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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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“Parting Peace” By Brandon Lenhart

When you write an email, or a text message, or just an old-fashioned letter, how do you conclude it? Is there a standard phrase or greeting with which you end? Maybe you conclude by saying, “Sincerely yours...” or “Blessings to you...” or “Thank you so much...” However you end your correspondences, do you ever give much thought to the words you write?

Most of Paul’s letters in the New Testament, as well as the General Pastoral Letters, end with phrases like: “May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...” or “May GOD’s peace and mercy be upon...” or “Now may the GOD of peace...” But before we dismiss these closing words as mere pleasantries, it’s important to remember that these letters were an inspiration of the Holy Spirit upon each of the authors. Considering this, it’s vital that we not skip over these parting words, but rather dig in and understand fully the sincere sentiment behind them.

The author’s intent for wishing peace upon their hearers wasn’t for the purpose of cordiality, but rather was a true desire that GOD’s people would actually live in, and exude, gratitude, grace, joy, and peace to the world around them. These writers’ words were calculated and purposeful

and the parting expressions and feelings toward their audiences were truly meant as a means for further instruction and encouragement.

In addition to further instruction and encouragement, the authors of these letters didn’t know if this was the last time that they would speak with the churches. Their parting words could well have been their last.

No matter who you are, your words mean a lot. You may not think that they do, but the words you speak truly do have power. They can build up, or destroy. The author of Proverbs writes, “The words of the godly are a life-giving fountain; the words of the wicked conceal violent intentions” (10:11, NLT). In another verse, he writes, “Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit” (15:4, NLT).

In your parting, what do you leave people with; what do you leave them pondering? Do the parting words you speak bring life or death? Do they bring challenge and encouragement, or discouragement and defeat?

For the believer in Christ, it is imperative that our words be not only true but gentle and life-giving.

Dear brothers and sisters,
 I close my letter with these
 last words: Be joyful. Grow
 to maturity. Encourage
 each other. Live in
 harmony and peace. Then
 the God of love and peace
 will be with you.
 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)

A month of gratitude

Adapted from @theconfusedmillennial

- Day 1: Look for evidence of God's Peace in your life.
- Day 2: What skill are you grateful you have? Think about it and thank God for it.
- Day 3: Send a quick text to a family member letting them know how thankful you are for them.
- Day 4: What are you thankful for regarding your job? Make a list.
- Day 5: Think of two challenges you're grateful for and what positive things you learned.
- Day 6: What foods are you most thankful for? If you can, donate whatever it is to a food bank.
- Day 7: What moment in the last week are you most thankful for? Reflect on why.
- Day 8: Hold the door or smile at strangers each time you're out today.
- Day 9: If you had a really positive experience at a business, write a kind review.
- Day 10: Pray the blessings you want over your life for someone
- Day 11: Call a friend and catch up.
- Day 12: What exercise are you most thankful you're able to do? Do it!
- Day 13: Do something kind for yourself.
- Day 14: Send a note to someone via snail mail telling them why you're thankful to have them in your life.
- Day 15: Think about the material comforts you're thankful for. Make the list as long as possible.
- Day 16: Wake up and let your first thought be something positive.
- Day 17: Volunteer to do something you wouldn't normally do.
- Day 18: Pray about it and leave a note of encouragement or scripture in a public place.
- Day 19: Every time you want to complain, swap it out for an affirmation.
- Day 20: Give someone a hug.
- Day 21: Think of three memories you're most thankful for. If it involves someone, reach out to them.
- Day 22: Share positivity with someone (maybe around your Thanksgiving table).
- Day 23: Buy and pray over a gift for your local toy drive.
- Day 24: Spend some time taking care of yourself. Take a bath, stretch, nap.
- Day 25: Give someone a compliment.
- Day 26: Bring baked goods to work or someone in need and tell everyone how thankful you are for them.
- Day 27: Get a friend a small bouquet of flowers from the grocery store and pray for them.
- Day 28: Do a random act of kindness.
- Day 29: Treat someone to lunch or do a favor for someone without them having to ask.
- Day 30: Challenge yourself to start noticing what you're grateful for more often.

- * Baptisms - November 14th
- * Baby Dedications - December 5th
- * Connection Luncheon - December 5th
- * Christmas Eve Services - December 24th at 4pm and 7pm

Upcoming



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**WEEKEND TO
REMEMBER**



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save \$100 per couple.

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GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T JUST HAPPEN

2020-2021 MARRIAGE WEEKEND

The Lighthouse Foundation's Annual Christmas Toy Shoppe provides local parents with the opportunity to shop for their children's presents in a safe and cheerful atmosphere. Parents will personally choose their children's gifts with the assistance of a Personal Shopper who carries their bags and helps them out to their vehicle.

In 2020, thanks to the generosity of local churches, businesses, and individuals, 2,200 toys were donated and over 485 local children were served through the Toy Shoppe.

**Donations may be dropped off at North Main
Now through December 8th. Thank you!**

The Lighthouse Foundation's Annual Toy Shoppe

Donate new, unwrapped
toys for local children
ages newborn-14 and/ or
\$25 gift cards for
children ages 15-16.

Now - December 8th

THANK YOU!



 **BibleProject**

2021

**Bible Reading Plan
BibleProject | The Bible**

North Main has been going through the Bible this year as we focus on **PEACE**.

As we have been reading through the Bible we are highlighting evidence of **PEACE** in blue throughout the daily Scripture readings.

You may also access the daily scripture readings & videos through the You Version Bible App for your Phone or Tablet, or on your Computer.



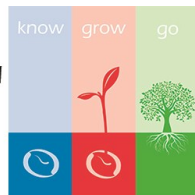
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November's readings:

1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy



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Connection Luncheon

will be on:

November 14th

Menu

Roasted Turkey, Country
Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable Medley, Cranberries,
Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie

Cost:

\$6/adult,

\$4/kid and

max of \$20/family.

Newcomers to North Main
eat for free!

As we come to the month of November and focus on what it means to give thanks, it's also important to understand how gratitude is linked to peace. It is mighty difficult to be peaceable and not be thankful.

Throughout this month we will be taking a look at several of the New Testament letters, specifically the concluding statements and/or parting words of their authors. At the conclusion of virtually every New Testament letter are words of encouragement, gratitude, and—you guessed it—words of “parting peace.”

Take a look at the upcoming messages in this month's series:

•**November 7th:** Sermon Title—Live in Harmony and Peace. Sermon Scripture—2 Corinthians 13:11-14. Key Point—“If believers in Christ live in harmony and peace, then the GOD of peace will be with them.”

•**November 14th:** Sermon Title—Experience Exceeding Peace. Sermon Scripture—Philippians 4:2-9. Key Point—“Experiencing GOD's peace requires a release of worry, and a commitment to prayer.”

•**November 21st:** Sermon Title—Commit to Living Peaceably. Sermon Scripture—1 Thessalonians 5:12-28. Key Point—“Living a peaceful life is an indicator that the GOD of peace has your heart.”

•**November 28th:** Sermon Title—Make Every Effort to Live in Peace. Sermon Scripture—2 Peter 3:1-18. Key Point—“While we wait on the Lord's return, we must make every effort to live peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in GOD's sight.”

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