folks in this house. I’m looking forward to learning from each other and becoming family.

Also, I am looking forward to getting to know our congregation! This is going to be an “everyone together” kind of endeavor. I hope that we see God move in ways none of us have ever dreamed He would. My prayer is that we call each other to “better” over and over again. ▣





# Join the Global Unites Movement in U.S.

*People of all ages are needed to start youth movement for peace and reconciliation*

BY LAUREN TRAVERS

**In May of 2009, Sri Lanka's 26-year-long civil war ended.** Three months later, I traveled to Sri Lanka with James Li, Sean Cooper and a team of young adults. Our mission was to support Prashan De Visser in his newly established organization, Sri Lanka Unites, a movement Prashan had been growing among the youth of the embattled country during the climax of the war.

With the conclusion, Prashan, a young adult himself, was convening a team in the mountains of Sri Lanka to educate top students of the Sri Lanka Unites movement on peace, reconciliation and movement toward healing.

Over the last 10 years, Global Unites was created and movements have been formed in 15 countries all around the world, with more than 37,500 members actively involved. Global Unites' mission is: "To inspire, connect and equip youth to transform global societies through movements that promote hope, nonviolence and reconciliation."

It was time for the United States to be included in this movement. Prashan asked Sean, James and me to be members of the U.S. core team as the movement gets started. In August, Sean and James had the opportunity to travel to Kenya for the Global Unites Summit, and I asked them about their time there and how we, as a church, can get involved in what peace and reconciliation mean for us here in the United States for the next generation.

**LAUREN: What was the goal for you to attend the Global Unites Summit, and how does that align with what you're currently doing at Northland and beyond?**

**SEAN:** First of all, my goal in those situations is always to listen, observe, learn and bring back anything I can to our own church community. We have so much to learn from our global family around the world. Specifically on this trip, Prashan asked if I could help facilitate some teaching and



discussion around how to help leaders develop strategies for the youth movements in their countries. While there, I had the awesome privilege of doing some workshops with leaders to strategize around the work they are doing.

**JAMES:** Prashan De Visser asked me to teach Rock Self Defense to young adults from 15 different countries for Global Unites. This is a similar program to what I taught for Sri Lanka Unites. He shared with me that in many of the GU countries, 78 percent of women are sexually harassed daily. By sharing self-defense instruction, women not only learned how to protect themselves; they learned how to teach other women how to protect themselves. I recently found out that women from Liberia who attended the Global Summit have already started to share these practical moves with others in their homeland.

**LAUREN:** James, how does your background as a four-time ISKA [International Sport Karate Association] World Champion with experience in executive protection, self-defense and safety play into this?

**JAMES:** God blessed me with unique opportunities in sports to bless others. I am so thankful these gifts can be helpful to multiple post-conflict countries so that they can stabilize, rebuild and even thrive.

**SEAN:** I always enjoy traveling with James, and he is a great communicator and inspiration to young people. Part of what James does that is so needed in many of these countries is basic training on self-defense, particularly for women who are facing daily

situations of harassment. He is great at training and instilling confidence through those sessions.

**Lauren: Why this, and why now? How does the Bible call us to get involved?**

**JAMES:** First Chronicles 29:12 (NIV) says, "Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all." As image bearers of the great Protector, we have the power to protect others and equip others. Rock Self Defense – "We give strength to all."

**Lauren: What are the practical next steps if someone wants to get involved, whether it be a young adult/student or adult?**

**SEAN:** We need people of all ages to help us get a youth movement started here in the U.S.! Right now we are very early in working out the details of what is next, but if a person is interested in getting involved, please email Lauren and join our group list.

**JAMES:** One of the next steps is to attend the self-defense seminar hosted at Northland in the coming weeks. My hope is that people learn how to defend themselves and take the next step in helping others learn how to defend themselves.

In those 10 years since my initial trip to Sri Lanka, I have proudly watched as my friend Prashan has grown this movement globally. In 2016, Prashan married Shruthi, and now they have two children: Aviv, 1 year old, and Aaraan, 3 months old. It is one of my and my family's great joys to support the De Vissers, and I hope that you'll join me in praying for this family as it works toward the common goal of peace and reconciliation across the world.

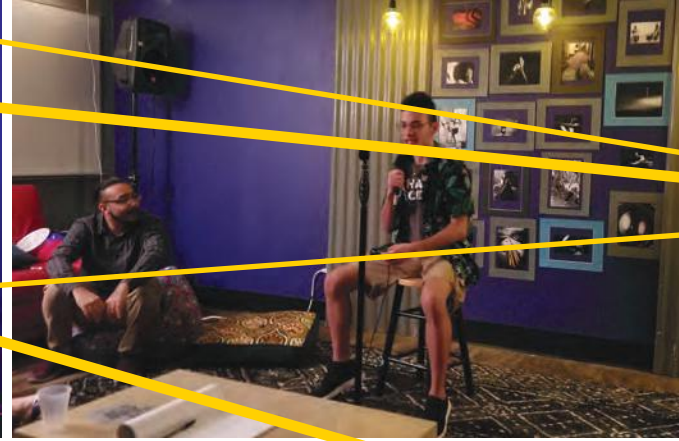
If you would like to learn more about Prashan or Global Unites, visit [globalunites.org](http://globalunites.org). If you'd like to get involved, I'd love to connect

with you for next steps; contact me at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net). □



Left: James, Sean and Lauren show their support for Sri Lanka after the Easter Sunday terrorist attack. Above: Pastor Sean Cooper, Prashan De Visser and James Li.

*Lauren Travers is Northland's connections manager and a USA Unites core team member.*



# Student Ministries Reaches Out to Those Not Yet Included

BY JAMILA MILLETTE  
*Youth and Family Counselor*





**In order for a church to function, it technically does not have to go outside of the church walls.**

We can preach, teach, grow and be with one another without looking around to see if anyone new has entered, if anything has changed, if anyone looks different.

What if that were true? It would take away from the command to go and make disciples. It would take away from the notion to go and visit those in prison; it would take away from the care of the orphan and the widow; it would take away from loving one another well.

We have found that there are multiple creative ways to engage those not yet included in our community. Following are some of the ways that Student Ministries has engaged in outreach to youth and families not yet included.

**OPEN FLOOR**

Open floor is a two-year-old movement for high school students to develop their creative expression in a safe environment. The opportunity for a creative outlet teaches students in the community how to communicate feelings and emotions in a healthy way, in this instance via artistic media, before reaching a point of angst and frustration. Open Floor also fosters community and networking by giving participants the space to engage with one another and develop new friendships.

