

November 2018

Newsletter

Northlake Baptist Church

www.nbcgarland.org



Mission 75040

Help us reach every single household in our ZIP code with the gospel message of Christ!

Bag packing times:

Sun, Nov 4, 7-8:30 pm

Wed, Nov 7, 7-8:30 pm

Bag distribution times:

Sat, Nov 3 (9-11:30 am, 1-4 pm)

Sat, Nov 10 (9-11:30 am, 1-4 pm)

Sat, Nov 17 (9-11:30 am, 1-4 pm)

Sandwich Supper/ Business Meeting

Sun, Nov 4, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for our quarterly business meeting and a meal. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided by the church.

Fall Fastbreak

Sat, Nov 3—Sun, Nov 4

Mt. Lebanon Camp in Cedar Hill

Cost is \$35/student. Please be in prayer for our 6th-12th graders as they are on their annual fall retreat.

Missions Conference

Sun, Nov 18

Sunday morning guest speaker is Matt Bullen of Mission Critical International. Banquet is at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$5/person or \$15/family on sale beginning Nov 4. If you'd like to help out, either bring a dessert or watch for an online sign up sheet for side items that will be emailed to the congregation soon.

Operation Christmas Child

Share the love of Christ with a child this holiday season by filling a shoebox full of Christmas gift items! Informational flyers are available at the Missions Table in the Gathering Hall. Boxes are also available (\$1 per box donation appreciated). Pack your shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to demonstrate God's love to a child in need. Boxes are due Sun, Nov 18.

Christmas Shop

Sat, Dec 8, 1-4 pm

Your donation of Christmas gifts will help hardworking families purchase gifts with dignity at reduced costs. More details will be provided at the Thanksgiving Banquet on Sun, Nov 18.



The days of our challenging-but-rewarding community engagement effort (**Mission 75040**) are almost upon us. Our first official packing day will be Saturday, October 27 from 9-11:30 a.m., and 1-4 pm in the MPC. As part of the SATURATE USA effort (www.saturateusa.org), **we've committed to deliver evangelistic outreach bags to every residence in our 75040 zip code**—making contact with almost 20,000 homes in our immediate “Jerusalem.” Let that sink in: TWENTY...THOUSAND...HOMES.

Each bag will contain two simple tracts explaining how to have a relationship with Christ, a DVD with three different movies about His life and ministry (in multiple languages), along with printed pieces we produced that introduce our church, ask about their needs, and share His love. **Mission 75040** is a very tangible attempt to make a difference—for I'm increasingly convinced—and convicted—that we must be INTENTIONAL about reaching beyond the walls of our building to touch the lost with God's grace. We're going to need a small army to put this work together; how does God want YOU to be involved? Our tentative delivery dates (weather permitting) are **November 3, 10, and 17**—launching from the church at 9:00 am each of those Saturday mornings. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteer to help us pack bags...to be part of a delivery team (each with specific, easy-to-read maps)...and to pray for God to bless our efforts to share His love. **Mission 75040** needs YOU!

November is the month of cooler temperatures, falling leaves, family gatherings, and mission engagement opportunities. Beyond **Mission 75040**, we have our annual MISSION CONFERENCE on Sunday morning, November 18th (followed by our wonderful Thanksgiving meal that night)...OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD gift boxes for needy kids around the world...the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING for International Missions...and our own CHRISTMAS SHOP ministry outreach—targeting some of our ESL student families as well as people we've encountered through our Weaver Elementary ministry partnership. There are so many ways to get involved; how does God want to touch the world through you?

We're almost ready to administer the ballot nominating our MINISTER OF MUSIC SEARCH TEAM. Each member will be asked to select up to THREE people to join our Personnel Committee in forming this search team tasked with seeking God's will for the future of our music/worship ministry. As I've said before, we don't know how long this process may take—and won't rush the team leading it. We desire only to FIND and FOLLOW His path. **Please continue to pray for His Spirit to lead our steps!**

Bro. John



Why is speaking to someone about his or her relationship with Jesus so important to your spiritual growth?

