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NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PC(USA)

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

OCTOBER 2011

From *Ask, Thank, Tell* by Charles R. Lane

When we talk about discipleship, the primary relationship is not with the congregation. The primary relationship is with Jesus. The congregation is the community of people with whom this relationship is lived out and nurtured. The congregation is not the end. The congregation is the means to the end. In the congregation we grow in faith and proclaim the good news to those who are not hearing that good news on a regular basis.

The role of a disciple, then, is to grow deeper in Jesus and to tell others about Jesus. A disciple understands his or her work to include:  
**Doing the ministry.** Disciples don't think the congregation "pays the pastor" to do things. Rather, ministry is partnership. Instead of complaining about what the pastor isn't doing, disciples understand that ministry belongs to all God's people.

**Giving as part of a growing relationship with Jesus.** Many lists describe the basic tasks of discipleship, [such as]: Daily prayer, daily scripture reading, weekly worship, growing in giving to the tithe or beyond, serving others in Jesus name, sharing the faith story with the unchurched.

**Living life in community.** The larger community is the congregation. In many cases a smaller community is a small group that gathers for prayer, study, and service.

Stewardship ministry [needs to] focus on helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus rather than meeting the needs of the congregation. If [we] can begin to understand that giving is an act of faith, growing out of a relationship with Jesus, and if that giving can grow toward the tithe [10%], then [we] have taken a huge step toward having stewardship at the heart of [our] relationship with Jesus.





**Dinner will be provided, donations accepted.**

We will feast on homemade chili and hot dogs (with all the toppings).

We need bags of candy, pots of chili, etc.

Look for sign up boards around the church to see how you can help.

**Open to the community- bring your friends of all ages!**

Last year we had 200 people, let's make this year even bigger!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Fall Church Retreat @ Camp Living Stones 9:30am Yoga
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<b>9</b> 9:30am Youth Sunday School 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship & Communion	<b>10</b> 10:30am PW Bible Study & Circle Meetings 6:30pm Session Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30am Pastor's Bible Study 10:30am Exercise	<b>12</b> 5:30pm WNL dinner & programs 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 10:30am Exercise 10:30am Quilting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8am-Noon Church Work Day
<b>16</b> 9:30am Youth Sunday School 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Men's Group	<b>18</b> 9:30am Pastor's Bible Study 10:30am Exercise 7:00pm Tai Chi	<b>19</b> 5:30pm WNL dinner & programs 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 10:30am Exercise 10:30am Quilting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>23</b> 9:30am Youth Sunday School 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30am Pastor's Bible Study 10:30am Exercise 7:00pm Tai Chi	<b>26</b> <b>Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>27</b> 10:30am Exercise 10:30am Quilting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>30</b> 9:30am Youth Sunday School 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<b>31</b>					

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Leslie Morris  
 3 Jamie Pitner  
 9 John Couter  
 9 David Shuford  
 10 Hails Burnette  
 12 Hank McMahon  
 15 Meg Word  
 16 George Kemp  
 16 Noah Genovesi  
 17 Michelle Chastain  
 17 Sandy Sanderson  
 19 Shane Coffman



21 Eric Burnette  
 21 Karen McMahon  
 22 Chuck Holt  
 23 Susanne Burgess  
 24 Bob Rhodes  
 25 Savannah Shuford  
 27 Mary Jane Blanchard  
 27 Eve Davis  
 27 Thomas Skinner  
 27 Charlyne Trotter  
 28 Jane Ensign  
 29 Paul Camp

## SCRIPTURE A DAY

<b>October 1</b>	Hebrews 12:1-3	<b>October 17</b>	Psalm 145:10-21
<b>October 2</b>	Philippians 3:12-16	<b>October 18</b>	Mark 8:34-37
<b>October 3</b>	John 13:3-7	<b>October 19</b>	1 Corinthians 15:50-56
<b>October 4</b>	Deuteronomy 5:6-21	<b>October 20</b>	Luke 13:6-9
<b>October 5</b>	2 Corinthians 4:8-18	<b>October 21</b>	1 Corinthians 12:12-27
<b>October 6</b>	1 John 3:11, 16-18	<b>October 22</b>	Mark 4:35-41
<b>October 7</b>	Hebrews 12:1-11	<b>October 23</b>	Luke 18:15-17
<b>October 8</b>	Romans 13:11-14	<b>October 24</b>	Philippians 4:10-19
<b>October 9</b>	Psalm 34:17-22	<b>October 25</b>	1 Corinthians 13
<b>October 10</b>	Mark 8:14-21	<b>October 26</b>	1 Kings 19:1-13
<b>October 11</b>	Psalm 89:1-8	<b>October 27</b>	Ecclesiastes 7:8-14
<b>October 12</b>	Isaiah 55:6-13	<b>October 28</b>	Hebrews 11:32-40
<b>October 13</b>	Lamentations 3:17-26	<b>October 29</b>	Psalm 80:1-9
<b>October 14</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	<b>October 30</b>	Psalm 27:1-14
<b>October 15</b>	John 20:19-29	<b>October 31</b>	Matthew 4:12-17
<b>October 16</b>	John 20:19-29		