For Open Floor, singers, dancers, actors, musicians, poets and comedians, as well as those who just want to watch, gather the last Tuesday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. in rooms 1115 and 1117 of The Rink.

As part of Open Floor, Lip Sync Battle has taken place for two years annually. It's an opportunity for various schools and families to come together. Community partners such as Chick-fil-A in Altamonte Springs really stepped up to help engage students and families in this creative expression.

This fall Northland is holding Open Floor at Lyman High School during lunchtime as a pilot program that will be biweekly to start.

If you are interested in participating or in a mentorship role, contact me at [jamila.millette@northlandchurch.net](mailto:jamila.millette@northlandchurch.net).

**YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS**

This outreach program, which Northland staff and volunteers have been facilitating for more than four years,

takes place at Sumter Correctional Institution in Bushnell, Florida, biweekly.

Through games, discussion and other activities, participants learn how to discontinue previous habits and maladaptive behavior to be better suited to reenter their communities across the state of Florida. Participants also learn how to reframe their prison sentence and gain an understanding that sometimes prison is a mentality rather than just a physical location.

**RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOPS**

At these weekly workshops, students learn how to engage in healthy relationships - with themselves, others and anything they have a relationship with, including food, money and so on. They also learn how to navigate through unhealthy relationships they might already be engaged in. In the process, students learn about forgiveness, about letting go, how to change their thinking or behavior to successfully engage in healthy relationships, how to end and begin relationships, how to network and more.

These workshops, called Young Men and Women of Excellence, are being taught at Lyman and Seminole High Schools. If you are interested in being a mentor or sharing about your profession with young leaders and minds, you are welcome to join us.

**FOOTBALL OUTREACH**

Weekly during the football season, Northland staff, parents, volunteers, students and teachers serve the freshman team at Lyman High School and the varsity team at Winter Springs High School. We've also fed the team at Lake Howell High School on one occasion this season. Students get to hear a message from Youth Pastor Rob Hemphill, and he prays for them or they pray for one another.

This has opened doors for cheerleaders to serve and be served. The program provides great engagement with the coaches and administration of these schools. We get to foster relationships through sharing a meal with the students.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of any of these outreach opportunities in Student Ministries, contact me at [jam@northlandchurch.net](mailto:jam@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1832. We are looking for people who would like to include those not yet included. We get to do this work with great joy and sometimes great sadness - but always with great hope. □

# Middle School Ministry

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

## LUG

**Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m., The Rink.** Join us for Wednesday night Living Under Grace (LUG), where we eat, play, hang and worship God together! First, students gather in a large group for worship, games and a message from Student Ministries Pastor Rob Hemphill. Following this time, students meet in small groups led by trained adult leaders and high school students. Contact Alex Anderson at [alex.anderson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:alex.anderson@northlandchurch.net) for more info.



## PKG UNPLUGGED

**Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., The Rink.** Calling all middle school students who love video games! Join us for Powder Keg Games (PKG) as we explore the question "How do we use gaming for the gospel?" Come hang out before LUG starts! Invite a friend as we play video games and hear an uplifting devotional. Sign-up is required. Contact James Li at [james.li@northlandchurch.net](mailto:james.li@northlandchurch.net) for more info.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays, 9 to 10:30 a.m., room 4126A.** Join other middle school students who are growing deeper in their faith by digging into God's Word and applying it to their daily lives. Contact Kayla Jeffers at [kayla.jeffers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:kayla.jeffers@northlandchurch.net) for more info.

## Mark your calendars!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

**Who:** All middle school students  
**When:** Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13  
**Where:** Southwind, A Young Life Camp  
**Theme:** Unleashed  
**Price:** \$215  
**Check-in:** 5 p.m. October 11 in the main building (worship center)  
**Return:** 2 p.m. October 13 at The Rink  
**Register:** [NorthlandChurch.net/Students](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Students)

## 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)



# High School Ministry

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

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Sundays, 6 to 8 p.m., The Rink.** Join us for an engaging time of worship, a message from Student Ministries Pastor Rob Hemphill, and small group time led by college and adult leaders. Throughout the year, there will be various theme nights, worship nights and outreach events to invite your friends to.

## DOULOS

**Tuesdays, 6 a.m., third floor of The Rink.** Join other high school students who are developing their leadership skills and going deeper into God's Word.

## SETUP CREW

**Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Rink.** Calling all freshmen who are interested in growing their leadership skills! Join us as we grow in our faith together and learn what Christlike servant leadership is all about. Contact Kayla Jeffers at [kayla.jeffers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:kayla.jeffers@northlandchurch.net).

## OPEN FLOOR

**Last Tuesday of every month, 3 to 5 p.m., room 1115, 1117, The Rink.** This is a creative arts movement for poets, other writers, actors, musicians, singers, dancers, comedians and creative observers. For more info, contact Jamila Millete at [openfloorevent@gmail.com](mailto:openfloorevent@gmail.com).

## SENIOR LIFE PREP

**Sundays, October 20, November 17 and December 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Gritters' home.** This is a time of student bonding over fun activities as, during this transitional time, students learn more about God's purpose for their lives, and more about one another and their mentors. It is an opportunity to spend time with the students as a class to intentionally pour into them both spiritually and emotionally as they transition out of high school and into whatever is next, whether that's college, a job, the military or something else. Senior Life Prep is also a time to come alongside parents as they prepare for their students' next stage of life. In the spring, Senior Life Prep culminates with a five-day trip called Epic, before which the students (and parents) have no idea where they are going. This is a great teaching tool, showing both students and parents that they have to learn to trust God and be flexible in life. This trip serves as a time of spiritual growth through teachings along the way, a serve project, a team-building component, a college visit, and lots of fun and conversation. Contact Liz Gritter at [liz.gritter@northlandchurch.net](mailto:liz.gritter@northlandchurch.net).

## Mark your calendars!

### CHRISTMAS CAMP

**Who:** All high school students  
**When:** Friday, December 27 to  
Tuesday, December 31  
**Where:** SharpTop Cove, A Young Life Camp,  
in Jasper, Ga.  
**Price:** \$390  
**Register:** [NorthlandChurch.net/Students](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Students)

# Student Ministries Growing Presence on School Campuses

**Austin Bowlin, one of our college summer interns,** will be continuing with the Student Ministries team this school year. His role includes visiting school campuses to encourage students who are currently involved at Northland and also engage with students who are not connected with any church.

