

Letter by Pastor Brandon

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PEACE LOST

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 philosophy of ministry (*why* we do what we do) is centered on the process of discipleship as referenced in **Matthew 28:19-20** in the New Testament, 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

Lost By Brandon Lenhart

Have you ever lost something significant like a family heirloom, your phone, a ring, or piece of jewelry? There is usually a sense of anxiety, and maybe even desperation when this happens. We go on a frantic search and retrace our steps to try and find what we've lost. Finding what we've lost can consume us and cause us great distress.

Several years ago, when our youngest child was 2-years-old, we lived out in the country in Fenelon on about 9 acres of land surrounded by beautiful rolling hills next to 422. It was the Thursday before Easter of that year and I was at the office getting ready for the

house, my wife saw her through the back door of the neighbors home playing with their dog. We finally could rest at ease and peace because what was once lost was now found.

This month, we will be exploring the loss of peace as we continue to navigate through the Old Testament.

The nation that had once been God's representative people (Israel), had so rejected Him, that they came under His judgment and punishment and lost their homes and land as a

result of their rebellion. Now living as exiles in a foreign land, the Jewish people must take stock of what they once had, and all that they have lost, and come to grips with that loss in a way that they weren't

“His government and peace will never end.”

Isaiah 9:7a (NLT)

consumed by it, but rather transformed by it for the better.

As exiles, the Jewish people learned that true peace isn't a result of pursuing what they desire, but in surrendering to God's desires for them. As a result, the remnant learned to trust in God again. They learned that God would ultimately hold good to His promise to send a Savior/Messiah who came to set them free and restore more than land and property, He would restore them to life.

If you've lost peace in life, lean into God, and trust Him completely. Peace can be restored, and your life can be lived in hope!



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Mon-Thu 9am-4pm

**New Classes Starting at North Main on May 2nd!
Sunday Mornings at 9am.**

Discover:

These Classes are consecutive. Please take them in order:

Discover North Main, Discover Faith, Discover You, and Discover Your Fit

Or contact Pastor Christy Pittman at ChristyP@northmaincog.org

...North Main

Come and see: 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. At North Main, we call this: "Developing completely committed followers of Christ who know Christ intimately, grow in Christ continually, and go in Christ daily." This is just another way of reaffirming our commitment to Jesus' mission for his church.

...Faith

In this study, 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.

...You

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. Though spiritual gifts are given to individuals, they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us. As you begin this journey of discovering your spiritual gifts, we will be talking about how the gifts you are blessed with fit into the body of Christ. We will strive together to understand how our spiritual giftedness can serve God, neighbor, and world.

...Your Fit

Using the Book "When Helping Hurts Poverty" is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. When Helping Hurts shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good. But it looks ahead. It encourages us to see the dignity in everyone, to empower the materially poor, and to know that we are all uniquely needy—and that God in the gospel is reconciling all things to himself.



SERVE

Do you want to get connect more?

Join a group or come and SERVE with us!

www.northmaincog.org/serve or [/groups](http://www.northmaincog.org/groups)



GROUPS

WAYS TO BLESS A SOLDIER

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

We invite you to help us bless our loved ones serving our country!

We will be collecting items for the next several weeks to send to service members who are deployed. One of our church members, John Ward is currently deployed & we will be sending him & those he's serving with some care packages. If you know anyone who is deployed & would like to add them to our list to send a care pack to, please share their name & address with us. A list of suggested items is provided below. If you have any questions, just ask!

**Items may be brought in anytime up through May 30th
and placed in the box provided in Jump Start, or by the Welcome Center.**

Thank you in advance for helping us bless our service members who so bravely serve to protect our freedoms.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

You may also include items that are not listed here,
but it is recommended that you chose items that cannot be easily crushed.

NECESSITIES: Sunblock, lip balm, anti-itch powder, flip-flops, travel size deodorant, high-quality socks, lens cleaning cloths.

GAMES: playing cards, crossword or puzzle books, fun card games such as UNO

BOOKS: Pocket-size Bibles, devotionals, encouragement books by well-known Christian authors

STATIONARY: paper, envelopes, pens, cards, stationary, small tablets (stamps are not needed by military personnel)

MISC: batteries (AA and AAA), feminine products, nail polish, face moisturizing masks, lotions

HOMEMADE FOODS: cookies (packed in sturdy containers)

SNACKS: cookies, salsa, nuts, beef jerky, Slim-Jim's, non-melting candy, trail mix (in package not easily crushed), drink mixes in single-serving packets, protein bars, hot sauce (think Taco Bell packets) can be put in a plastic container to keep them from getting squashed, gum, mints, sunflower seeds.

WHAT NOT TO SEND:

Drugs or alcohol, aerosols or pressurized products, firearms or ammunition, perishable foods.

Reminder, it may take 2 weeks or longer for the soldier to receive the care package, so keep that in mind when deciding what to send. Another suggestion is to place food items in a Ziplock bag to keep them from absorbing the scent of other things in the care package, such as soap.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

In Christ,

Melissa Hickman, Family Life Pastor
Emily Hooks, Jump Start Director
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Connection Luncheon

May 2nd

BBO Ham Sandwiches, Salad,
Homemade Potato Salad,
and Texas Sheet Cake.

Carry Out meals available.

Cost: Adults \$5, Kids \$3,
Max of \$15 per household.

Invite a friend to join you,
newcomers to North Main
eat free!

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Have you ever gone through tough times, with great loss, and wondered if things would ever be the same again? Have you ever experienced difficulty and turmoil leaving you pressed, stressed, and needing rest? In the month of May at North Main, we will be exploring the theme, "*Peace Lost*," focusing on the nation of Israel's defeat and exile in foreign lands. Over the course of these weeks, we will tackle subjects like:

May 2nd – Peace Rejected, (Isaiah 48:12-22).

Key Point: "Peace is lost when God's ways are rejected."

May 9th – A Promise of Peace Restored, (Amos 9:11-15).

Key Point: "God's desire is to restore peace to His people."

May 16th – No Peace for the Angry, (Jonah 4).

Key Point: "Human anger destroys peace from God."

May 23rd – Losing Everything, (Job 1:1-22).

Key Point: "Though we may lose everything, God's peace can still reign in our hearts as we learn to trust Him."

May 30th – Gaining What's Most Important, (Job 42:1-17).

Key Point: "Trusting the wisdom of God requires humility which brings peace to the soul."

So, consider joining us in May, either online

(www.northmaincog.org/media) or in person as we explore "*Peace Lost*."

