

# Worship Service Schedule

August 15

Our questions for God #9  
What should a Christian know about Islam?  
Genesis 21  
Sarah Miller and Brian Doten

August 29

Maple Grove Food Packing Event  
*Help for Haiti*  
www.mgfoodpacking.com

August 22

Our questions for God #10  
Does God speak through visions and dreams?  
Daniel 1:17; Genesis 28:12 - 15; Joel, Acts 2

September 5, 2010

Our questions for God #11  
What has to happen before Jesus returns?  
2 Thessalonians 2:3 - 12; 1 John 2:18; Revelation 13:1, Zechariah 14:9



## Northwood Prayer Prompt

Thank you God for choosing to make yourself known to us. Make me diligent to know your Word and to discern what your will is.

**Impact a child's life forever . . . and grow your faith, too!**



You don't have to be an expert on the Bible or know Scripture verses by heart. What you do need is a love for kids and a passion to serve God in this growing ministry. Your commitment to one hour on a rotational basis during your scheduled Sunday morning will build a lifetime of memories in Northwood children.

There are volunteer openings in all age groups. You will not be asked to serve every Sunday. It takes 60 volunteers to staff the needs for Sunday School and 25 volunteers are needed for the fall Sunday School program.

Contact Children's Pastor, Leslee Sherk ([leslee.sherk@northwoodcc.org](mailto:leslee.sherk@northwoodcc.org)) to learn more about Northwood Children's Ministry opportunities or write "Sunday School" on the back of your Information Card and Leslee will contact you.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of Northwood Church is to help people believe in Jesus Christ and become more like him.

## VALUES

Northwood Church aspires to be a . . .

... **Loving Church** where love for God and others influences everything we do.

... **Learning Church** where people follow Jesus Christ and are becoming more like him.

... **Worshipping Church** where we bow our heads, hearts and lives to God and exalt the name of Jesus Christ.

... **Outreaching Church** where love for God is demonstrated in love for neighbors and people in need.

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**Meeting Each Sunday at:  
Maple Grove Community Center  
12951 Weaver Lake Road  
Maple Grove, MN**

**Service Times:  
9:30 a.m.  
10:50 a.m.**

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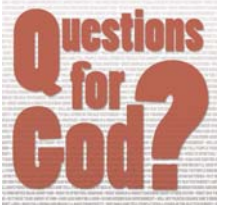
# NORTHWOOD news

Helping people believe in Jesus and become more like him

August 1, 2010

*Our questions for God #7, What happens to people who never hear about Jesus? Acts 4:12; Romans 1:18 - 19; 2 Peter 3:8 - 9*

One of the clearest teachings in the Bible is that Jesus is the way to God - that Jesus is not one of many ways to God, he is the only way to God. So, what does that mean for people - past, present and future - who've never heard about Jesus? How does God deal with them? Isn't it unjust, unloving and cruel to condemn someone for eternity because of where they were born, where they lived or their lack of opportunity to hear about Jesus? This is a sticky, difficult question! Thankfully, though, the Bible gives us good answers straight from God himself. If this is an important question for you, don't miss it!



*Worship Service Elements:*

Music  
Message

Robert Alexander is speaking today. Senior Pastor, Brian Doten, is on vacation returning August 15.

*Next Week: Our questions for God #8, What is spiritual warfare?, Ephesians 6:10 - 20, Luke Trouten speaking*

C.S. Lewis warns us against two extremes when it comes to Satan: too much interest or too little regard. Lewis echoed the Apostle Paul who wrote, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Paul teaches us Satan is real and that he has great power. But, Paul also reminds us God is way more powerful than Satan and that believers stand with and behind God when it comes to our spiritual battle with Satan and his evil forces. And, in Ephesians 6 Paul explains the powerful weapons God has given us for our battle with Satan. Do you know what they are?

# What's Happening at Northwood?

## Maple Grove Food Packing, Help for Haiti



On August 29, Maple Grove Covenant Church and Northwood Church will sponsor the second annual *Maple Grove Food Packing Event* in the gymnasium of the Maple Grove Community Center. This year the people of Haiti will receive the container. Based on the participation last year, we anticipate the time slots to fill up quickly. You can sign up and donate on the web at: [www.mgfoodpacking.com](http://www.mgfoodpacking.com). If you cannot participate in the food packing event, please consider making a donation. A box of food for 216 meals is only \$40.