By having a regular presence at the schools, Austin can be a friendly face that students and



faculty recognize, trust and associate with Northland. He will help equip our students to have gospel conversations and give them a boost of courage and confidence to be fully alive in Jesus on their school campuses.

Austin is very excited about this opportunity, and we can't wait to see how the Lord is going to use him this year!

# College & Young Adult Ministry

Connect, grow and serve with other college-age students and young adults (ages 18 through 29). No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to join us and explore what it means to be a follower of Christ.

- **COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Hub**

Come to enjoy dinner (free!), worship God, hear His Word, and break into small groups for honest conversations and prayer about life, faith and relationships.

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sundays, 11 a.m., Worship Center**

We like to worship together at the 11 a.m. service. Text Liz at 407-923-2424 or Bethany at 321-222-0823 if you can join us.

- **SCOTT'S CORN MAZE ADVENTURES**

**Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.; meet at Northland.**

- **KICKBALL AND PAPA BEE'S**

**Sunday, November 3, 3 p.m., Northland soccer field**

- **BONFIRE AT THE GRITTERS'**

**Saturday, November 16, 3 p.m., the Gritters' home**



**Don't know anyone yet?**

**Text us, and we'll connect you with someone from our NCYA family.**

Learn more at [NorthlandChurch.net/collegeyoungadult](https://NorthlandChurch.net/collegeyoungadult).

Also find us on Instagram and Facebook: #northlandcya.

Details: Liz Gritter at [liz.gritter@northlandchurch.net](mailto:liz.gritter@northlandchurch.net) or 407-923-2424, or Bethany Durys at [bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net](mailto:bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net) or 321-222-0823

# Young Families Ministry

*Connect with other parents and families who are in the same stage of life as you! Whether you have a baby, pre-schooler or elementary aged child, Young Families is the community to walk with you through these big developmental stages of life.*

## Double Church Weekly Small Group

**Sundays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.,  
The Rink (optional lunch until 1 p.m.)**

**SPEAKERS:**

- October 6 Pastor Nancy Clark
- 13 Pam Anderson
- 20 Gus and Jeneba Davies
- 27 Kevin and Linda Urichko

In November, Double Church will focus on a month-long study on generosity.

## First Fridays Parents Night Out

**First Fridays, October 4 and  
November 1, 6 to 9 p.m.  
Early Childhood Area**

## Second Saturdays Playground Meetup

**2nd Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon**

- October 12 Fort Mellon Park in Sanford
- November 9 Eastmonte Park in Altamonte Springs



Find out more about these programs at  
[NorthlandChurch.net/YoungFamilies](http://NorthlandChurch.net/YoungFamilies)

Details: Nathan Clark at  
[nathan.clark@northlandchurch.net](mailto:nathan.clark@northlandchurch.net)



## Save the Dates!

### YOUNG DISCIPLES STEP 2

**Wednesdays, October 16 through November 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing.** Is your child ready to take First Communion? Young Disciples Step 2 teaches children in grades two through five what it means to live as disciples of Christ. Children, alongside their parent or mentor, will explore the seven ways we respond to God for the benefit of others: by worshiping, reading the Bible, sharing our stories, being in community, praying, serving and living generously. This six-week study concludes with the celebration of Communion on November 20. A parent or adult must attend classes with the child. Register at [northlandchurch.net/events/young-disciples-step-2](http://northlandchurch.net/events/young-disciples-step-2). Details: Taylor York at [taylor.york@northlandchurch.net](mailto:taylor.york@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7153

### 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 enjoy working with kids? We would love to have you join our Children's Church worship team! To apply, find the links under Children's Church Worship Team at [northlandchurch.net/thearts](http://northlandchurch.net/thearts). Details: Marisol LaBoy at [marisol.labay@northlandchurch.net](mailto:marisol.labay@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1742

# Join us for these Family Events!

## FALL FAMILY FEAST POTLUCK!

Sunday, November 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

For more info and to register, visit:  
[NorthlandChurch.net/FamilyFeast](http://NorthlandChurch.net/FamilyFeast)

## GOD OF WONDERS CELEBRATION

Friday, November 15, 7 p.m., sanctuary.

God of Wonders is a celebration of what we have learned this year in Children's Church about who the God of wonders is and what He has done. All first-through fifth-graders are welcome to participate. In 2019, we studied the miracles found in Bible stories, from Genesis through Joshua, as well as the miracles of Jesus recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We have also memorized Scripture songs that connect these stories with our own relationship with God. We want to share what we've learned with you, our family and friends. Please come celebrate with us! Details: Marisol LaBoy at [marisol.labay@northlandchurch.net](mailto:marisol.labay@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-1742

For more info, visit:  
[NorthlandChurch.net/GodofWonders](http://NorthlandChurch.net/GodofWonders)



## Volunteer of the Month: Tracy Platt-Santos

Children's Ministries would like to recognize Tracy Platt-Santos as our outstanding Volunteer of the Month! She is a wonderfully dedicated teacher in the Early Childhood Ministry. Tracy is faithfully here serving and loving the 4- and 5-year-olds every Saturday evening. We are so blessed to have her on our team. Thank you, Tracy, for your devotion to and enthusiasm for all you serve!



## Why did you make that?

God made a promise to Abraham: "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" God promised Abraham would have more family members than there are stars in the sky. Everyone who belongs to Jesus is a part of God's big family (Genesis 15:5; see also v. 6; 18:1-14).



## 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 - K)** 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.

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

The Cooperative School at Northland partners with parents to educate young children in a Christ-focused, community-centered cooperative learning environment. From 18-month-olds to kindergarten age, the Co-op strives to lay a foundation for active learners to discover, learn and grow. Registration is ongoing though there may be waiting lists for varying age groups. Connect with Pam Anderson at 407-949-7179 or [pam.anderson@northlandchurch.net](mailto:pam.anderson@northlandchurch.net) for more information or to set up a tour.



## Download Our Children's Ministries App!

Check out the Bible memory verse songs we are learning in Children's Church! Also, stay up to date on the latest in Children's Ministries events and information.

SEARCH FOR "NORTHLAND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES" AT YOUR APP/PLAY STORE OR USE THE QR CODE:



# THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

***Serve with Christmas House,  
and bring smiles to children – and parents***

BY MELISSA BOGDANY

**As Buddy in the movie “Elf” says, “Smiling’s my favorite.”** With Christmas coming soon, Northland has the perfect opportunity for you to help others do just that.

