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VISION and PURPOSE

by: Pastor Brandon Lenhart

Throughout the four weeks of August, we will be looking at what it means to be Jesus' disciples, and what it means to make Jesus' disciples through 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 North Main's way of reaffirming our commitment to Jesus' mission for His church. Thank you for joining this journey, and being willing to be disciples who make disciples, and thank you for being "all in" in your commitment to be a part of a community of believers whose desire is to always make Jesus the subject of what we do.

If you would like more information about how you can be a part of this mission please contact us.

As a Christian church, North Main exists to be disciples of Christ, and to make disciples of Christ. This simple phrase – to be and to make – defines why we exist and what our purpose is.

In Matthew 28:16-20, the resurrected Jesus led his disciples to a mountain in Galilee before he ascended to heaven. As they met him there, Jesus' final words were a mission statement. In fact, these words are the mission statement for God's church today. Written five times in the New Testament (in each of the Gospels and the book of Acts), Jesus commissions his disciples to make disciples. Consider Matthews version of this commission:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT),

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. (Proverbs 29:18, KJV)



DISCOVER NORTH MAIN

STARTING SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH
In the Parlor at 9am

This 4-week class will be led by Dave Pittman, and over the course of these sessions we will be looking at what it means to be Jesus' disciples, and what it means to make Jesus' disciples through the lens of what is called the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20.



NORTH MAIN DISCOVERY CLASSES

We have a series of four Discovery Classes that we would love everyone who considers North Main their church home to attend.

01. Discover North Main: who we are and why we exist.
02. Discover Faith: what the Christian Faith is and why it's important for salvation.
03. Discover You: how the gifts you are blessed with fit into the body of Christ.
04. Discover Your Fit: learn how to serve God and others in such a way that truly helps and makes a difference in the world around you.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
FEEL FREE TO SEND US A MESSAGE!



8/7 KNOW CHRIST INTIMATELY

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Key Point: Knowing Christ intimately is the first step in discipleship.

8/14 GROW IN CHRIST CONTINUALLY

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Key Point: Growing in Christ continually is the way a disciple matures in his/her faith.

8/21 GO FOR CHRIST DAILY

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Key Point: Going for Christ daily, and making disciples, is a disciple's mission.

8/28 THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Key Point: Making disciples is the litmus test for a healthy church.

NEW WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY ON THURSDAYS @ 7:00 PM

We live in a culture that's all about self, becoming the best "me" I can be instead of becoming like Jesus. This me-centered message affects every area of our lives—our friendships, families, self-image, even our faith — and it negatively impacts each one. The self-focused life robs our joy, shrinks our souls, and is the reason we never quite break free of insecurity.

In this 5-part series, Sharon Hodde Miller invites us into a bigger, Jesus-centered vision—one that restores our freedom and inspires us to live for more. Based on her book *Free of Me*, this study unveils our deepest insecurities and equips us to focus on God and others instead of ourselves. Discover a purpose bigger than "project me" and experience freedom from the burden of self-focus.

WOMEN'S HIKE AT MORAINE

All women ages 18 & up are invited to join us for a hike at Moraine on Saturday, August 27th. We will be hiking a 3.5 mile loop on the Sunken Garden Trail. This trail is rated as easy hiking. Hike will begin at 9:00. Meet at the Pleasant Valley Picnic Area on Moraine South Shore. (First parking lot/picnic area on the right.) Plan for approximately 2 hours of hiking. If you want to carpool, we will leave from the church parking lot promptly at 8:30. If you plan to carpool, please e-mail MelissaH@northmaincog.org.

FISHBONE MINISTRIES

SERVE DAY

Sunday, August 14th

Come & be a part of a fun day of serving at Fishbone! This is a great opportunity for families, friends, or small groups to serve together! We'll meet at the church to prepare the food & then head to Fishbone to serve the meal on Sunday, August 14th.

To volunteer, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email info@northmaincog.org

WHITEHALL CAMP

FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

September 3rd-4th

Every year over labor day weekend, Whitehall Camp offers a variety of fun family-friendly activities including a potluck picnic, bounce houses, game nights, zip line, concession stand food, bike rides, hay rides, & more! More info at: <https://www.whitehallcamp.org/labor-day-family-camp>.



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10th Anniversary

Happy 10th Anniversary to Pastor Brandon Lenhart & his family! We will be celebrating them during the service on Sunday, August 14th. We invite you to write a note of thanks or encouragement & drop it in the special card box by Wednesday, August 10th, or mail it to the church office.



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Mon-Thu 9am-4pm



YOU'RE INVITED
— TO —
Guatemala

January 7 - 14, 2023



Please contact the church office if you're interested in going on this Missions Trip along with others from North Main.