An interesting fact is that after somebody accepts Christ, he or she tends to begin to have more and more friends that come from the Christian community. After a few years those friends tend to be only from the Christian community, and opportunities for sharing that faith diminishes greatly.

One of the best ways to grow in Christ, and probably the scariest, is talking to another person about their relationship with Christ. It makes you define what you believe and why you believe it. It forces you to think about those who are lost and encourages you to pray for them and to actively work for their salvation.

This month you have the opportunity to participate in handing out almost 20,000 bags which contain a Jesus video, a tract explaining how to come to Christ, and some other material including information about Northlake. As you participate in this program, you have the opportunity for physical exercise and possibly leading a person to Christ.

However, you may feel that you can't walk or physically participate. That is all right. A group will be here at Northlake praying while others are handing out the bags. All ages can participate in that prayer activity. Please join us.

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November 2018 Calendar

See www.nbccgarland.org/calendar.php for updates

- Thurs, Nov 1—Clothes Closet/Food Pantry (1:00 pm)
Sat, Nov 3—Mission 75040 Bag Distribution (9:00 am)
Sat, Nov 3—Sun, Nov 4—Fall Fastbreak
Sun, Nov 4—Time Change Sunday
David Clark's 6th Anniversary
Sandwich Supper/Business Meeting (6:00 pm)
Mission 75050 Bag Packing (7:00 pm)
Wed, Nov 7—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)
Mission 75040 Bag Packing (7:00 pm)
Sat, Nov 10—Adult Choir Rehearsal (9:00 am)
Mission 75040 Bag Distribution (9:00 am)
Sun, Nov 11—Adult Directors Meeting (9:00 am)
Wed, Nov 14—Adult Fellowship Lunch (11:00 am)
Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)
Thurs, Nov 15—Clothes Closet/Food Pantry (1:00 pm)
Fri, Nov 16—Ladies Do Your Thing Night (6:00 pm)
Sat, Nov 17—All-Church Prayer Time (8:00 am)
Mission 75040 Bag Distribution (9:00 am)
Sun, Nov 18—Missions Conference
Thanksgiving Banquet (5:30 pm)
Wed, Nov 21—No Wed night activities
Thurs, Nov 22—Fri, Nov 23—Church Office Closed
Tues, Nov 27—Deck the Gathering Hall (6:30 pm)

Recent Attendance

October 7—206
October 14—174
October 21—203

Recent Giving

October 7—\$15,391.58
October 14—\$21,031.28
October 21—\$10,117.36
Weekly Need: \$16,762.07



Ladies Do-Your-Thing Night/Wreath Class

Fri, Nov 16, 6—10 pm, Youth Center

Ladies, join us to work on a project of your choice and fellowship with other ladies. Come as your schedule allows. Bring a snack and drink to share. Join us for a wreath-making class at 6 pm. Contact Sarah for a wreath supply list.

Happy Anniversary

This month we celebrate David Clark's 6th Anniversary as Director of Missions. Thank you, David, for all you do for Northlake!

Deck the Gathering Hall

Tues, Nov 27, 6:30 pm

We need all hands on deck to help us decorate the Gathering Hall and Worship Center for Christmas!

Sign up on your communication card later this month if you can help decorate.

New Arrival

Alicia & César Rivas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Nayeli Paula Rivas, born October 11.

Nayeli weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz. Big sisters are Analia & Margarita. Grandparents are Alfonso & Paula Caballero.



**Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Time Change Sunday

Sun, Nov 4

Don't forget to "fall back" by setting your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Sat, Nov 3.

New Members

Welcome to our newest church members, Leona Newkirk (joined on Sept 30) and Terry Walser (joined on Oct 21). We are happy to welcome you to the Northlake Family!

Church-Wide Prayer Time

Everyone is invited to a prayer time to seek God's direction for our church on Sat, Nov 17 from 8-9 am in the Seminar Room. We will pray then begin Mission 75040 bag distribution.

Thanksgiving Schedule

No evening activities on Wed, Nov 21. The Church Office will be closed on Thurs, Nov 22 & Fri, Nov 23.