Northland’s fifth Christmas House is happening December 10. This is a fun and festive Christmas shopping experience for parents experiencing financial difficulty. The event empowers them to give Christmas presents they would not otherwise be able to provide for their children, as well as connects them with our church and leaders.

There are two ways you can help: by donating gifts and giving your time.

## HOW TO GIVE

For Christmas House to happen, we need gifts. Lots of them. All sizes and costs. If you want to help, simply remove an information card (or cards) from the Christmas House display in the Longwood foyer beginning November 16 and purchase the appropriate gifts. Small gifts (costing less than \$10), medium gifts (about \$10 to \$20) and large gifts (more than \$20) are all needed. You can donate any amount. Larger gifts, such as bikes, are also welcome; each family is allowed to get one of these, if available, in place of a large gift.

Then drop off unwrapped gifts at the Christmas House display, inside the main foyer, by December 4.

“We just ask for gifts, and we never know how much will come in. God just provides,” shares Matthew Shiles, Northland’s Missions director.

We also need many volunteers to help with setup December 9 and at the Christmas House on December 10. Northland will pair volunteers with shoppers, and together they have 30 minutes to shop.

“I’m always amazed when the volunteers come back,” says Shiles. “They’re just beaming. Connections have been made.”

Other volunteers help with registration, sorting and restocking gifts, serving refreshments, wrapping gifts and cleaning up.

Families shopping are invited to help wrap their gifts and can also volunteer to wrap gifts for others. One shopper stayed and wrapped gifts for three hours, Shiles recalls.

“I was blown away,” he says. “She stayed so long that it allowed me to get to know her better.”

## IT’S ABOUT EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Christmas House is a response to the principles in the book “When Helping Hurts” by Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett: learning how to help those in need without hurting by empowering them, to walk with others in humble

## Christmas House Facts

**When:** Dec. 10, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Served each year:** About 80 families with 250 children

**How to get gift suggestions:**

Go to Christmas House display in the foyer, starting Nov. 16

**Deadline to donate gifts:** Dec. 4

**Volunteers needed:** 60

**Sign up to volunteer:**

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



relationships rather than giving handouts, to effectively help people in need, moving beyond good intentions to lasting change.

To that end, the shoppers pay a small fee—\$5 per child—and select one large gift one medium gift and two small gifts per child. Then they are invited to join volunteers to help wrap those gifts before they leave, all while enjoying refreshments.

“We’re not giving the toys; they’re earning the toys—with time invested in orientation and money,” Shiles says. The parents feel a sense of dignity and pride knowing they have been able to buy gifts for their children.

Weeks before the shopping event, the shoppers are required to go through orientation. There the shoppers sit around tables and talk about traditions—“How does your family celebrate Christmas Eve? What traditions does your family have? It breaks down that giver-receiver relationship and illustrates how we all have something of value to offer,” Shiles says. “Each year we take the opportunity to share the Gospel. I am encouraged by the boldness of their faith in the face of very tough circumstances. The importance for all of us is a refocusing, remembering what the true meaning of this busy season is all about.”

The shoppers tour the church and learn about its classes, ministries, small groups and community relationships.

“They see the whole church and understand that they belong in the whole church, not just the Care Center,” Shiles shares. “Every year the goal is to tweak it a little more and make sure it’s an empowering process.”

### **TOUCHING LIVES, CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND**

Parents have come to Christmas House who are on disability, out of work and facing expenses from illnesses, among other things. Whatever the reason, they have expressed their gratefulness. Some have commented to us that they loved the experience and feeling connected to

people as much as the opportunity to purchase gifts.

One applicant to the Christmas House this year said, “I appreciate y’all even offering such assistance. I like that rather than just a handout and sending people on, you offer classes in hopes of helping us enhance our future rather than just in the moment.

“Thank you all so much for your blessings!”

Three years ago, Shiles sat at a table at orientation with a mom with whom he shared that he had a nutcracker collection.

“The next year during the shopping season, I got a gift from the same mom,” he remembers. “It was a small nutcracker. It was so touching.”

After Christmas House is over, Northland follows up with the shoppers with personalized cards with words of encouragement and asks how the church can join them in prayer. Shoppers are encouraged to get connected in the church and continue to help themselves, such as by attending small groups and getting involved in other ministries—taking the next step in their journey.

**For more information on how to GIVE GIFTS, GIFT YOUR TIME or to RECEIVE HELP visit [northlandchurch.net/christmashouse](http://northlandchurch.net/christmashouse) for more information.**



## **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

# Northlanders Donate to Hurricane Relief Efforts

BY DUSTY COOPER  
*Founder & Executive Director of IsleGO*

**Many of you have asked how you can help** with recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. We're partnering with IsleGo Missions, a longtime ministry friend of ours, which has immediate access to the islands most impacted by the hurricane.

Thank you, Northland family, for your generosity! Your initial response was immediate and substantial, as you donated over \$70,000 (and counting) to Bahamas relief efforts through IsleGo Missions in the first two weekends. And you can still donate money at [northlandchurch.net/bahamas](http://northlandchurch.net/bahamas). Dusty Cooper, founder and executive director of IsleGo, wrote the following update less than two weeks after the disaster.

## Where Your Money Is Going

Almost immediately through your donations, supplies were being shipped and/or flown almost daily to the Bahamas. Loads are being shared with Champs Ministries and are arriving in Freeport. We have also been in the process of having a large boat take 11 generators to Freeport later this week.

A total of 28 brand-new generators, which World Help donated to IsleGo, are on their way by truck to South Florida. These will immediately be sent to both Abaco and Freeport. They are also sending shoes, socks, water purification tablets and prepackaged rice meals.

Most of the communities in the Abacos are being



evacuated by the government of the Bahamas to other islands. We have talked with Bahamians on Abaco who tell us there are a couple of places in the terminal at Marsh Harbour that are stable and have roofs. In addition, we are checking on the possibility of putting a generator or two there to have a point of help and hope.

We also have been contacted by a group of Bahamian men on Cat Island, further south in the Bahamas, about setting up a recovery and rebuilding center on Green Turtle Cay, which is damaged but still functional. We have committed to coming alongside them with a generator and other supplies and tools for rebuilding to start. Your donations also will be used to purchase and drop-ship more supplies to the people transporting these things from Florida to both Freeport and Eleuthera for Abaco. Information on trips to help with the rebuilding will be posted on Northland's website as well as at [islego.com](http://islego.com).

### How You Can Pray

There will be ongoing needs for weeks and even months to come. Will you commit to praying with us?

