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



North Main

October Connection Luncheon October 4th

Join us after church on Sunday, October 4th for fellowship & food. We will be having bacon wrapped meatloaf, smashed red potatoes, and dessert.


Cost: Adults \$5, Kids \$3, Max of \$15 per family. Invite a friend to join you, first time guests eat free!

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 Mon-Thu 9am-4pm

Church & Culture

Pastor Brandon Lenhart

Sir Douglas Haig said, “The Church of Christ [the Christian Church] is the world’s only social hope and the sole promise of peace.” And, how true this is! The Church is the only hope left for peace within this broken and fallen world in which we live; thus, our mission as the Church is to continue to give witness to the Good News of the saving grace of Jesus Christ so that others may experience the peace that truly passes all understanding.

There are distinctives (as well there should be) between the Church and the world. The influence of the Church should be felt within culture. However, as history bears witness, God’s people throughout history have often allowed the world to influence the Church in ways that all too often betray our worship of God. The ramifications of this betrayal results in destructive behaviors and actions that ultimately lead to the consequences of judgment. Plainly put, judgment is God’s withdrawal from His people and society and His allowing them to reap the consequences of their own destructive behaviors.

In a rather lengthy quote, Ellen T. Charry describes the problem that exists between the Church and the culture:

“Our culture is now crazed with the need to be in constant communication, in touch with everyone in our life. The other day I saw two

people having lunch together in a restaurant, each on their cell phone talking to someone else. Now that, I suggest, expresses a fear of self, as if our identities would melt away if others were not validating our existence. It suggests dissatisfaction with being where one is or with one’s present company. It exemplifies the frazzled style we are all forced to adopt, with its haunting ‘to do’ lists and never enough time to the point of exhaustion. This culture now indwells us so thoroughly that we think that being overextended is normal.

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Those in whom God dwells have no such anxieties. The emptiness that the frenetic activity tries to still is not there. There is nowhere better to be than where one is, for God is there too. There is no one better to be with than one’s present company, because where two or three are gathered in His name, He shall be in their midst. And the one who bears God’s redeeming power in himself/herself always brings God along, no matter what the gathering” (The Community of the Word, 277).

With this in mind, let’s go and be the Church, and let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). Let us hold high the light of Christ as we deny ourselves daily and take up our cross, and finally, let us advance the Kingdom of God for His sake, and His glory!

Baptisms October 14th

Prior class required October 4th



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

Even before the inception of the early church on the day of Pentecost, the disciples understood the meaning and purpose of working together not merely as colleagues, but more importantly as family. Living together in community, and “being” the church that functions as an organism rather than an organization is what all Christians are called to do. Though not perfect, the early church understood this, and applied this understanding to the way they lived their lives together. They also applied this understanding to the way they did ministry. Referring to Acts 4, Guy Brewer points to the early church as being a community where “All the believers were one in heart and mind.” He writes, “Authentic relationships require something more than sitting elbow to elbow. They require an inner propinquity of shared love, common faith, and unified vision.” This was clearly evident in the early church because it relied not on its own strength, but rather the unifying strength and power of the Holy Spirit.

Living in relationships bonded together by the Holy Spirit solidified the early church as a thriving, growing community of faith. As a result, the ripple-effect of making disciples became more than a mandate for the early church; it was a way of life. Because of their mutual love of God through Christ, the early church naturally loved one another as images of the one true God. Brewer explains this by clarifying: “The lived expression of Christian vocation is disciple making – sharing Jesus’ love within the faith community and then with others in one’s circle of influence. Jesus’ teaching points to an organic, relational web of relationships among persons as the evidence of authentic discipleship.”

My hope and my prayer for you during our 5 week study together is that you will learn the difference between being “*the Church*” rather than merely going “*to church*.” I also, pray that you will learn to distinguish between the ways of the world over and against the ways of the Church. The Church is the representation of the Kingdom of God in this broken and fallen world, and should be distinguishable from the world. The Church should be invading the world, not the other way around.

**Have you joined a group for
the Church & Culture study?**

To join a group:

Call: 724-285-4214

Visit: www.northmaincog.org

Or email:

Pastor Angela Kupas: AngelaK@northmaincog.org

Pastor Christy Pittman: ChristyP@northmaincog.org

FAMILY LIFE

@ North Main

Melissa Hickman, Family Life Pastor
MelissaH@northmaincog.org

Children's >>>>>

Sundays 10am

Nursery: Birth - 3yrs

Toddlers: 3yrs - Kindergarten

Jump Start: 1st - 6th Grade

MOPS & MOMSNEXT 2020-2021

DAY AND TIME	1st & 3rd Tuesday nights 6:30-8pm
LOCATION	North Main & Virtual Zoom
REGISTRATION	31.95
GROUP DUE	10.00
CHILDCARE	RSVP ONLY \$5/KID \$10MAX
CONTACT	MARYLOUP@NORTHMAINCOG.ORG



At Driven Youth, we strive to be a training ground for missionaries. The local high schools are one of the biggest mission fields in the world, and students are the number one asset in reaching their peers.

WE MEET:

THURSDAY NIGHTS from 6:47-8:00pm

Every meeting is designed to engage students from 6th-12th grade in unique and relational ways. We do this through worship, a tailored message, and small groups designed to take the message into application.

SUNDAY MORNINGS from 9-10 am

Students in grades 6-12 meet in The Loft for a Bible study where we dive into scripture in a verse-by-verse manner. We seek to help students find the Gospel in all areas of the Bible.

Contact for questions or more info:

BJ Hyatt, Youth Pastor BJH@northmaincog.org

- **Monthly**

Serving kids dinner on the Island
in downtown Butler

- **Occasional**

Housing Renovations
Porch Painting

- **Weekly**

Mentoring Crisis Victims
Prayer Walk

Community Partnerships

@ North Main

Service Opportunities

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

Our mission...

To develop completely committed followers of Christ who

KNOW Christ intimately,
GROW in Christ continually,
and **GO** for Christ daily.

Based on: Matthew 28:19-20

KNOW – The process of baptism is the first step in the discipleship process because it is an indicator of a person's belief and commitment to Christ as Lord and Savior. It is also the public profession of faith which brings a person into fellowship with the community of faith. The focal point for fleshing out this first step is the worship experience on Sunday mornings at North Main. Because our culture understands that the Christian church meets on Sundays for worship, this venue is our corporate opportunity for getting people connected to Christ and the church (this presupposes that each individual follower is doing his or her part in being a witness for Christ in the community).

GROW – The process of teaching people to obey everything Jesus commanded is the ongoing process of spiritual, mental, and emotional development required of every follower of Christ. This second step in the

discipleship process is not an end in-and-of itself, but rather a continual process of spiritual formation through small groups. Realizing that every believer is at different stages in their growth, the small group ministries at North Main are the catalyst for continual, holistic development in providing authentic community, accountability, Biblical study, prayer, and support.

GO – The final, but cyclical, process of discipleship is the element of ongoing ministry and service, which drives followers of Christ to step into the fullness of their God-given abilities and giftedness for the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Completely committed followers of Christ find it a privilege to get involved in ministry that connects the unchurched to Christ. They strive to plug in where they are gifted, and take seriously the mandate to Go and make disciples of all people.



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