



New Consecration Sunday

Do we worship idols? The answer may surprise you. Beginning on Sunday, October 6, our church will hear about God's generosity and our response as Pastor Vickie begins a new sermon series, "**Putting GOD First in Living and Giving**". The sermon series will conclude on New Consecration Sunday, October 27.

We are made in God's image and are meant to be creators of life and hope, not the consumers of our culture's shiny gods. We have the ability to change the world and create a legacy that will live forever in the lives of generations to follow. That legacy starts when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfills the call to generosity that God has placed in all of us.

The goal of this stewardship program is not to make you feel guilty, nor is it to say that you have to be exactly like this or that person. The goal is for all of us to ask questions of ourselves and be open to the possibility that God will lead us in new directions in our lives.

During the four-week program, we'll be challenged in a number of different ways. We'll be asked to look for the idols in our own lives (Hint: Most of them aren't animals made of gold) and name the ways these idols enslave us, holding us back from living in the true freedom that God desires for us.

We'll be challenged to consider the place that money, work, and

debt have in our own lives. What are our common understandings of these, and might the witness of Scripture lead us to some different understandings?

We'll be challenged to ask ourselves what it means for us to be faithful, to save, and to give. How do we balance all the competing interests in our lives? What priorities does God want us to have?

Finally, we'll be challenged to give with our hearts, not out of obligation or a sense of duty and not just when we think the recipient deserves our gift. Instead, we'll be challenged to give the way God gives—freely, fully, with no favorites or expectations of repayment.

It is our prayer that, at the end of these four weeks, we will have begun to grow into the individuals and the church that God knows we can be. Please join us **Putting GOD First in Living and Giving**.

Pastor Vickie



Sunday
Worship 9am
Kidz Praise 9am
After Children's Message

Sunday School
10:15
Every other Sunday
Club 456 plus! 3pm

Wednesday
Friends of Christ 5:30
Senior High Youth Group
7-8:30

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Applying Bible Principles

Anyone who has ever been personally involved in the construction of a building knows that the foundation is of utmost importance. The finest architectural design and the best construction materials are of little value if the foundation is not built correctly.

The same is true of life itself and of our giving. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God. . . Command them . . . to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Do not misunderstand: Jesus is the foundation. He is the Cornerstone. When it comes to the matter of our salvation, Christ and Christ alone is the “sure foundation.” Nothing we can do—not even giving of our resources—can add one bit to that

foundation.

But we can follow the counsel of the Apostle Paul concerning our giving. Through our giving, we can send our treasure on ahead. We can follow the admonition of the Lord Jesus and through our giving, we can “lay up treasure in heaven.” John Bunyan summarized both teachings in this statement: “Whatever good thing you do for Him, if done according to the Word, is laid up for you as treasure in chests and coffers, to be brought out to be rewarded before men and angels, to your eternal comfort.”

...or a man offered ownership of the Coca-Cola company in exchange for a sack of bottle caps.

Our giving, then, becomes a foundation, not concerning salvation, but rather, concerning our investments. Suppose for a moment that you had invested 100% of your life’s savings in the stock of a company. Would you not be watching with great eagerness how that company was performing? Would you not be checking up on how well it was doing, on management’s goals for the future, and on how it was faring against the competition? In a similar way, our investments in the work of

the Lord not only indicate where we are placing our emphasis, but also, they will determine where our interest lies. We will be checking up on them, evaluating their performance, and giving thought to the day when they will yield eternal dividends in our behalf.

One writer expressed it this way: “We can trade temporal possessions that we cannot keep anyway to gain eternal possessions that we cannot lose. This is like a child given a chance to trade bubble gum for a new bicycle, or a man offered ownership of the Coca-Cola company in exchange for a sack of bottle caps. Only a fool would pass up this opportunity. What we keep we will lose. What we give and share and do in Christ’s name will ultimately come back to us in heaven in a far better and permanent form.”

Remember, Jesus Christ is the “sure foundation.” Jesus is the Cornerstone. As we work and as we give, we are building on Him and on what He accomplished on Calvary. What kind of builder are you?

PROJECT WARM OPENS IN NOVEMBER

The Cold weather is coming which means it is time to start collecting items for Project Warm. This year Project Warm will be housed at Hope Ministries on Michigan St. (The old Hope Rescue Mission). As with the past years, we will be collecting men’s white socks, Gently used men’s winter coats, warm hats, gloves toothpaste, deodorant and hand sanitizer. Look for more information to come on how you can help this year with Project Warm.



Prayer Network: Power of a Praying Church

Throughout the month of October the following families or persons will be lifted up in prayer by our Prayer Ministry Team. Please add these families to your own prayer list.

