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Developing completely committed followers of Christ who: KNOW – GROW – GO

North Main exists to:

*Develop completely
committed followers
of Christ who*

KNOW Christ intimately
GROW in Christ continually
GO for Christ daily

*Our mission is centered in the
process of discipleship where
Jesus commands his followers
to:*

“Go and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded
you. And surely I am with
you always, to the very
end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT



North Main

Kingdom of Peace

By Brandon Lenhart

Some 700 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah spoke of the coming Messiah who would be born of a virgin; One who would be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9). This prophet of God, Isaiah, would speak of the government rests upon His shoulders, and would describe how His government and its peace would never end. It’s this “government “ and its “peace” that we would come to know through Jesus Christ as the “Kingdom of God.” But what specifically is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is the place where God dwells in all His fullness, and where His will is perfectly done, and where no sin or death, pain or sorrow, sickness or disease exists. This Kingdom is the perfect image of Peace because its King and His government are defined by peace. And the citizens of that Kingdom (followers of Christ), are also to be citizens of peace and peacemakers in this world just like Christ was when He was present in the flesh.

As we read the Gospels in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), we get a clearer picture of what God’s Kingdom looks like and how a citizen of that Kingdom should live in this broken and fallen world that is full of strife, chaos, and war. As followers of Christ, Jesus called us to be “salt” and “light.” We are called to love God and love others. We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute, ridicule, or mock us. As Kingdom

citizens, and citizens of God’s Kingdom of Peace, we are the ambassadors of peace and love and truth in this world, always pointing toward the Prince of Peace, Jesus.

Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Peace in this world isn’t easy. When we consider the end result of Jesus’ own life on this earth, we can expect pain and suffering this side of heaven. And yet, we should never be discouraged when we encounter trials, troubles, and difficulties in this life; it’s to be expected. We can take courage from Christ (the “Prince of Peace”) and what He suffered in order to bring us entry into His Kingdom.

The prophet Isaiah who told us of the birth of the coming Messiah also told us of the fate of that Messiah’s life on this

earth. Isaiah writes that this Messiah would be “despised and rejected,” that He would be “a man of sorrows,” “acquainted with the deepest grief.” Isaiah says that this “Prince of Peace” would carry our weaknesses and that it would be our “sorrows that weighed him down.” Isaiah 700 years before Jesus’ execution through crucifixion would be “pierced for our rebellion, and crushed for our sins.” Isaiah would tell us that He would be “beaten so that we could be made whole,” and “whipped so we could be healed” (Isaiah 53).

As we come to another Easter season, let’s consider what Isaiah knew way in advance: Jesus, the Prince of Peace would usher in His Kingdom of Peace so that we could live eternally in His peace when we surrender our lives to Him.

**“His government
and peace will
never end.”**

Isaiah 9:7a (NLT)



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VOLUNTEERS

Come and SERVE with us!

We are all equipped with talents and skills that we can use to build the church, serve our community, and the world. God made you with a purpose, and serving is a great way to discover it. Volunteer today and you'll find the joy of serving the body of Christ. God has equipped you to serve Him and we want to help you discover where your passion and gifting meet.

1. A servant of Christ shouldn't expect anything in return for his/her services. *Mark 10:35-40 (NIV)*
2. A servant of Christ should expect to drink the same cup, and be baptized with the same baptism, as Jesus *Mark 10:38-40 (NIV)*
3. A servant of Christ is only great when they serve. *Mark 10:42-45 (NIV)*

Intentionality is key! What are our motives for serving God and others? If one serves with the attitude of winning favor with God, there is a problem, yet again, with motive. Service should be rendered as a direct result of a changed heart and mind whose focus is on the sheer act of doing good rather than moving up the ladder of "greatness."

So, how are you serving, or are you serving at all? A true disciple of Christ has made a commitment to serve – it's a way of life for them. They *don't* expect anything in return for their services, they *do* expect to encounter what Jesus did in his ministry experiences, and they understand that the greatest people in the Kingdom of God are those who serve.

