

# NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

Peace for the Soul...  
Direction for the Journey...  
Hope for the Hungry...

## THE MESSENGER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are a church with direction in our name. We are Northwest. But from time to time we still need to talk about where we are heading. The word "heading" itself refers not to a destination, but a direction. Where is Northwest headed?

Northwest is headed where it has always been headed. We are headed in a direction that seeks to honor and glorify God while helping us to grow more like Christ in our daily lives. We are headed in a direction that offers a beacon of hope to the people around us who feel directionless and lost. I know that everyone of you cares about those who are lost. It is a mandate from our Creator that we are to care for the lost sheep, and I know you do. I know that all of you desire to grow closer in your walk with God and become more like Christ. I also know that all of you seek to honor and glorify God in your worship and lives.

What is amazing is that we are a church where all of us seek to do the same things, but we may seek to go about them in different ways. Instead of wondering why people don't like to do things like we do, maybe we ought to all step back and exclaim:

Isn't the heterogeneous body of Christ amazing!

I can promise you this. If you seek to honor God in what you do, and give your brothers and sisters in Christ space to do the same in their own way, you will not be disappointed. If you seek to grow closer to Christ and allow that others may seek to experience Christian formation differently than you, you will not be disappointed. If you care about the lost even if they are not like you and never will be, you will not be disappointed.

When we arrive at a place where we desire others to know God more than we want our own desires to be met...in that place we are communing with God and there will be no disappointment. We will be saying with our lives "not my will, but Yours be done." And God will not disappoint.

So where are we headed as a church? What is the Northwest direction?

That *all* would know God.

That we would grow together and towards God.

That we would celebrate our differences.

That we would live in unity.

That we would love God.

That we would love one another.

That we would love the world.

And that's the direction we're heading. The same one we've been heading for over 100 years.

Love,

Pastor Brandon

### *Crisis Control Gift for the Month of FEBRUARY: JUICE*

#### **Urgent Needs**

Currently the pantries are running critically low on: Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Canned Meats — especially Tuna, Baking Items, Deodorant, Dish Washing Liquid, Laundry Detergent & Shampoo. If you are unable to donate these kinds of items, consider a monetary donation to the food pantry. Crisis Control Ministry is able to purchase food at wholesale prices so your monetary donations can make a big difference and help provide families with well-rounded meals.

### **Let Us Not Cease To Pray**

Please follow this protocol for notification of all prayer requests, as well as information about the sick and shut-ins: Contact the office Monday - Thursday, between 8 AM and 1 PM. After office hours, contact Beverly Jones at 768-4270, no later than 11 PM.

In the case of an emergency, call Brandon Hudson at 529-2945.

## Ellen's Corner

February is here and we have several things planned this month to get us through the winter:

- ◆ Northwest is taking dinner to the Prodigals Community on February 13 and Brandon will be bringing the message for the 7:00 PM worship. The church is invited. The worship experience at Prodigals is truly uplifting. Come and celebrate with our brothers and sisters at Prodigals .
- ◆ Northwest will take a special offering for the Food Bank on Sunday, February 12 during morning worship. Every dollar that we donate to the food bank has approximately \$10 buying power and will supply 7 meals to those in need. Plan to bring at least \$1 to donate that Sunday. Remember, it purchases the power of \$10!
- ◆ On February 18, we will again have Praisefest! This is a favorite event for many of us here at Northwest. Come and enjoy a special night of praise and worship celebrating the love of our great God!. Our special guests will be the Prodigals Choir. We will take a love offering for the Prodigals Community during the service.



- ◆ On February 29, we will have our annual Chili Cook-Off! Every year the competition is just a little bit better and more creative in the culinary arts! Voting will take place with \$1 donations for your favorite chili. Don't forget, you can vote for more than one! So sample them all and vote for several! The proceeds will go to the youth fund for their various trips and projects. Following the dinner, we will have a game night. Bring your favorite board game and let's have some fun. This is a church-wide event.



Speaking of the Chili Cook-Off, the quilting ministry has another quilt for raffle after the cook off. Tickets are free, but we suggest a \$1 donation. The donations will be split between the youth and quilting ministries. The quilt will be on display soon!