Pray for safety for the aircrafts and pilots and boats and captains getting supplies to our partners in the Bahamas, for the thousands of displaced refugees who have lost everything, for those who opened their doors to them, and for the continued supply of the things vital for the survival of those who suffered trauma, especially the children and elderly.

Pray for tension to be relieved between the government and the refugees in the Bahamas. Pray that the interest being shown now for hurricane relief will carry over into the recovery and rebuilding phases.

And pray for those grieving in the islands for lost family and friends, some whose whereabouts are still not known and may never be. □



For updated information, go to  
[NorthlandChurch.net/Bahamas](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Bahamas)

# Get a Taste of Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

*"Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples."*

– Psalm 96:3 (NIV)

You are invited to come visit our class Perspectives on the World Christian Movement! Experience the class as a guest for one or two sessions for free. Bring a friend, and get a taste of the learning and growing as a Christ follower. We meet Sundays through December 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Northland. Just let us know when you will visit!

You can also participate by praying for godly transformation among the students, instructors and coordinating team members involved in the course.

Perspectives is a deeper and wider discipleship and leadership process. At a glance, during the sessions, we are exploring these four perspectives:

**Biblical** – God's unchanging promises as they unfold from Genesis to Revelation.

**Historical** – spiritual lineages that have paved the way and set the stage to thread us all into God's story.

**Cultural** – the expressions and experiences of how God's people are declaring His glory among the nations.

**Strategic** – your place in God's story to discover the endless opportunities in the Great Commission.

Learn more on our website:

[perspectives.org/OrlandoFL-Northland](http://perspectives.org/OrlandoFL-Northland)

For more information and to set up a visit, contact Julia Kauffman at [juliakauffman26@gmail.com](mailto:juliakauffman26@gmail.com).



**Perspectives™**



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# FAIR TRADE MARKET

TAKING A STAND FOR JUSTICE

*Come check out and shop  
fair trade with both local  
and global vendors at our*  
**Conscious Christmas Market!**

**Saturday, November 9, 6 to 8 p.m. and  
Sunday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**at Northland Church  
530 Dog Track Road, Longwood, FL 32750**

Questions?

Email: [121hopemarket@northlandchurch.net](mailto:121hopemarket@northlandchurch.net)

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

# 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, October 13 and December 8, 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, November 16, 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

#### NEW ADVENT WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, November 13, 7 to 9 p.m., The Hub.** Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. How do we teach our kids about Advent in meaningful ways? The Advent Workshop offers ideas for bringing faith-forming practices into the home and encourages the development of a deeper understanding of Advent. Learn how your family can put Christ in the center of your Christmas celebration. Come for a cocoa bar, desserts and door prizes. You'll also receive a family devotional to take home, with activities and plenty of ideas! Details: Bethany Durys at [bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net](mailto:bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-0541

#### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

**Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., room 1118.** 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 BELONG & GROW

**Coming mid-January.** 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. Register at [NorthlandChurch.net/Belong&Grow](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Belong&Grow). Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:travers@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

#### BIBLE BOOT CAMP I

**Mondays, through November 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., fellowship hall.** The 2019 Bible Boot Camp is a 40-week overview of the entire Bible designed to help Christian men and women explore the Word of God and grow in their understanding of who God is and what He has done. Whether you're a new believer, looking for your next steps, or you've been a Christian for many years and want to revive your walk with the Lord, this study is for you. It's an overview of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, and in this study, you will see how God reveals Himself to us through the major themes, people, places and events in the Bible. Details: John Small at [smalljh33@gmail.com](mailto:smalljh33@gmail.com) or 352-875-5254

#### NEW BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

**Sunday, November 10, 2 to 4 p.m., rooms 4209-10.** Create a page designed to lead you in meditation on God's Word, worship Him for His goodness, and hide His Word in your heart through creative art and journaling. The cost: \$5. Details: Donna Kannon at [donna.kannon@northlandchurch.net](mailto:donna.kannon@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7199

#### BLENDED FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SERIES

**Sundays, 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](mailto: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](mailto:jfreinking@cfl.rr.com) or 407-616-6658

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:latinos@northlandchurch.net) or 217-891-2162

### "LOVE DEFINED"

**Sundays, through November 10, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., room 4210.** Because Jesus said the greatest commandments are to love God and love people, come be equipped to impact the Kingdom and your relationships now with greater intentionality. As you engage culture's confusing voice and God's clear voice for these nine weeks, you will be outfitted with tools to better recognize truth, communicate that truth with confidence, and love others the way God intended. This class is for everyone and will benefit every relationship in your life - with children, parents, other family members, neighbors, coworkers, friends and enemies. Get the "Love Defined" study (required) for \$20 in the Northland Bookstore. Registration is required. Details: Tim Kutcher at [timk@lovedefined.org](mailto:timk@lovedefined.org) or 321-277-8675

### MARRIAGE ONENESS

**Wednesdays, through November 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m., rooms 4206-07.** Come explore God's design for marriage: oneness of heart, mind and soul. This is the perfect date night class. The entertaining and interactive video class covers seven important issues affecting marriage: communication, conflict resolution, finances, spiritual beliefs, sexual intimacy, roles and responsibilities, and family and friends. A private relationship assessment is included to help you and your mate grow closer than ever before. The materials cost \$40 and are available at the Northland Bookstore. Register at [NorthlandChurch.net/MarriageOneness](http://NorthlandChurch.net/MarriageOneness). Details: Melelani and Bennett Frumer at [smoothieteam@yahoo.com](mailto:smoothieteam@yahoo.com) or 407-590-9885

### PEACEMAKERS

**Wednesdays, through November 20, 7 to 8:45 p.m., room 4213.** 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, you can strengthen and restore your relationships. During this 10-week study of the book "The Peacemaker," by Ken Sande, learn practical and biblical ways to manage conflict. "The Peacemaker" (\$12) and "The Peacemaking Church Small Group Study Participant Guide" (\$9.99) are available in the Northland Bookstore. Details: Pam Monroe at [pamsmonroe@yahoo.com](mailto:pamsmonroe@yahoo.com) or 321-279-7779, or Ty Patten at [Tp@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Tp@cfl.rr.com) or 407-496-7003



# TRUNK **or** TREAT

**Sat, Oct 26 | 6-8:30pm**

*Join us for candy,  
games and fun!*

Food will be available for purchase!

## ***How can you help and serve?***

We will be serving many from our local community.

Over 35+ trunks, 250+ volunteers and 35,000 pieces of candy are needed.