If you would like to have posters or brochures for work or to pass along to friends and family, please stop by the Welcome Table and pick them up.

## Financial Peace University classes September 13



The adventure into "Gazelle Intensity" begins again! Have you wondered what a FICO score really is and is a "good" score really

good for you? Classes meet once a week for 13 weeks for 2 hours, the cost is \$99 per family. Child care is provided at a very affordable rate. Join *Financial Peace* and you will find out what a gazelle has to do with your finances.

Classes are offered starting Monday, September 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Northwood Church house. To sign up contact Steve Wilhelmy at 612-619-2638 or write FPU on the back of your information card.

## Bible Reading Schedule available today

The current Bible Reading Schedule is included in the Northwood News today. This schedule coincides with the current sermon series "Our Great Questions for God" from August 1 through 22.

Reading the Bible can be one of the most rewarding and helpful experiences in life. Here are a few suggestions to help get you started.

1. Read a good Bible translation.
2. Follow a Bible reading plan.
3. Ask God to teach you as you read the Bible.
4. Consider joining a small group that studies the Bible.
5. Make the Bible your book for life.

## Leslee Sherk farewell set for August 22

Northwood Church will formally say farewell to Children's Pastor Leslee Sherk in morning worship services, Sunday, August 22. In preparation for the event Northwooders are encouraged to write a personal note of appreciation and blessing to Leslee on the back of their Information Card or send an e-mail to Office Manager, Renee Kraemer, at [renee.kraemer@northwoodcc.org](mailto:renee.kraemer@northwoodcc.org) by August 15. The notes will be included in a special memory book being created for Leslee and given to her the morning of her farewell.



Leslee joined the Northwood staff November 1, 2003 as part-time Children's Director. Since that time her title changed to Children's Pastor as our ministry to children grew to include 150 children and 60 teachers. Leslee's leadership helped our children's ministry grow and expand in many ways including summer Vacation Bible School, parent and child dedication events, parent education classes and last year's Fall Family Festival "Road Trip" event. Leslee has often commented that her greatest satisfaction in her role as Children's Pastor has been the number of children who began their relationship with Jesus through children's ministry. Scores of children became believers in Jesus through the programs she led and administered. In addition to leading Northwood's children's ministry Leslee has also been the staff liaison to Women's Ministry the past five years providing counsel and direction.

Pastor Brian Doten commented, "Leslee left classroom teaching seven years ago to give help and direction to Northwood's children's ministry and she has served faithfully and effectively since then. Leslee has worked hard to ensure Northwood's children know they are loved by God and adults. We owe Leslee our respect, gratitude and prayer support for all she has done. Leslee, Andy, Evan and Avery have been a huge part of Northwood's 10 year history and they will be greatly missed. Please join me in blessing the Sherks by expressing your gratitude to them personally."

Interim Children's Director Debbie Shireman will begin work August 15 and a search for a new Children's Director will begin in early September.

## Our Giving in 2010

*Thank you for your faithful giving to God through Northwood Church in 2010. Through your gifts God is touching lives and helping people believe in Jesus Christ and become more like him!*

*"Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 1 Chronicles 29:14*

as of 7/31/10

General Fund Giving:	\$227,987
General Fund Budget:	\$225,367
Outreach Fund Giving:	\$ 20,912
Outreach Fund Budget:	\$ 25,962
FaithJourney Fund Giving:	\$106,550

## Set Up team is looking for a few good men



How does the Maple Grove Community Center get transformed into the place of worship you attend each Sunday? It all happens because of a group of dedicated men called "The Ministers of First Impression".

We are 15 dedicated men broken up into 5 teams of 3 guys that arrive at the community center at 7 a.m. on your scheduled Sunday morning. Over the next hour we transform the community center into a place to worship. We make sure everything is in place and Northwood is ready to worship at 9:30 a.m. Following the 10:50 a.m. service, the same team will tear everything down and bring it back to our storage area. The team is usually done by 1 p.m.

Write "set up" on the back of your information card if you are interested in joining "The Ministers of First Impression."

## Believer's Baptism August 22 at Weaver Lake



Northwood will be having an outdoor baptism service at Weaver Lake Beach & Park on Sunday, August 22 at 6 p.m.

Those interested in learning more about believer's baptism or professing personal commitment and faith in Jesus Christ through baptism should contact the church office at 763-494-5369 to speak with a pastor. A baptism brochure is also available at the Welcome Table.