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North Main exists to:

Develop completely committed followers of Christ who

KNOW Christ intimately

GROW in Christ continually

GO for Christ daily

Our philosophy of ministry (*why* we do what we do) is centered on the process of discipleship in the New Testament where Jesus commands us 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



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Preserving Patience

Preservation by Brandon Lenhart

preserve [pri-zurv] verb:

1. To keep alive or in existence; make lasting.
2. To keep safe from harm or injury; protect or spare, (*Dictionary.com Unabridged*. Based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary. Random House, Inc. 2022).

down. Each generation was to raise up their children with the firm foundation of truth (c.f., Deut. 6) as given by GOD to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, on through to Samuel, Moses, David, and the succession of kings.

Had GOD's people (His representatives), been faithful to the calling He had given them, the world would be a different place. And yet, it is different only because of Jesus, GOD's only Son. GOD's patient endurance of our failures drove Him to fulfill the calling He desired for us to fulfill, but couldn't.

The definition above points to the focus of the month of March at North Main in our preaching schedule. When combined with the word "patience," a powerful thing takes place. "Preserving Patience," (for our context this month) is the means by which patience preserves what is most important.

Because of GOD's patience throughout the course of human history, Jesus would become the fulfillment of the love and promises of GOD to the world. Through Jesus, the nations of the world would be blessed. Through Jesus, the bondage of sin and death that had held sway over the world since the "Fall" (Gen. 3) would be broken for all who would believe in Him (Jn 3:16). Through the line of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David, GOD would once and for all change the course of human history from a course of destruction to a course of salvation. Because of GOD's patience with us, He preserved hope for us.

Let me explain further. We know that the lack of patience has a way of damaging relationships, opportunities, and situations. When someone lacks patience, and emotions run high, like a title wave, or a blazing fire, destruction takes place. However, patience is the buffer, the barricade, the levee that keeps things safe and intact.

This month, as we focus on specific stories of GOD's preserving patience, would you consider how you could become a Kingdom representative of GOD's grace and mercy to the world around you? Would you study the passage in Deuteronomy 6 through the lens of Christ and pass on this hope to your generation, and to the next?

Now let's consider this with regard to the Biblical narrative. What is it that is most important? What do we witness needing to be preserved in the Biblical narrative time and time again? Well, what we read is story upon story of GOD's continued pursuit of humankind through the preservation of a people and a message of redemption and hope to the rest of the world. From Abraham's calling to the nation of Israel's forming and assuming the responsibility of the Promised Land, GOD's desire was to bless the world through His holy representatives. They were to be a nation of priests ministering the love and grace of GOD to the rest of the world.

Our nation, and our world, need men and women of faith to patiently, and lovingly, hold the line of the truth of the Gospel. It will be tough, and it might get rough, but He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

From generation to generation, in the Old Testament, the message of GOD's love and promises was to be handed

Upcoming

IF:Gathering for Women – March 4 & 5

This event will be held at Community Alliance Church in Butler. It is open to all women 9th grade and up. The simulcast of the event will be on the screens in the sanctuary. Coffee provided all of the time, snacks on Saturday morning, and a soup and salad bar Saturday afternoon. Childcare is not provided. Women and teens 9th grade and up are welcome to attend. You do not have to attend all the sessions. Come when you are able.

Cost is \$20 per person, please register at: <https://butlercac.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Marriage Retreat – March 4 & 5

We believe as a Young Adult Ministry that we want our Young Adults to have healthy and strong marriages. Strong marriages take time and intentionality. We want to create the space for you to get away with your spouse, learn together, and grow together in your marriage.

Please register at: <https://northmaincog.org/events/young-adult-marriage-retreat/>

Softball League – Are you interested? – March 6

Join us for a brief overview & informational meeting **immediately following the Sunday service on March 6th**. We'll meet in the front left section of the sanctuary. This will be a very brief 10 minute meeting. Those who sign up to play will have a follow up meeting at a later time for more specific details such as league rules, etc.

