

The GoldSheet

August 2, 2020

Happy Anniversary... Today we celebrate Cindy Jones' 11th Anniversary as Ministry Assistant. Thank you, Cindy, for all you do for Northlake!

Golf Tournament... We are looking into the possibility of hosting a golf tournament on Sat, Oct 3. If you would be interested in playing, please indicate your interest on your Connection Card or contact the Church Office.

Gift Cards for First Responders... We had such a positive response to the gift cards we provided to be given to first responders that we ran out of cards quickly. We have more available this morning in the Gathering Hall. Please limit yourself to one 4-pack of gift cards per family. As you run into police officers, firefighters, or paramedics in the community, you can bless them with a token of appreciation. We encourage you to take a picture with them. Later on, we will have an opportunity for you to share about your experience.

ESL Ministry... If you know of someone who could benefit from ESL (English as a Second Language) class, invite them to come get evaluated on one of these 2 evaluation nights (Wed, 8/19 or Wed, 8/26 at 7 pm) so that they can be placed in the appropriate class level. Classes are scheduled to begin on Wed, Sept 2 at 6:45 pm.

Thank You... The Swinney family would like to express their appreciation for all the love shown to them during the passing of Deron's father. Deron's father lived a long and full life and was blessed to see three generations come after him.

Connection Cards... You may have noticed that our Communication Card has been replaced with a Connection Card. We appreciate guests filling it out. Members are welcome to use the card to share prayer requests or praises with the staff. Please leave cards on your pew following the service; an usher will collect them after the room is cleared.

Connect with Us... By texting 214-225-8554. Guests, text WELCOME. To share prayer requests with our staff, text PRAYER. To speak with a minister, please text MINISTER. After texting keywords, follow the prompts.

Giving... We will not pass an offering plate during the service. You may turn in tithes and offerings into the collection boxes at the exit doors. You may also give through your Realm account, through our website, or text to give (text "nbcgarland" to 73256). Checks can still be mailed to the church or dropped off in the locked mailbox on the outside of the church building on the north end at your convenience.

Weekly GoldSheets... are available at nbcgarland.org or on Realm.

JOIN THE JOY!

REMEMBER WHAT LIES AHEAD SO YOU DON'T FALL BEHIND

(Philippians 3:12-16)

To focus on what lies AHEAD so you don't fall BEHIND, remember that...

1. Your _____ can't be _____ to the past.
(vs.12)
2. Your _____ remains to be _____ in the future.
(vs.13-14)
3. Your _____ begins to _____ in the present.
(vs.15-16)

What is JOY to you? Is it the presence of blessing...the absence of suffering...the promise of more (or less)? The Bible defines it differently, demanding a lens you won't always like (or want). Biblical joy is less about HAPPINESS than HOLINESS—more about seeking God than serving yourself. And, you won't find it by staring in the rearview mirror at what was; you must look forward to what can be. *"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."* (Isaiah 43:18-10). Don't be so distracted by what happened YESTERDAY that you fail to focus on what's happening TODAY! As Paul tells us twice in these verses, we must choose to **press on**...wherever TOMORROW may lead.

"Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; it is true that we have lost opportunities which will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ. Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands, and step out into the Irresistible Future with Him." (Oswald Chambers)