Pastor Brandon Lenhart - "Jesus Defines Servanthood"



CONTACT

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COMMITMENT

As needed



Care Team

EXPECTATIONS

Volunteers are needed to help write cards & make calls to those in our church family as well as sometimes others outside of our church. Feel free to add others as you become aware of needs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Card writing for birthdays, illness, or encouragement (postage & cards provided)
- Calls to those who need encouragement or are sick

CONTACT

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TIME COMMITMENT



COMMITMENT

As needed

Administrative

EXPECTATIONS

Periodically there will be an administrative/organizational project that needs a few extra hands. If you have a gift of organizing and basic computer skills we'd love to be able to call you as needed!

SKILLS NEEDED

- Use the internet efficiently
- Save and upload images
- Organize/manage information
- Catalog items digitally
- Repetitive tasks (stamping, folding, etc.)

CONTACT

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TIME COMMITMENT



COMMITMENT

1 Sunday a month
Arrive by 9:15am
Stay ~ 30m after

Welcome Ministry

EXPECTATIONS

We are looking for relatable and personable people that can help welcome, connect and direct those asking questions on Sunday Mornings.

ROLES

- Welcome Center
- Check-in
- Greeter
- Gathering Place (~3h)



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TIME COMMITMENT



COMMITMENT

1 or 2 Sundays/mo

Children's Ministry

EXPECTATIONS

Leaders and develop children from birth - 6th grade each Sunday. Invest and grow their spiritual needs in a variety of ways. Activities & supplies provided.

ROLES

- Nursery - leader
- Preschool - leader
- Elementary - Large Group and Small Group leaders
- Childcare volunteers for during the week
- Lesson and Supply prep (all grades)

CONTACT

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TIME COMMITMENT



COMMITMENT

As Needed

Maintenance

EXPECTATIONS

There are several ongoing and upcoming maintenance projects we would love for you to volunteer your time for. If you have a skill set in any of these areas and would like to volunteer your time, we would be grateful. The projects are listed below.

ROLES

- Minor Drywall Repair & Painting
- Replacing lighting fixtures
- Trimming bushes
- Mulch touch-up
- Parking lot lines paint touch-up
- Painting stair railings and shed
- Shingle replacement on shed

CONTACT

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TIME COMMITMENT



COMMITMENT

As needed

Technology Team

EXPECTATIONS

Work on technology projects in the church. Projects range from installation of lighting, projectors, or cables, to implementing new technology projects at the church. Some of our work is maintenance work such as PC updates and minor electronic repairs.

The church operates a large network of computers, phones, multi-media devices, web services, etc. You can easily serve in an area you are familiar with or are very interested in.

POSITIONS

- Network
- PC
- Lighting
- Video
- Software
- Server
- Communications Systems
- Office systems
- Church Management
- Financial Management

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For the month of April at North Main Street Church of God, we will be exploring the theme of “peace” in a couple of different ways:

First, our title of this month’s series is entitled, “Kingdom of Peace,” and we will be focusing the first week of the month (“Holy Week”) on the death and resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of Isaiah’s prophecies in Isaiah chapter 9 and chapter 53. We will explore how Jesus was not only the “Prince of Peace,” but also the “Suffering Servant” who came to take our punishment and bring us healing, hope, and eternal peace through His death and resurrection.



Second, throughout the rest of the month we will continue exploring the Old Testament passages from 2 Kings. The following information should help you in preparing for worship services this month:

• **April 4th (Easter):**

“Prince of Peace”

Isaiah 9:1-7; 53:1-12

Key Point—“Jesus brought us peace through His suffering.

• **April 18th:**

“The Law of Peace”

2 Kings 22:1-20

Key Point—“The Law of God puts peace in perspective.”

• **April 11th:**

“Healing Peace”

2 Kings 5:1-19

Key Point—“Peace cannot be bought, but is given freely to those who trust in God.”

• **April 25th:**

“Prince of Peace (Reprise)”

Isaiah 42:1-9

Key Point—“God’s demonstration of justice comes through His peaceful Servant, Jesus.”