

September 2019 Newsletter



Northlake Baptist Church
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Mary Hill Davis Offering

This month, we will be receiving funds for missions in the state of Texas. Our church goal is \$3,000, and the week of prayer is Sept 8-15.

LMNO Tree

Help the Northlake Ladies Minister to the Needs of Others by restocking the Food Pantry! Beginning Sept 8, take one or more green leaves from the tree near the library, purchase the items on the leaf, return the items, and place a fall leaf on the tree.

National Night Out

Tues, Oct 1, 6-8 pm

Hall Park (1301 Rivercrest Ln, Garland)

Northlake will participate in our neighborhood "Night Out" event near Northlake Elementary School. We plan to provide a game truck, distribute water bottles, and hand out information about our church to our community. Can you help? Sign up on your communication card or contact the Church Office to volunteer.

Church-Wide Breakfast

Sun, Sept 8, 9 am

Please join us as we celebrate our new Co-Ministers of Music, Andrew Lewis & Sarah Wyatt! The church will provide breakfast in their honor.

Golf Tournament

Sat, Oct 5, 8 am

Mesquite Memorial Golf Course

Cost is \$60 per player (includes burger lunch & door prizes). Register as a team or be placed on a team. Sign up or get more info at the tables in the Gathering Hall.

Men's Bible Study

This fall, we are offering an 8-week video-driven study (*No More Excuses* by Tony Evans) for men on Sundays at 5 pm beginning Sept 8 (taught by Bill Swinney). If you are interested in participating, please sign up on your communication card or at the table in the Gathering Hall. Books are on sale (\$15 each) in the Gathering Hall.



It's official: Our MINISTER OF MUSIC SEARCH TEAM has finished its work, making a unanimous recommendation to call **Sarah Wyatt** and **Andrew Lewis** to step into the music ministry roles they have been leading on a permanent basis. More than a year has passed since Lynn retired after serving for 40 years; *now, we begin to write a NEW chapter in our music ministry with a 2-part team that has served us so well for the past 12 months!* As we prayed, discussed and contemplated, it became clear to our SEARCH TEAM that God's answer to our need was already in place. The TWO halves of this leadership team add up to more than just ONE, and we soon recognized that there was no one in our pool of potential candidates who offered the full package of gifts and passions that Andrew and Sarah bring to the table. So, at a called Business Meeting on Sunday, August 25, your SEARCH TEAM brought a recommendation to our congregation, which then voted to extend the call for them to lead our music ministry into the future.

God brought us to an answer that was already among us, but it was imperative that we move through the process—slow and tedious though it may have seemed at times. I know it was less than satisfying to be told each month that the SEARCH TEAM was “working,” that “progress was being made” without sharing any specifics...*but we had to invest in the time-consuming work of asking, seeking and knocking to hear HIS voice.* More than anything else, we wanted to find God's plan for our shared tomorrow—not what “made sense” or was “good enough,” so no one could think that we just took the “easy road” out of a sense of expediency. Our heart's desire was simply to find God's solution to our music ministry needs, which demanded an intentional, open-minded approach (mixed with plenty of patience). The fact that we ended up right where we started doesn't INVALIDATE our efforts; *it AFFIRMS them!*

I want to take time to share my profound thanks to the members of our SEARCH TEAM: Deanna Almond, Trina Byrd, Tammy Disch, Ray Dunlap (chair), Carol Hartman, Blanchard Jacobus, Jason Jones, Dan McKenzie and Leta Vaughan. Thank you for the hours you spent praying, meeting, discussing, evaluating resumes and sharing your thoughts/concerns/insights to discover God's path forward for our fellowship. I'm also thankful for the support of our church family in this journey—from participating in our initial survey, to praying for us, to encouraging us as the process unfolded. We couldn't have gotten there without you...so THANKS! So, please make plans to join us as we celebrate this crucial milestone in our ministry: On Sunday, September 8th, we'll host a come-and-go continental breakfast in Andrew and Sarah's honor (Gathering Place). *Let's fellowship together as we begin this new journey here at Northlake!*

As always, know that it's a privilege to be your pastor...

Bro. John

September 2019 Calendar

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

Mon, Sept 2—Church Office closed for Labor Day

Wed, Sept 4—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)

ESL Ministry Classes begin (6:45 pm)

Thurs, Sept 5—Clothes Closet/Food Pantry (1:00 pm)

Sun, Sept 8—Sun, Sept 15—Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer

Sun, Sept 8—Church-Wide Breakfast (9:00 am)

Men's Bible Study Class begins (5:00 pm)

Wed, Sept 11—Adult Fellowship Lunch (11:00 am)

Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Sat, Sept 14—Adult Choir Rehearsal (9:00 am)

Sun, Sept 15—Adult Directors Meeting (9:00 am)

HomeLink & Men's Bible Study (5:00 pm)

Wed, Sept 18—Missions Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Thurs, Sept 19—Clothes Closet/Food Pantry (1:00 pm)

Fri, Sept 20—Ladies Do-Your-Thing (3:00 pm)

Recent Giving

July 28—\$15,352.08

August 4—\$18,117.39

August 11—\$15,757.15

August 18—\$10,894.02

August 25—\$12,201.89

Weekly Need: \$16,458.65

Welcome, New Member!

Northlake welcomes
our newest member!

Ana Varela

(joined 8/25/19)

Recent Attendance

July 28—198

August 4—213

August 11—213

August 18—217

August 25—200

Ladies Do-Your-Thing

Fri, Sept 20, 3-10 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.

Adult Choir

All singers are invited to join the choir as they prepare for their Christmas presentation. First Christmas rehearsal is Sat, Sept 14 from 9-11 am in the Choir Room.

ESL Ministry

Do you know someone who could benefit from English as a Second Language classes? ESL classes will begin on Wed, Sept 4 at 6:45 pm.

Student who are not preregistered need to contact Mary Rodriguez or the Church Office to schedule an evaluation time to be placed in the proper class. Also, if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, contact Mary Rodriguez or the church office.

HomeLink

Sun, Sept 15, 5-7 pm

Adult Sunday School classes host a time of fellowship and sharing a meal one Sunday night a month. Activities are provided at the church for babies—12th graders. Contact your Sunday School Director to find out more details for your class.

September Meetings

Wed, Sept 4—Deacons Meeting

Wed, Sept 11—Finance Committee Meeting

Sun, Sept 15—Adult Directors Meeting

Wed, Sept 18—Missions Committee Meeting

Adult Fellowship Lunch

Wed, Sept 11, 11 am, Fellowship Hall

All adults are invited to join us for a potluck meal. Guest speaker is Judy Isbell, who will introduce a history of some southern quilts in her presentation called *Southern Women, Southern Quilts*.

Country Club Estates Outreach Project

A new housing development is under construction just down the road from our church. Some families have already begun moving into their new homes in Country Club Estates (near the intersection of N. Country Club Rd & SH66). Our deacons have taken the lead in welcoming these new families to our neighborhood with a visit and gift bag. Will you consider praying for a family and visiting their home once they move in? If so, contact Bro. John for more details on this outreach ministry.

*The law of the LORD is **perfect**,
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the LORD are **trustworthy**,
making wise the simple.*

*The precepts of the LORD are **right**,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the LORD are **radiant**,
giving light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the LORD is **pure**,
enduring forever.*

*The decrees of the LORD are **firm**,
and all of them are righteous.*

Psalm 19:7-9