- 1 - Bring your Trunk**
- 2 - Donate Candy**
- 3 - Serve!**

**For more details and to sign up, visit  
[NorthlandChurch.net/trunkortreat](http://NorthlandChurch.net/trunkortreat)**

## PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

**Sundays, through December 8, 3 to 6 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](http://northlandchurch.net/perspectives). Check out the website at [perspectives.org/OrlandoFL-Northland](http://perspectives.org/OrlandoFL-Northland). Details: Julia Kauffman at [juliakauffman26@gmail.com](mailto:juliakauffman26@gmail.com)

## NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING ORIENTATION

**Thursdays, October 17 or  
November 7, 7 to 8 p.m., room 4209.**

Our Stephen Ministry leaders are ready to launch a new training class for Stephen Ministers. If you want to find out more about this one-to-one caregiving ministry, join us for one of these information nights. Details: Carroll Woehr at [carroll@yourteamd.com](mailto:carroll@yourteamd.com) or 407-920-2415

## CHILDREN

### NEW YOUNG DISCIPLES STEP 2

**Wednesdays, October 16 through  
November 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m.,**

**Children's Worship Wing.** Is your child ready to take First Communion? Young Disciples Step 2 teaches children in grades two through five what it means to live as disciples of Christ. Children, alongside their parent or mentor, will explore the seven ways we respond to God for the benefit of others: by worshiping, reading the Bible, sharing our stories, being in community, praying, serving and living generously. This six-week study concludes with the celebration of Communion on November 13. A parent or adult must attend

classes with the child. Register at [NorthlandChurch.net/Children](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Children). Details: Taylor York at [taylor.york@northlandchurch.net](mailto:taylor.york@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7153

## MEN

### AMEN (A MEETING OF MEN)

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

### AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

**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](mailto: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 for work—we will feed both needs! Men of Honor participants share experiences of the everyday guy and the needs of the common man and his family, struggling to survive in this world

while "seeing the Kingdom of God" right here on earth. Details: Vito Fera at [vitofera@networksoundinc.com](mailto:vitofera@networksoundinc.com) or 407-923-5115

## COMMUNITY OF MEN

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:15 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: Philip Minott at [pominott@gmail.com](mailto:pominott@gmail.com) or 407-927-4751

## WOMEN

### 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

copied with an intimate relationship that is affected by alcoholism or drug abuse. Details: Barbara Gray at 407-332-6743 or [barlynnne2000@aol.com](mailto:barlynnne2000@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

#### GRIEF SHARE

**Mondays, through November 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m., rooms 4206-07.**

GriefShare is a ministry to walk alongside those who are grieving due to the death of a loved one. The cost: \$22 for the GriefShare journal, available at the Northland Bookstore. Details: Daniel Wolf at [danieljwolf@cfl.rr.com](mailto:danieljwolf@cfl.rr.com) or 407-760-7590, or Barb Olsen at [barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net](mailto:barbara.olsen@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7183

#### THE LANDING

**Fridays, 7 to 8:45 p.m., 3rd floor**

**SMCC.** 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](mailto:slong27@gmail.com)

#### NEW LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR

**Sunday, October 20, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., rooms 4209-10.** Widowed? Help

is here, and hope is possible. Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? At this seminar, you'll discover that other people understand and have found ways to make it through, why it won't always hurt so much, reasons for hope, and practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse. You'll view a 35-minute video with encouraging practical advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women. Then you'll get to talk with other widowed people about what you learned from the video. (There's no pressure to share!) Everyone receives a booklet with more than 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. Details: Daniel J. Wolf at [danieljwolf@cfl.rr.com](mailto:danieljwolf@cfl.rr.com) or 407-760-7590

#### MINISTERS ON DUTY (MODs)

**Available Mondays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 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: Wayne Hughes 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](mailto: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

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# FULLY ALIVE **5K**

**Saturday, February 8**

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

For full details and to register, visit  
[NorthlandChurch.net/FullyAlive5K](http://NorthlandChurch.net/FullyAlive5K)

their common problems and help other recovering couples restore their relationships. The primary purpose is to stay committed in loving and intimate relationships, and to help other couples achieve freedom from addictive and destructive relationships. Child care is available. Details: David at dbt197@gmail.com or 407-687-5390, Dixie at RecoveryHealing@aol.com, or recovering-couples.org

### STEPHEN MINISTERS

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

### SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN PHYSICAL CRISIS OR AT A CROSSROADS

**Mondays, 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

### NEW SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SEMINAR

**Sunday, November 10, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., rooms 4213-15.** Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? The Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to discover hope for your future. During the seminar, you will watch a 40-minute video filled with practical holiday survival tips and real-life stories of people who have navigated the season after their loved ones' deaths, hear other seminar attendees explain how they are dealing with the holidays, and have the opportunity to share how grief is affecting you (with no pressure—this is optional). You'll also receive a copy of the GriefShare "Holiday Survival Guide." Details: Daniel J. 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 4218.** 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

### LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

**Wednesdays, through September 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., room 4204.** 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

### 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., rooms 5108/09.** 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

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

### FAITHABILITY - FELLOWSHIP

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

### FLAG FOOTBALL

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

### JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTHS) CONNECTION

**(AGE 55 AND ABOVE) The second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, fellowship hall.** Join the group as they fellowship and encourage one another in Christ. They will be studying and discussing various worship messages. Their goal is to build a strong spiritual community while living life in retirement. Details: Brian King at brian.king@northlandchurch.net or 407-937-0567

### KNIT AND CHAT

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., foyer.** We get together to fellowship and share our projects related to knitting, crocheting and other fiber arts. We have a devotion time and address prayer needs. We also have participated in charity opportunities: helmet liners for the military, warm items for the Ukraine and hats for newborns, and we'll consider other opportunities as they arise. Details: Cassie Small at cassandra.543@junio.com or 407-834-5203

### LIFT: LIFE (IN COMMUNITY) FORMING TOGETHER

**Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to noon, room 4209.** This is a group of adults of all ages living in Longwood, Lake Mary, Sanford, Casselberry, Winter Park and surrounding areas. They encourage one another and enjoy adding to their number and forming new friendships. They are currently studying "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren; the book is available in the Northland Bookstore for \$10.99. Details: Gordon at gordon@choiceassets.org or 407-325-5193, or Cherie at 407-409-1199

### 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 or Jen Kennedy at Jen@kenedik.com

### MONDAY NIGHTERS

**Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., The Hub.** Come gather with a group of believers to glorify God in worship, hear the weekend's message and pray with others. Gain new and stronger relationships with other believers. All are welcome! Details: Donna Gagnon at 407-937-0565 or donna.gagnon@northlandchurch.net