*Thanks to all of you for helping out and for the great food. It was a most beautiful service for Jeff West.*

*— Kay West Vicars and  
the family of Jeff West*

### Church-wide Discussion

Sunday, February 5, 9:45 AM, Fellowship Hall

### Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall

## NEW ADDRESSES

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## Announcements, Updates and Reminders

### Women's Activities



Many ways are offered at Northwest for women to meet together for Bible study, fellowship, missions activities and ministry opportunities:

- ◆ **Ladies Bible Study** will meet Thursday, February 2nd and Thursday, February 16th at 10:00 am in room 208. The book is *Tell Me Your Story*. All ladies are invited to participate. A new study will begin February 16 called *The Pathway*. If you would like to join this new study, see Ellen Strickland.
- ◆ The **Quilting Ministry** meets on Fridays from 9:00 AM to noon. We are looking for childcare volunteers during this time as well. If interested please call Ellen Strickland, 480-8006.
- ◆ **Women on Mission (WMU)** will meet Tuesday, February 21, at 10:00 am at Brookridge. A guest speaker will relate his experiences as a disaster responder. Anyone interested, including men, are welcome to attend

### Budget Contributions & Attendance:

#### **New Deacons**

The new deacons elected for the 2012—2014 term are Cheryl Coone, Jeanette Jackson, Charlie Payne, and Betty Lou Vontsolos.

DATE	Sunday School	Worship	\$Received
1/1/2012	58	91	\$8,416.00
1/8/2012	—	100	\$4,894.06
Japanese Fellowship		14	\$ 245.00
1/15/2012	58	91	\$1,864.00
1/22/2012	59	73	\$1,082.00
1/29/2012	61	102	\$8,351.00

February 2nd—Audrey Hastings  
 February 3rd—Caroline Dooly  
 February 4th—Geri Hume  
 February 5th—Ernie Lawson  
 February 8th—Ked Martin  
 February 13th—Madge Brown  
 February 15th—Hobert Brown  
 February 16th—Lance Dooly  
 February 16th—Rebecca Hewitt-Newson  
 February 17th—Carol Curran

February 18th—Lisa Scott  
 February 22nd—Bree Davis  
 February 22nd—Gary Jones  
 February 25th—Ruth McHenry  
 February 29th—Wilburn “Red”  
 Manual



#### **The USHERS for February:**

Hobert Brown  
 Marvin Coone  
 Ernie Lawson  
 Ernie Hall

#### **TELLERS for February:**

Hobert & Mary Anne Brown

## FEBRUARY 2012 – VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Volunteers for the Week of 2/5		Volunteers for the Week of 2/12	
Deacon of the Week	Bill Hauser	Deacon of the Week	Joe Heath
Extended Session	Beverly Jones, Jill Hudson, MA Brown	Extended Session	Betty Lou V, Lori Winters, Valarie Smith
Greeters	Curt & Lisa Scott	Greeters	Bill & Loretta Hauser
Welcome Center	Colleen Knight	Welcome Center	Colleen Knight
Volunteers for the Week of 2/19		Volunteers for the Week of 2/26	
Deacon of the Week	Jeanette Lawson-Jackson	Deacon of the Week	Rob Strickland
Extended Session	Patti Hutchins, Carlee Smith	Extended Session	Mary Parsons, Shelby Laney
Greeters	Nell Lawson & Juanita Freeman	Greeters	Ernie & Betsy Hall
Welcome Center	Colleen Knight	Welcome Center	Colleen Knight

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## FEBRUARY 2012

**SUN                      MON                      TUES                      WED                      THURS                      FRI                      SAT**

			1 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	2 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study	3 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	4
5 9:45 am Church-wide discussion 11:00 am Worship 2:30 pm Japanese Fellowship	6	7	8 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	9	10 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	11
12 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Small Groups	13 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting Prodigal's Dinner & Brandon Speaking	14 	15 6:30 pm Church Conference 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	16 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study	17 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	18 5:00 pm Praisefest!
19 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Small Groups	20 Messenger submissions are due	21 10:00 am WMU at Brookridge	22 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	23	24 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	25
26 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Small Groups	27	28	29 5:30 pm Chili Cook-Off and Game Night! 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir			

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