



Oct 1st 2015 e-News from Pastor Craig

Our Mission

Every once in awhile we need to remind ourselves of why we exist as a church. What is our mission? Simply put: **Our Mission is to reach our community for Christ.**

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus gave us our marching orders. He said, "**Go and make disciples.**" The fact Jesus says "Go," means outreach needs to be at the heart of what we do. Our mission is not to be a club for the "already reached," but to be an outreach center for the "yet to be reached."

How do we do that? This brings us to our strategy.

Our Strategy is to share God's love in practical ways by being actively involved in our community. This represents our best chance of reaching our community for Christ.

Our Motto as a church is: **Growing Faith, Family & Friends.**

Hopefully this is not an empty slogan, but reflects the true priorities of North Shore.

Now that we've done our review, here are some of the exciting opportunities facing us this October.

- On Sunday, October 4th, we move back into the Worship Center as our place to meet each Sunday.
- Our 'Raise the Roof' campaign to replace the old metal roof is continuing. Our goal is \$45,000.
- WyldLife (the Young Life middle school program) starts on October 4th at 5:09pm. I've had conversations with Jeffrey, and he is eager to start this ministry at our church. He has already identified several young people who plan to attend. Efren and I will be there to assist. Their fun activity the first night will be creating and eating ice cream sundaes out of a trough! Should be fun.
- A few weeks later, Jeffrey plans to start a Campaigners Club on Sunday mornings at North Shore as a way of encouraging youth and their parents to attend church. The C. Club will start at 8:30am.
- Frenzy has started. It's our ministry to kids age 4 through 5th grade. Our first night we had 30 kids. 21 of were from the Hispanic community! We are very excited about this cross-cultural opportunity.
- Childcare plans to start this month at NSBC. Pam Calhoun is excited about finally getting Kid Haven off the ground. The fence is up. The workers are ready. This is a great opportunity for our church family to reach out with God's love to the families in our area.



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- Practice for the Community Christmas Concert begins Sunday, October 11th 1-3pm @ North Shore. We are pleased to once again be hosting this event. Performance dates are scheduled for Friday, December 18th @ 7:00pm and Saturday, December 19th @ 1:00pm.
- On Sunday, October 25th, we plan to have our next CHURCH POTLUCK. We are going to use the rest of the pulled pork we have, and Efren's mom Graciela is going to make us a delicious cabbage salsa (pico de gallo). We plan to have this potluck early Sunday evening, and combine it with a Christian movie: Dinner and a movie. So please put that on your calendar.
- On Halloween evening, we will partner with the Manson Business Association and host a TRUCK-N-TREAT in our church parking lot. We need each of you to bring your car or truck down to the church parking lot from 5-7pm. If you can decorate it ahead of time, that would be great. If not, bring your vehicle down, and we'll help you decorate it. The idea is to do a line of vehicles for the kids to walk down and collect candy. It's all designed to put North Shore at the center of our community.

We will have a table with hot apple cider, coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn. We will also have a photo booth where costumed children can have their pictures taken with their family and friends. We will have prizes for best car costume. The church parking lot will be decorated in orange lights. The businesses in Manson will be participating in this community event.

So as you can see, there is a lot going on this month. Please help us by being involved in any way you can. Together, we can reach our community for Jesus Christ!

On a parting note, I want you to know how much of a pleasure it was working with Matt and Lynsey. We will miss them both; and wish them the very best in the future.

May the Lord richly bless you this October!

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