- Jim & Carol Christiansen
- Evelyn Kovachevich
- John Mangus
- Lil Whetham

If you have a prayer concern you can call or e-mail your concern to Rosie Yaw.

Rosemerry Yaw
269-683-6388
e-mail: rosiebr2@juno.com

The prayer chain is a very important part of who we are here at Northwest UMC. We invite anyone that would like to be a part of this important ministry to contact Rosemerry Yaw .



Attendance August

September 1	100
September 8	103
September 15	114
September 22	116
September 30	

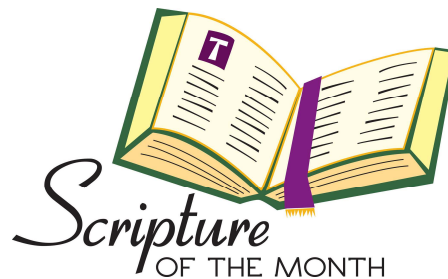
October Scripture

October 6, 2013
Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10 World
Communion Sunday

October 20, 2013
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104 or
Psalm 19
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 13, 2013
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 27, 2013
Joel 2:23-32
Psalms 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



September Volunteers

Sunday Morning Praying

October 6 Marilyn Sellers
October 13 Patty Suddarth
October 20 Shellie & Kathy Rose
October 27 Missy Hatfield

Chapel time Fridays at 9:30

October 4 Stacey Proctor
October 11 Martha Brown
October 18 Pat Klopfenstein
October 25 Marilyn Sellers



Call Rosie Yaw
269-683-6388
If you would like to help with either of these vital ministries.



Did Someone Say **CHEESE!**



Smile and
Say **Cheese**

Don't forget to sign up to get your picture taken for the new Church Directory.

Life Touch will be here on October 22nd and 23rd.

SIGN UP TWO CONVENIENT WAYS

1. Schedule an appointment online by going to the church website and click on the link & get a \$10 coupon on your reminder email
2. Sign up on Sundays at church

Each family photographed will select a pose for the directory, and receive **FREE:** An 8 x 10 Portrait or 9 Wallets and A Church Directory

Please sign up ASAP to lock in your preferred date. Plan to be here for about 1 hour.



It's time to start thinking **Cheese** Balls. If you are new to Northwest, every year after selling them to our friends and family, we gather at the Church to make Cheese Balls. It is quit the process and we need everyone to participate. We make 2 different kinds, Holiday and Old English.

Making **Cheese** Balls is a three day process. So get those calendars out and save these dates

Thursday November 21st, Evening

Friday November 22nd, Evening

Saturday November 23rd, Early am till about 2pm

October 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:30 pm Piano 6 pm NCLC Board B. Jacob Parks B. Cambria Pressler	2 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group B. Tim Walker	3 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Bible Study B. Barb Howe	4 7 pm Healing Service B. Sharon Coffman	5 A. Barney & Amy Packard
6 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	7 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts B. Eli Covey	8 3:30 pm Piano 6 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council A. Pete & Aletha Ashley	9 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group	10 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Bible Study B. Eric Hechtl	11 B. Bryan McDaniel	12
13 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456+	14 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts B. Greg Benninghoff	15 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm UMW 7 pm Cub Scout Cmte B. Caitlin McClain	16 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group	17 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Bible Study	18	19
20 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	21 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts B. Colleen Schrader	22 2 pm Pictures for Directory 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Trustees B. Rich Coddens	23 2 pm Pictures for Directory 3:30 pm Piano A. Aaron & Julie Knight	24 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Bible Study	25 6 pm Trunk or Treat A. Bob & Amy Grey	26
27 New Consecration 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456+	28 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	29 3:30 pm Piano	30 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group B. Art Ruehle	31 Halloween 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Bible Study B. Bob Gring B. Barney Packard		

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www.northwestchurch.com

Sunday Worship 9:00

Kidz Praise 9:00 (after the
children's message)

Sunday School 10:15

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FALL FUN October 25th, 6pm to 7:30



**Trunk
or
Treat!**

We need you!!

Its that time of year that we come together as a Church Family and open our Hearts and our Trunks to the Children of the Church and the Neighborhood.

Put on your costume Decorate your Trunk and bring lots of Candy or treats. We never know how many Children will join us for a Fun Fall Evening.

We ask that you sign up on the Narthex Bulletin Board if you are participating in Treating from your Trunk.

If that is not for you, sign up to help with the Games, Hayride, or serving Refreshments

We will also need extra Candy to help supply for the overflow of Children.



**JOIN US FOR A
HAYRIDE**