



January 6, 2008

Order of Worship

Song: *We're Marching to Zion*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: *Firm Foundation*

Song: *The Joy of the Lord*

Song: *Great in Power*

Song: *You Are the Song That I Sing*

Lord's Supper

Song: *Jesus Is Lord*

Song: *Above All*

Offering

(Children's Offering* and kids dismissed to Children's Worship**)

Song: *Give Thanks*

Message: "Your Best Year Yet"

Song: *Trust and Obey*

"Face-to-Face with God" * * *

Family News

Song: *How Great Is Our God*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children's Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children's Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 4th grade. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship following the Children's offering.

*****What is "Face to Face with God"?**

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeteria where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and in confidentiality concerning your prayer request, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

2008 A Year of Spiritual Disciplines

During 2008, the North Pointe church will focus on the practice of twelve spiritual disciplines. Just as physical exercises get our bodies in shape, these spiritual exercises are means through which the Holy Spirit transforms us into the kind of people God desires us to be. We will be emphasizing one new discipline each month, according to the schedule below. We hope you will join us in practicing these disciplines so we can all witness the changes God will make in us and through us in 2008.

January – Bible Study

July – Meditation

February – Worship

August – Guidance

March – Prayer

September – Celebration

April – Simplicity

October – Submission

May – Service

November – Fasting

June – Confession

December - Solitude

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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am

Worship service.....10:30 am

"And God Saw That It Was Good"

For Christmas, Karen bought me the newly published *Literary Study Bible*, which I am using for my daily Bible reading. The editors of this Bible look at scripture from the perspective of literature. They explain the different types of literature that make up the Bible, such as hero stories, poetry, comedy and tragedy. What we find is that the Bible is not a history textbook like one would read in school. Instead it is a collection of different writings using a myriad of literary styles and devices, all with the intent of shaping us into godly people.

In the creation story told in Genesis 1, the narrator repeats a line throughout the days of creation—"And God saw that it was good." Why does the author include that line and repeat it so often? What is he trying to tell us? What does it mean for our lives? What if the line read, "And God saw that it was bad," or "ugly," or "defective"? But no, it reads, "And God saw that it was good."

To me that says two things. First, God is good and what God makes is good. We can see a bit of God's character in the beauty and detail of God's good creation. Second, it tells me there is nothing wrong with enjoying life. God made the physical world good and wants us to enjoy it, within the bounds of his commands. The text doesn't read, "And God saw that it was bad and said, 'Don't touch anything, avoid it all!'" Instead God concluded, "It was good." Yes, Genesis 2-3 tells us a different creation story, one that introduces the command to Adam and Eve to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But that was just one item out of the whole of creation. And in Genesis 1, no such mention is made yet. Only that things are good.

So when I read Genesis 1, one of the ideas that strikes me is that life is good and meant to be enjoyed, as long as we remember who made it that way to begin with.

Curtis Williams

Next Week's Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Mon., 1/7	Mark 5	Genesis 9-10 Psalm 9-10
Tues., 1/8	Mark 6	Genesis 11-12 Psalm 11-12
Wed., 1/9	Mark 7	Genesis 13-14 Psalm 13-14
Thurs., 1/10	Mark 8	Genesis 15-16 Psalm 15-16
Fri., 1/11	Mark 9	Genesis 17-18 Psalm 17-18
Sat., 1/12	Reflection*	Reflection
Sun. 1/13	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

North Pointe News

Remember in Prayer

Cheyenne Blanck, Sue McDonald, Darcie Pettit (mother of **Gena Rogers**), **Jerry Vanhorn** (father of **Jill Traugher**), **Pat Boland** (mother of **Donna King**), **Betty Edens**, (mother of **Kristen Babovec**).

This Week

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, January 9

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Linda Knox**

235 Green Acres, Murphy

972-509-7586

Future Events

Youth Valentine Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 9

Buckingham Road Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

3030 Buckingham Road, Garland

Mark this date and plan to come support our teens as they raise money to help cover the cost of their summer camps, mission trip and other summer activities. If you have items or services to donate for the auction, please see **Matt Lee**.

Men's Retreat

Friday, February 22 – Saturday, February 23

Lake Lavon Baptist Encampment

Leadership Training for Christ

If you would like to provide a scholarship for some of our elementary kids participating in Leadership Training for Christ, please see **Beverly Ritz**. The cost is \$30 per student.

Stay Informed

For information on various church events, go to the calendar on the church's web page:

www.northpointecofc.org/calendar.html.

“... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ...”
Philippians 2:15



Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, January 6

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Eddie and Jill Traugher**

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

Future Events

God's Girls

Sunday, January 13

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Ms. Beverly**, 801 Alamo Lane, Garland

God's Soldiers

Sunday, January 13

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Home of **Will Ledbetter**, 6819 Fairfield Way, Sachse

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 16

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22

Registration fee of \$30 per student is due February 10.

Mother/Daughter Spring Fling

Friday, April 11

Mother/Son Miniature Golf Night

Friday, April 25

Rocket Blast

Friday, May 16

Kids ages four to fifth grade, mom, dad and siblings are invited to this fun event to be held in the back yard of **Richard** and **Linda Knox**. Kids and family members will make and decorate their own rocket bottles and have a blast shooting for the stars!

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, January 6

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Eddie and Jill Traugher**

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, January 9

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike and Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Future Events

Leadership Training for Christ Drama Practice

Sunday, January 13

4:00 p.m.

For middle school and high school

Home of **Matt Lee**

1492 Larchmont, Plano

Winter Fest Teen Retreat

Friday, January 18 – Saturday, January 19

This is a very big youth rally in Arlington. There will be Christian concerts, Bible studies, dramas and other activities. You will be sleeping in your own bed. See **Matt** today to sign up.

Youth Fund-raising Auction

Saturday, February 9

Record for Sunday, December 30, 2007

Worship Attendance: 136

General Offering: \$2,643.00

Children's Offering: \$32.89

Land and Building Fund: \$2,750.00