## **NEW MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY**

• **FUN RUN TO PORT CANAVERAL**  
**Saturday, October 5, 9:30 a.m.; call for meetup location.** This will be a fun fellowship ride to one of our favorite destinations at Port Canaveral. We will ride at highway speeds on scenic, waterside roads and have lunch dockside by the cruise ships. After lunch we will head back toward Sanford. Details: Lori Landers at 352-589-1011

• **RIDE FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

**Saturday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.; call for meetup location.** We have probably all been touched by this horrible disease. Our goal is to ride for this cause and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. We will ride up beautiful Route 19 in Lake County through part of the Ocala National Forest and have lunch in Palatka on the St. Johns River. After lunch we will ride back. Call for donation information. Details: Lori Landers at 352-589-1011

## **SEW AND SERVE**

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

## **SIGNING CHOIR**

**Sundays, 1 to 2:30 p.m., room 4204, Children's Worship Wing.** Using American Sign Language and physical movement, the choir's goal is to lead members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community in worship in an environment where they can express the lyrics and "see the beat." Adults and teens are welcome; participants must attend, but they do not need experience. Details: northlandchurch.net/signingchoir or LJ Williams at josephwilliams626@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 or 407-949-4008

## **TRANSFORMERS – MARRIED COUPLES**

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

## **HISPANIC MINISTRY - SPANISH TRANSLATION**

**Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. services.** Spanish translation is available online and listening devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

Join the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northlandhispano](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 estan disponibles en el Mostrador de Bienvenida o "Welcome Desk". Información en nuestra página de Facebook en [www.facebook.com/northlandhispano](http://www.facebook.com/northlandhispano). Details: [latinos@northlandchurch.net](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 DECK THE HALLS!**

**Tuesday, November 26, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., foyer.** The Connections Team merrily invites you to deck the halls with us! We will be trimming the tree and fastening garland in the foyer. We'll have Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and a pizza lunch for all who participate. Join us for a little bit or the whole morning - any help would be greatly appreciated! Feel free to invite your volunteer teams, friends and others. The more, the merrier! Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

### **NEW FAIR TRADE AND CONSCIOUS CHRISTMAS MARKET, PRESENTED BY 121HOPE**

**Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10, before and after worship services, foyer.** Our market is in response to God's call to be keepers of our brothers and sisters by bringing awareness of the reality of labor trafficking and the principles of fair trade. We want to present a market-style platform to give our community an opportunity to become more conscious consumers. This will be accomplished by inviting fair trade-certified vendors to sell their goods, by providing displays with information on the topics of labor trafficking and fair trade, and by engaging in one-on-one conversations with anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding. All proceeds will go to Latisha's House. Details: Allecia Dyal at [alleciadyal@juno.com](mailto:alleciadyal@juno.com) or 407-953-9411

*One-time event for parents, caregivers, and anyone who loves Advent!*

# Advent Workshop

**Wednesday, November 13  
7 to 9 p.m. in The Hub**

**Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. How do we teach our kids about Advent in meaningful ways?**

The Advent Workshop offers ideas for bringing faith-forming practices into the home and encourages the development of a deeper understanding of Advent. Learn how your family can put Christ in the center of your Christmas celebration. Come for a cocoa bar, desserts, and door prizes. You'll also receive a family devotional to take home with activities and plenty of ideas!

**Sign up at  
[NorthlandChurch.net/AdventWorkshop](http://NorthlandChurch.net/AdventWorkshop)**

Details: Bethany Durys at [bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net](mailto:bethany.durys@northlandchurch.net) or 407-937-0541



**NEW FALL FAMILY FEAST**

**Sunday, November 3, 5 to 7 p.m., Worship Center foyer and The Hub.** You are invited to come and bring friends and family members, along with a favorite dish to share. We'll enjoy a fabulous feast and fun activities, followed by a celebration of praise and worship led by the Children's Choir, Dance Troupe, Community Arts Connection Choir and Signing Choir. We encourage you to bring a canned goods donation. Register and sign up for the potluck at [NorthlandChurch.net/familyfeast](http://NorthlandChurch.net/familyfeast). Details: Debbie Blahnik at [debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net](mailto:debbie.blahnik@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-7162

**NEW FULLY ALIVE 5K**

**Saturday, February 8, 6 to 10 a.m., Northland Church.** Get your running (or walking) shoes on for our Fully Alive 5K! This is a family-friendly run/walk that starts and ends at Northland's main building. There's also a free Kids' Fun Run. Bring the whole gang out to celebrate with our community. It will be a fun time with great friends, food and fitness! The cost is \$25 if you register before May 1, or \$30 if you register the morning of the race. The kids run (age 10 and under) is free and is a few hundred yards. All kids need to be registered on race morning, and parents or guardians need to sign a waiver. Paid participants receive a Fully Alive 5K T-shirt and swag bag. The top three finishers in each age group receive finisher medals. For safety reasons, in-line skates, skateboards and bikes will not be allowed in the race. Race info and registration details are at [NorthlandChurch.net/FullyAlive5K](http://NorthlandChurch.net/FullyAlive5K). Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

**HEALING SERVICE**

**First Sunday of the month, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Children's Worship Wing, room 5100.** 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 LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**Saturday, December 7, 3 to 5 p.m.; meetup location TBD.** Come walk in the parade with Northland's float! You'll sing and bring Christmas cheer to all those watching the parade. You'll also help pass out candy canes and invite people to Christmas Eve worship services! Register at [NorthlandChurch.net/ChristmasParade](http://NorthlandChurch.net/ChristmasParade). Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

**NEW THE NUTCRACKER BALLET**

**Friday, December 6, 7 to 9:30 p.m., sanctuary.** Experience the timeless story of "The Nutcracker" in this grand production. Audiences of all ages will marvel at the magic and wonderment of this stunning holiday presentation, presented by Ballet Fedotov under the artistic direction of Vadim Fedotov and Irina Depler. The event features Olga Golitsa, honored artist of Ukraine, and Sergiy Sidorskyi, both principal dancers from the National Ballet of Ukraine. Tickets range from \$15 to \$75; the event is free for children 2 and under. Purchase tickets at [NorthlandChurch.net/Nutcracker](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Nutcracker). The Artisan's Kitchen will be open before the show for dinner and light snacks. Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

