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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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DIVINE PATIENCE... part 2

SLOW TO ANGER by Brandon Lenhart

Exodus 34:5-6 (NLT), “⁵ Then the LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. ⁶ The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.”

The previous passage of Scripture is the first time in Scripture where we read that GOD is “slow to anger.” Moses had just asked GOD if he could see Him face to face, but GOD denied the request to protect Moses because no one can see GOD face to face and live. However, GOD gives Moses the privilege of seeing the result of His passing by. This experience leaves Moses transformed spiritually and physically.

What does GOD mean when He calls out that He is “slow to anger?” Well, as we learned this past month, being slow to anger can also mean “longsuffering” or “patient.” However, the literal reading of the phrase in Hebrew actually means “long-nosed.” Why is this?

In ancient times, when a person would describe what anger was they would explain it in terms of facial changes. When a person gets angry, their face oftentimes turns red, especially around the nose. Thus, an angry person would be considered “short-nosed” or “hot-nosed” in the ancient middle-eastern context. If a person was “long-nosed,” that meant that it took a long time for them to become angry, thus, they were “slow to anger.” Of course, this conjures some interesting imagery in the mind, but it does give tangible expression to the issue of anger.

The next logical question is,

“Does GOD really get angry?” And the correct answer would be, “Yes, but not like humans do.”

So what does GOD’s anger look like according to the Bible? Well, GOD’s anger is usually expressed in His withdrawal and/or “handing over.” For instance, when the Israelite people decide to worship the so-called gods of other nations, and offer sacrifices to them (in some cases human sacrifices), after centuries of warning and pleading with them to turn back, GOD turns them over to these nations by withdrawing His protection over them. Examples of this can be found in 1 and 2 Kings when GOD allows the nations of Assyria and Babylon to conquer, subject, and exile the nation of Israel.

GOD’s anger isn’t shown in lightning bolts to zap people into subjection to His will, but rather in allowing people to succumb to the consequences of their sin in perpetual rejection of Him and His will. However, this isn’t GOD’s first response. GOD’s first, and consistent, response is warning and patience. Sometimes His patience lasts generations before He allows judgement to fall. This is why He can proclaim to Moses that He is “The GOD of compassion and mercy... slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.”

Do you know this aspect of GOD? Have you come to know His compassion and unfailing love and faithfulness? As you read through the Bible this year, take note of GOD’s love and patience for you. Lean in to the expression of His compassion and faithfulness.

YOUNG ADULT Marriage Retreat

MARCH 4 & 5, 2022

Guest Speakers:

Pastor John & Sandy Kuert



ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CONF. CTR.
140 CHURCH CAMP TRAIL
BOLIVAR, PA

PRICE PER COUPLE: 175:00

ENGAGED COUPLES
(JUST SATURDAY): \$80

TO REGISTER:

[NORTHMAINCOG.ORG/YA](https://northmaincog.org/ya)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



YouVersion

<https://my.bible.com/app>

If you haven't checked it out yet.. this is a fantastic resource! You can access it from your phone, computer, or tablet.

Each Sunday you can follow along with our Digital Bulletin by navigating to "More" then "Events" and clicking on "North Main Street Church of God".

You're Invited Game Night!

Friday, February 25th

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Bring a snack to share if you want

Join us in the Life Center at North Main Street Church of God
All welcome (no childcare)

Open to all ages!
(no childcare)

Join us in the Life Center for
fun & games!

We will have a variety of
board games available, but
feel free to bring your
favorite board game or
group game.

Feel free to bring a snack to
share if you want.



Our Church has been invited to participate in Butler Interfaith Fellowship Softball League. They play May through August at two locations in Prospect and Harmony.

If you would like to coach or are interested in playing, please contact the church office so we can put you on the contact list if we are able to form a team.



7-12 Grade
February 4-6, 2022

3-6 Grade
February 11-13, 2022

Cost:

Early Bird Rate \$95

Regular Rate \$110

North Main
pays \$35
towards each
camper's cost

Check-in:

Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Check-out:

Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Check in/out Location: Pioneer Hall

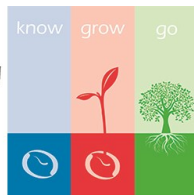
Please Bring:

- WARM clothes for outdoor activities!
- Sled, tube, snowboard or you can use one of ours.
- Bedding for a twin bed (sleeping bag, blankets, pillow)
- Personal care items (soap, towels, toothbrush, etc.)
- Clothing (please bring modest, comfortable clothes)
- Your BIBLE, a notebook, and a pen!

Information & Registration
whitehallcamp.org/winter-blast



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Meals on Wheels

We are collecting desserts for Meals on Wheels. Please bring your desserts to the Kitchen on Sunday, February 27th.

Have the items labeled & packed ready for the freezer in non returnable containers.

Suggestions:

Cookies or Brownies – no nuts
Gingerbread
Cupcakes – no icing on top
Bundt cakes – no icing
Pies – any kind except cream pies
Angel Food cakes – for diabetics
Sugar Free desserts – for diabetics

No Connection Luncheon in February,
our next one will be on **March 6th**.

For the month of February, we will be continuing the theme “Divine Patience.” Over the course of these four Sundays we will explore the stories of GOD’s patience with Abraham, Isaac, and Moses. Below are the topics for each week:

- **February 6th:** Sermon Title—“Abraham’s Intercession”
Sermon Scripture—Genesis 18:16-33
Key Point—“GOD’s willingness to put up with our persistence shows the depths of His patience.”
- **February 13th:** Sermon Title—“Abraham’s Deceit”
Sermon Scripture—Genesis 20:1-18
Key Point—“When fear overtakes us, GOD’s patience in the face of our lack of trust is incomprehensible.”
- **February 20th:** Sermon Title—“Isaac’s Deceit”
Sermon Scripture—Genesis 26:1-11
Key Point—“GOD’s patience extends beyond our doubt.”
- **February 27th:** Sermon Title—“Moses’ Calling”
Sermon Scripture—Exodus 3:1-4:17
Key Point—“GOD is patient with us even when we doubt ourselves.”

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part 2