

“Jury Duty”

A courtroom. You, along with eleven other people, are serving on a jury. After several days of incriminating testimony delivered by witnesses, and damaging evidence presented by the prosecutor, there is no doubt in your mind that the defendant is guilty. The defense attorney has offered flimsy excuses at best. Now the prosecutor stands to deliver his closing argument. You wait to hear how he will seal the case so that you and your colleagues can render your verdict.

The prosecutor stands and begins with the word “You,” as he points a condemning finger. But he’s not pointing at the defendant; he has turned and is pointing his finger at you sitting in the jury box! He’s not addressing the jury as a whole, or any of the other eleven jury members; only you. With his finger aimed at your nose he says, “You are guilty of these crimes and deserve punishment.” How would you feel? Confused? Angry? Scared?

That scenario is exactly what the apostle Paul does in the second chapter of Romans. In Romans 1, Paul has argued that the gentiles (non-Jews) are guilty of denying God, worshiping idols, and practicing homosexuality. Those are sins particularly grievous to Jews. Then Paul adds numerous additional sins to the indictment, such as greed, envy, and gossip. Just when the religious reader is feeling morally superior Paul writes, **“For this reason you are without excuse, you sir, each one of you who passes judgment. For in that you pass judgment on the other you condemn yourself; for you practice the very things on which you pass judgment”** (Romans 2:1). Paul has switched from third person plural (“they”) to second person singular (“you”).

Paul is making the case that all of us are guilty before God. There is no jury in the courtroom of God because only God can judge impartially and righteously. We cannot claim, “I’m not guilty of those sins (i.e., idolatry or homosexuality).” Paul is saying we are all equally guilty of grievous sins before God. There is no “them” versus “us.” Only “we,” religious and non-religious, who stand guilty before God.

The good news is that Paul doesn’t end his letter after chapter two. He goes on to tell of God’s grace and mercy made available through faith in Jesus Christ and his self-giving sacrifice on the cross. That’s what makes us clean, whether our individual sins are idolatry, homosexuality, envy, gossip, or self-righteousness. We are equally in need of God’s mercy and equally made righteous before God through Christ.

Curtis Williams

This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 5/19	Romans 3	Joshua 12-13 Proverbs 24
Tuesday, 5/20	Romans 4	Joshua 14 Proverbs 25
Wednesday, 5/21	Romans 5	Joshua 15-16 Proverbs 26
Thursday, 5/22	Romans 6	Joshua 17-18 Proverbs 27
Friday, 5/23	Romans 7	Joshua 19-20 Proverbs 28
Saturday, 5/24	Reflection*	Reflection
Sunday, 5/25	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.

Backyard Bash
Sunday, June 8
 Join us as we kick off our
“Kids’ Kamp in God’s Big Backyard”
 4405 Williford, Sachse

5:00 p.m.

The bouncing begins! Kids will enjoy the Pirate’s bounce house or the Pink Castle bounce house. Kids participating in Kids’ Kamp get their pictures made with their families and paint a picture frame to be decorated the first night of Kids’ Kamp.

6:00 p.m.

Hot dogs and lemonade served. Cost is \$10 per family, or \$5 per individual. Sign up and pay on May 25 or June 1.

In keeping with our “service” theme for Kids’ Kamp, we will be asking everyone to participate in a service project. We will be collecting school supplies for the **Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center**. They need to furnish over 400 children with school supplies next fall. Please bring any of the following items to the Backyard Bash on Sunday, June 8: 2” binders, 3” binders, 3-subject spirals, 5-subject spirals, colored pencils, Kleenex and anti-bacterial wipes.

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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am
 Worship service.....10:30 am



May 18, 2008

Order of Worship

Opening Songs
Welcome

Song: *The Joy of the Lord*
 Song: *How Great Is Our God*

Scripture Reading

Song: *Here In This Place*
 Song: *Great Are You Lord*
 Song: *I Worship You, Almighty God*

Offering

(Children’s Offering* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship**)
 Song: *Thank You, Lord*

Song: *Holy and Anointed One*
“Face-to-Face”***

Message

Communion

Song: *Faithful Love*

Family News

Song: *Lord Reign in Me*

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.

North Pointe News

Remember in Prayer

Pearl Milton, Presbyterian Dallas

Dominick Mazza

Betty Edens (mother of **Kristen Babovec**)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Judie Caldwell** on the death of her cousin, **Billye Gayle Smith**.

This Week

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, May 21

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Wygene Akins**, 6807 Shady View Ct., Sachse
972-530-8572

Future Events

Murphy Vendor Fair at Murphy Middle School

Saturday, May 31

If you can work a two-hour shift at the Murphy Vendor Fair, please see **Richard** or **Linda Knox**. Volunteers will be facilitating the kids' fishing game and talking to people who come by our booth.

Bridal Shower

Sunday, June 1

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Frances Campbell**
6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Autumn Hester**, bride elect of **Kevin Mahaffey**. **Kevin** and **Autumn** are registered at Wal-mart and Target.

Let's Invite the Neighbors!

Sunday, June 1

5:00 p.m.

Sunday evening Pointe Groups will not meet but instead will help distribute invitations for our Kids' Kamp to the neighborhoods surrounding our new property. Meet at the park across Williford Road from our new property. Bring your kids to help. This can count as a LTC service project for the Service Challenge event for 2009.

"... 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



Future Events

Invite the Neighbors!

Sunday, June 1

(See North Pointe News for details)

Backyard Bash

June 8

(See back page for details)

Kids' Kamp in God's Big Back Yard

June 9, 10, 11

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

For kids ages 3 through 5th grade

June 9 *Service to Family*

June 10 *Service to Neighbors*

June 11 *Service to the Community*

Sign up today! Get a pair of cool sun glasses to wear in the God's Big Backyard. You'll also get a music CD (one per family) so you can begin learning some of the new songs we will sing at Kids' Kamp.

Camp Impact

Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26

Fifth Grade Blessing

Friday, July 25

All those who will be completing 5th grade are invited to join us for a trip to the Mesquite Rodeo. Mark your calendars!

Summer Fun Day dates coming soon!

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Senior Sunday

This morning we are honoring 2008 Wylie High School Senior, **Tyler Brown**.

Last day to sign up for Zenith or Trek.
Deposits and applications are due today.

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, May 14

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**
6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Future Events

End of the School Year Party

Saturday, May 31

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Home of **Tanner Booth**
11761 Caddo Creek, Lavon
Bring \$5 for food.

Camp Zenith for High School

Sunday, June 15 – Friday, June 20

Camp Cornerstone for Middle School

Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, July 10

Summer Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 16 – Sunday, July 20

Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville, Texas

Please sign up with Matt today.

Cost is \$65.

Wilderness Trek

Friday, August 1 – Saturday, August 9

Record for Sunday, May 11, 2008

Worship Attendance: 160

General Offering: \$2,665.00

Children's Offering: \$34.34

Building Fund: \$289.00