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I made a commitment with the members of Session the other night. We all agreed to pray every day for a week and ask God to show us where he wanted us to grow. We didn't toss out ideas for improvement or brainstorm strategies. We committed to prayer.

Why? Well, for two reasons. First, that's what Christians do. Open your Bible and start reading Acts. The disciples are all gathered together and they are praying (1:14), and then BAM! the Holy Spirit comes upon them and Pentecost happens! Or read Philippians. Paul writes that he is in constant prayer for the church and their ministry (1:3-14).

The second reason is this: Proverbs 16:9 "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." Or in the New Living Translation: "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." The contrast is made using the word 'but.' It makes us realize that God's direction is the more important part of the equation. Our plans are all well and good – even necessary – *but* God is the one in charge. God is the one setting the course.

So we're praying. You can't miss the fact that God is doing things around here. People are excited about church, they are learning and studying, and growing. Our kids swarm upstairs to children's church every Sunday. God is working powerfully in our congregation! But where do we go next? What does God have for us? What direction does God want us to grow?

If God is the gardener, we are the bonsai tree. God is guiding us, directing our growth, nourishing us to make us healthy and strong. Where does God want us to go? Let's pray about it and find out!

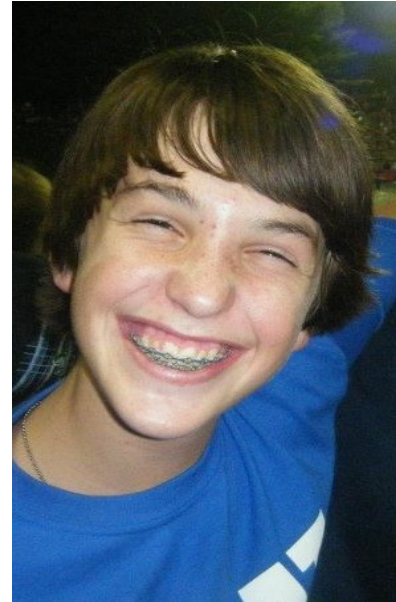
Blessings,



## CONFIRMATION

Our two confirmation students were examined by our Session at its October meeting. These two young men each possess a strong foundation of faith, and have committed to a life-long process of growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ as full-members of Christ's church!

**Congratulations to Mike Genovesi and Ty McMahon!  
They will be officially welcomed by the congregation on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



## NEW NORTHSIDER

Northside rejoices with church members Tammi and Eston Mayberry (and big brother Will) in the birth of their new daughter, Emerson (Emmi) Claire! Her birthday was September 30.



## THANK YOU!

Ben and Erica Skidmore offer a huge thank you to everyone who helped with meals, sent cards, and offered encouraging words of comfort while they dealt with Ben's mom's illness and death. The sincere love that was expressed by the Northside congregation has been very powerful. Thank you!

Ben's mom followed in his footsteps in ministry, attending San Francisco Theological Seminary from 2004-2007. She served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Wray, CO. The service celebrating her life and resurrection in Christ was beautiful and touching. Her ashes were scattered, according to her wishes, along the Continental Divide in Colorado.

## NORTHSIDE BEREAVEMENT TEAM

We need your help! Are you willing and able to share your time and energy with funeral receptions? There are a variety of ways to help: set up, clean up, providing finger foods, and refilling food trays during the reception. Can we call you when we have a need? If so, please jot down your name and phone number and place it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office at 266-1766 or send an email to [info@northsidepresbyterian.org](mailto:info@northsidepresbyterian.org)

**Thank you for your consideration!**

## SERMON TOPICS

### October 16th

*Striking a Balance*

Isaiah 45:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22

### October 23rd

*The Shema*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 22:34-40

### October 30th

*The Other Side of Hypocrisy*

Micah 3:9-12; Matthew 23:1-12