Movie Night – Grades 6–12 – March 25

Pretty self-explanatory, isn't it? We're going to watch a movie, eat popcorn, and hang out! At North Main 6-9 pm. Contact Youth Pastor BJ Hyatt: 724-504-0625 or BJH@northmaincog.org.

GO Opportunities

Fishbone Ministries – 437 Shore Street

There are a few teaching positions that need filled for the Thursday Night Kids Program, curriculum is available. Clearances are required. If you don't have them they can help you get them! They're looking for people who are passionate about teaching, serving, cleaning, playing, and building relationships with the kids in our community. If you feel called to help in this area please contact Robin Pikur at robinpikur@icloud.com or fishboneministries@gmail.com or their website: <https://www.fishboneministries.org/get-involved.html>

The Lighthouse Foundation

The Lighthouse Foundation relies on many volunteers to accomplish their mission of encouraging others to find hope in Christ by meeting their immediate needs and empowering them towards self-sufficiency. The Lighthouse Foundation delivers high quality programs and ministries that provide immediate relief and equip people for a brighter future. Please visit their website:

www.thelighthousepa.org/volunteer



GUESS WHO'S TURNING 30?

Children of Promise!!! On Sunday, March 20th the Global Connections Team will be sharing more about the Church of God's wonderful child sponsorship program and how you can "make wholeness possible" in a hopeful child's life!
www.childrenofpromise.global



GROW Opportunities

The Truth Project – Life Center Classroom 4

Join us Sundays at 9am with Pastor Brandon Lenhart and Sarah DiFrischia as they lead The Truth Project. It is a 13-week small group curriculum on the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through 13 engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life.

Discover Faith – Life Center Classroom 1

Join us Sundays Starting February 27th at 9am with Dave Pittman as he leads Discover Faith. It is a 8-week study where we will discover what the Christian Faith is and why it's important for salvation. We will be looking at the eight specific teachings/doctrines of the Christian Church that make Christianity distinctive from other religions. These teachings/doctrines are: The Bible, God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Humanity, Salvation, The Church, and End Times.

Discover North Main – Life Center Classroom 1

Join us Sundays Starting April 24th at 9am with Dave Pittman as he leads Discover North Main. It will be a 6 week study We will be looking at what it means to be Jesus's disciples, and what it means to make Jesus's disciples through the lens of what is called the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. At North Main, we call this "Developing completely committed followers of Christ who KNOW Christ intimately, GROW in Christ continually, and GO for Christ daily." This is just another way of reaffirming our commitment to Jesus's mission for his church.





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Connection Luncheon March 6th

Menu:

- Garden Salad
- Shepherd's Pie
- Roll
- Berry Crisp

Cost:

\$6/adult, \$4/child,
max of \$20 per family.
Newcomers eat for free!



This month at North Main, we will be exploring a theme entitled "Preserving Patience." This is patience that preserves the purposes and plans of GOD. From Balaam and his talking donkey (Numbers 22), to the Cycles of "Sin, Slavery, Sorrow, and Salvation" in Judges (Judges 2), we will learn about the various ways GOD preserved His people and His plans for redemption of humanity. The messages in this series are as follows:

- March 6** **Sermon Title:** Balaam's Talking Donkey
Sermon Scripture: Numbers 22:21-41
Key Point: "GOD's protection preserves His perfect plans as He patiently contends with adversaries."
- March 13** **Sermon Title:** Wholehearted Commitment
Sermon Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-25
Key Point: "Wholehearted commitment to GOD's commands is a means to blessing and preservation of life."
- March 20** **Sermon Title:** Life or Death
Sermon Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:11-20
Key Point: "GOD has given us a choice between life or death. Oh, that we would choose life!"
- March 27** **Sermon Title:** Cycles of Rescue
(Daylight **Sermon Scripture:** Judges 2:1-23
Saving **Key Point:** "GOD takes pity on His people by perpetually
Begins) rescuing them as they stubbornly rebel against His perfect plan."

