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



North Main

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 every-
thing I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20 NLT”

The Fight for Joy

This 4 week series will begin on November 8th.

For most people around the world, this year has been a troublesome, daunting year. The word “joy” doesn’t come to most peoples’ minds as a descriptive word for this year. Words like frustrating, sad, depressed, angry, are words that come to mind as many of us think back over 2020. So, why is joy such a hard thing? Why is it so difficult to experience joy in the midst of so much hardship?

It has been said that joy is the byproduct of obedience, and this makes sense when we consider that joy in the believer’s life is something that is produced as a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

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Consider the fruit production of an apple tree. It needs adequate sunlight, proper soil drainage, regular water supply, and proper nutrients for healthy growth. But on top of all these things, apple trees need to be properly pruned and cut back strategically in order to produce apples that are healthy and abundant. Just as healthy apples aren’t produced without some level of difficulty, the fruit of the Spirit produced in a believer’s life doesn’t always come easy (John 15:1-5).

The fruit of joy takes time, labor, pruning, and, oftentimes, growing through seasons of drought and hardships. Producing joy requires healthy roots that are able to continue

growing deep into the soil of God’s goodness and love. It’s only then that the believer and Christ can consider it pure joy when they encounter trials of many kinds, as James says in the New Testament (James 1:2-4, NLT). Why? Well, James tells us why... ³ *For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.* ⁴ *So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

As we remain obedient to follow Christ, and grow in Him continually, we are then able to produce joy in great supply and abundance. We learn that joy isn’t a temperamental thing, but rather a byproduct of our obedience to keep our eyes fixed on Christ, the Author and Perfector of our faith (Heb. 12:1-3). It was because of the joy awaiting Him that He endured the cross, scorning its shame, that He produced the *reason* for our hope and joy: *salvation*.

Joy is a struggle, it’s a fight! So, are you fighting the good fight of faith, and considering it joy when you encounter trials and troubles of many kinds? Have you allowed the difficulties of this year to steal your joy? Don’t forget: *Joy is the byproduct of obedience*; specifically, obedience to Christ.

Pastor Brandon Lenhart



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Mon-Thu 9am-4pm

Community Partnerships @ North Main

Foster Family Room

As North Main families are reaching out and opening their homes to children in need, we have developed a way to support them. Our "Foster Family Room" is now open with items available for loan to North Main families on an as needed basis to care for their foster children (like a library loan system).

We are accepting donations of new or gently used children's items. No clothes wanted at this point until we receive enough containers to be able to sort them. If you have any donations please call the church office to schedule a drop off.

Donations needed:

- Bouncy seats
- Car seats
- Cribs
- Diapers
- Highchairs
- Pack n plays
- Swings
- Totes
- Toys
- Etc.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Weekly**
Mentoring Crisis Victims
Prayer Walk
- **Occasional**
Renovation Work

We would love to have you partner with us as we serve our community! If you're interested in any of these opportunities please call the church office or email us at:

Pastor Christy Pittman: ChristyP@northmaincog.org
Lisa Caldwell: LisaC@northmaincog.org

Families Change Everything Event

Join us at North Main on November 11th at 6:30 pm for an event hosted by Bethany Christian Services. Come to learn more about foster care and form community with current foster care families. Can't wait to see you there!

FAMILY LIFE @ North Main



Separate Leagues

Registration opened
Sunday, October 25th, 2020

Due to continued growth and the need to limit the number of people in our gym, we decided to have two separate leagues this year. Please go www.northmaincog.org and register for the correct grade level.

4TH - 6TH GRADE LEAGUE

December and January

Cost will be \$80 (the extra \$10 is for referees) plus an optional \$14 for shorts.

KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE

February and March

Cost will be \$70 plus an optional \$14 for basketball shorts or cheerleading mock turtleneck.

GROUP LIFE @ North Main

DISCOVERING...



**New Class Starting on November 8th at 9:00am
Life Center Room 1**

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.

Join us for:

Our next class following completion of Discover North Main. 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 that differentiate Christianity. These teachings are: The Bible, God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Humanity, Salvation, The Church, and End Times.

Discover
Faith



**New Class Starting on November 8th at 9:00am
Life Center Room 2**

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. They are meant to be taken in order and build upon each other. If you haven't started these classes, now is a great time to start!

Discover North Main: Who we are and why we exist.

Discover Faith: What the Christian Faith is and why it's important for salvation.

Discover You: How the gifts you are blessed with fit into the body of Christ.

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.

For any questions contact Pastor Christy Pittman: ChristyP@northmaincog.org

Join us in November for: Connection Luncheon on November 8th



We will be having our annual Thanksgiving meal. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and all the fixings.

**Cost: Adults \$6, Kids \$4, Max of \$20 per family.
Invite a friend to join you,
newcomers to North Main eat free!**

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Starting Nov. 8th

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Paul's Letters

(Philippians, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Timothy)

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