**NEW PASSION CONFERENCE 2020 December 31 to January 2,**

**Atlanta.** The Passion Conference is a gathering of 18- to 25-year-olds, and the goal is to see a generation leverage their lives for what matters most - live in such a way that their journey on earth counts for what is most important in the end, the fame of the One who rescues and restores and the privilege we have to amplify His name in everything we do. While it hosts large gatherings, Passion is more than a conference, more than an event, more than a feeling. Passion is you and me saying goodbye to lesser things and saying yes to Jesus, the One whose name is above every name. For more information on the Passion Conference, go to [passionconferences.com/passion2020/](http://passionconferences.com/passion2020/). The cost is \$340, which includes transportation, the hotel, a ticket to the conference and one meal. Register at [NorthlandChurch.net/Passion](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Passion). Details: Liz Gritter at [liz.gritter@northlandchurch.net](mailto:liz.gritter@northlandchurch.net)

**NEW "TIS THE SEASON: A HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!" BY CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY ARTS**

**Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13, 7:30 to 10 p.m., sanctuary.** This joyous holiday concert will have you dashing into the best time of the year! Enjoy your favorite holiday classics, such as "O Holy Night" and "Deck the Halls," and rock to some modern holiday hits. Join the powerful 300-voice Community Choir, the rockin' musicians of the symphony orchestra, and the high-kicking, spectacular members of the CFCArts Dance Company for what has become one of Central Florida's most celebrated holiday traditions. Gather your family and friends to sing along as CFCArts celebrates the season of joy, peace, community and hope. If you have questions about tickets, call the box office at 407-937-1800, ext. 710. Tickets are available at [NorthlandChurch.net/holidayextravaganza](http://NorthlandChurch.net/holidayextravaganza). Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net) or 407-949-4000

## Serve at Northland

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

### BUDDY BREAK NEEDS BUDDIES

Buddy Break is a three-hour monthly respite event for families with special needs. Parents drop off their children for a special program planned just for them. Parents are able to enjoy their morning knowing their children are well cared for and are having a blast! We always have activities planned to help make each month a special experience for the VIP and the Buddy. Be a Buddy to one of our VIPs, and join in the fun! Details: 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)

### 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)

### 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 CLUB

Serve in Seminole County elementary schools' after-school program during the school year. We are in need of more volunteers for the growing clubs. Training is provided. Details: Jeneba Davies at 407-435-4673 or [jenebad@cefcenfl.com](mailto:jenebad@cefcenfl.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: Melissa Rivera at [melissa.rivera@northlandchurch.net](mailto:melissa.rivera@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)

### **NEW HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: GREAT FAMILY MISSIONS PROJECT**

Mission to Japan, a Northland-supported ministry, is bringing several Japanese college students to Northland Church from February 28 through March 28 so they can experience American culture and practice their English. This program allows Mission to Japan to share the gospel with Japanese college students. Mission to Japan takes care of the students during the day with English and Bible classes at Northland as well as sightseeing trips. Host families are needed to receive students in the evenings and provide meals, a room and Christian friendship for two to three weeks. This is a great way for the whole family to learn about a foreign culture, share God's love and make a new friend for life. Details: Warren Griffith at 407-243-8867 or [info@MissionToJapan.org](mailto:info@MissionToJapan.org)

### **LIVE WORSHIP WITH INMATES**

Servant leaders are needed to attend worship in the jail and connect with the inmates. Opportunities exist at all worship service times. No experience is necessary. Details: Matthew Shiles at [matthew.shiles@northlandchurch.net](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 [pjgrannan@yahoo.com](mailto:pjgrannan@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.** They 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, September 4, 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](mailto:Orlando.CBSclass.org)

## POST ABORTIVE COUNSELING

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

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

## WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

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

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

## WORKPLACE MINISTRY

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

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Details: Lauren Travers at [lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net](mailto:lauren.travers@northlandchurch.net)

# Financially Partnering with Northland

BY KIRK LEFF  
Chief Operating Officer

**Every one of us has a God-ordained role in the body of Christ** which includes a joyful response to His call for us to worship, serve, and give to our church home. Northland family, when you demonstrate faithfulness to God in these areas, together we are able to deeply impact our community, our state, our country, and the world to His glory—in ways that far exceed what we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

One of the ways this community exhibits the heart-impact of God's lavish grace in our midst is when we rise up to meet the needs of others when disaster strikes. Our response to Hurricane Dorian's assault on the Bahamas has now become the single largest supported mission effort in Northland history. As of press deadline of ENGAGE, the Northland family has donated \$83,143 and we anticipate more to come. We are committed to partner with the people of the Bahamas. To support this ongoing effort please visit: [NorthlandChurch.net/Bahamas](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Bahamas).

Be sure to check your weekly worship guide for a snapshot of the amazing things God is doing through your generous, ongoing support of Northland Church. Every week in the worship guide, we also provide an easy-to-follow chart showing exactly where we stand in covering our annual need and how we are tracking year-to-date.

For a deeper dive into Northland's annual budget and a richer picture of how your tithes and offerings are used as tools of ministry visit [NorthlandChurch.net/Stewardship](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Stewardship). There you will also find convenient ways to give. If you have never partnered with Northland financially or haven't in a while, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Thank you for honoring God as part of your worship with the way you give and the way you care—positioning the Northland community to be the hands and feet of Jesus at a moment's notice—as together we are *Engaging people to be Fully Alive in Jesus!*

## Ways to Give

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## 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 and 11 a.m.

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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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Northland Bookstore ... 407-949-7199

Send newspaper correspondence to:  
newspaper@northlandchurch.net.

## Governing Elders

### Dr. Sam Certo, Chairman

407-949-7168  
sam.certo@northlandchurch.net

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407-937-1763  
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### Dr. Kirk Solberg, Secretary

407-937-1797  
kirk.solberg@northlandchurch.net

### 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?

Alex Anderson ..... 407-949-7295 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 serve at Northland?

The Connect Team .....407-949-4000 or  
volunteer@northlandchurch.net  
or visit [northlandchurch.net/serve](http://northlandchurch.net/serve)

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

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

### 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 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 want to start/join a group?

Rebecca Lang.....407-937-1816 or  
groups@northlandchurch.net or  
visit [northlandchurch.net/groups](http://northlandchurch.net/groups)

### I'm interested in connecting with other young families?

Pastor Nathan Clark ..... 407-252-5847 or  
nathan.clark@northlandchurch.net



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# STUDENTS

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**Sundays, 6 to 8 p.m.,  
The Rink**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LUG**

**Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.,  
The Rink**

More info on pages 16-17 or at [NorthlandChurch.net/Students](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Students)

