

**“The Joy of a Messy House!”**

Recently I walked into our master bathroom at home and noticed a small toy laying on the floor. It represented just how disorganized our home can be sometimes with two small boys living in it. Karen and I (mostly Karen!) spend endless hours cleaning our house, and putting things in their proper places. But the boys love crawling all around the house and taking their toys with them.

Seeing that toy on the floor reminded me of something I heard a preacher say. Our church in California had a guest speaker one Sunday, Phillip Morrison from Nashville. He told about being on the campus of David Lipscomb University in Nashville on the first day of a particular school year when the dorms were opened and students were moving in. There were people carrying furniture and boxes, bumping into each other. There were cars parked in fire lanes, blocking in other cars. And there was noise, noise, noise! Phillip drove over to a local cemetery to go for a quiet walk. While there he came upon the grave of David Lipscomb, for whom the university is named. As Phillip looked at that grave and considered the quiet surroundings he thought (not an exact quote, but to the best of my memory), “If you want to be where things are quiet, calm and orderly, you’ve got to go where the dead are. But if you want to be where there is life, you have to put up with conflict and disorder.”

That idea is communicated in Proverb 14:4, **“Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.”** In other words, you can have a clean barn if you don’t have any oxen. But if you want the benefit that comes from having oxen, you’re going to have to put up with what oxen naturally do.

Avoiding conflict, disorder, pain, and tension comes at a very heavy price, that being life itself. For our individual lives to grow and be transformed, and for the our families, church and neighborhoods to likewise grow and be transformed, we will have to embrace disquieting and uncomfortable times. But if we remember the good that those times represent they can be a blessing instead of a curse.

*Curtis Williams*

**This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule**

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 2/18	Acts 19	Exodus 19-20 Psalm 69-70
Tuesday, 2/19	Acts 20	Exodus 21-22 Psalm 71-72
Wednesday, 2/20	Acts 21	Exodus 23-24 Psalm 73-74
Thursday, 2/21	Acts 22	Exodus 25-26 Psalm 75-76
Friday, 2/22	Acts 23	Exodus 27-28 Psalm 77-78
Saturday, 2/23	<b>Reflection*</b>	<b>Reflection</b>
Sunday, 2/24	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Reflection</b>

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



**“Becoming Men of Integrity and Character”  
North Pointe Men’s Retreat**

**Friday, February 22 – Saturday, February 23**  
Lake Lavon Baptist Encampment

Cost: \$45 (Scholarships available)

Check in Friday night between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Activities conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Sunday morning schedule**  
Bible classes.....9:30 am  
Worship service.....10:30 am



**February 17, 2008**

**Order of Worship**

Song Medley  
**Welcome & Call to Worship**  
**Video Presentation: “How Great Is Our God”**

**Message, Part One**  
Song: *How Great Is Our God*  
Song: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
Song: *Lord Reign in Me*

**Offering**  
(Children’s Offering\* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship\*\*)  
Song: *We Fall Down/Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Message, Part Two**  
Song: *I Stand In Awe*  
**“Face-to-Face with God”\*\*\***

**Message, Part Three**  
Song: *Agnus Dei*  
**Lord’s Supper**

Song: *O Sacred Head*  
**Message, Part Four**  
Song: *Highest Place*

**Family News**  
**Scripture Reading**  
Song: *Great Is the Lord Almighty*

**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 cafeterium 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.

## North Pointe News

### Remember in Prayer

**Billie Gayle Smith**, cousin of **Judie Caldwell**, **Betty Edens**, mother of **Kristen Babovec**, **Jerry Vanhorn**, father of **Jill Traugher**, **Darcie Pettit**, mother of **Gena Rogers**

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Judie Caldwell** on the death of her uncle, **Joe Tate**.

### This Week

#### **Ladies Bible Class**

**Wednesday, February 20**

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Linda Knox**

235 Green Acres, Murphy

972-509-7586

#### **Men's Retreat**

**Friday, February 22 – Saturday, February 23**

Lake Lavon Baptist Encampment

(see back page for details)

### Future Events

#### **All Church Easter Picnic**

**Sunday, March 16**

5:30 p.m.

Breckinridge Park, Richardson

#### **Men's Backpacking Trip**

**Thursday, April 3 – Sunday, April 6**

Details coming soon!

“... 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**

(See Youth Ministry column for details.)

### Future Events

#### **Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, March 16**

Breckinridge Park, Richardson

#### **Leadership Training for Christ**

**Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22**

#### **Mother/Daughter Spring Fling**

**Friday, April 11**

#### **Mother/Son Miniature Golf Night**

**Friday, April 25**

#### **Rocket Blast**

**Friday, May 16**

Backyard of **Richard** and **Linda Knox**

For kids ages four to fifth grade and their families

#### **Kid's Kamp in God's Big Back Yard**

**June 9, 10, 11**

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

#### **Camp Impact**

**Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26**

For those entering fourth through sixth grades in the fall of 2008  
\$80 deposits and camp applications are due by May 4.

*Beverly Ritz*

## North Pointe Youth Ministry

### Today

#### **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)**

#### **Bible Bowl Team Practice**

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Eddie** and **Jill Traugher**

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

#### **LTC Drama Practice**

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For middle school and high school

Home of **Keith** and **Gerri Wyatt**

5606 Lena Judd, Sachse

### This Week

#### **Teen Pointe Group**

**Wednesday, February 20**

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

### Future Events

#### **Camp Zenith for High School**

**Sunday, June 15 – Friday, June 20**

#### **Camp Cornerstone for Middle School**

**Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, June 10**

#### **Wilderness Trek**

**Saturday, July 19 – Saturday, July 26**

Please sign up and pay a  
\$100 deposit by February 24.

### **Record for Sunday, February 10, 2007**

Worship Attendance: 164

General Offering: \$3,190.25

Children's Offering: \$37.84

Land and Building Fund: \$25.00