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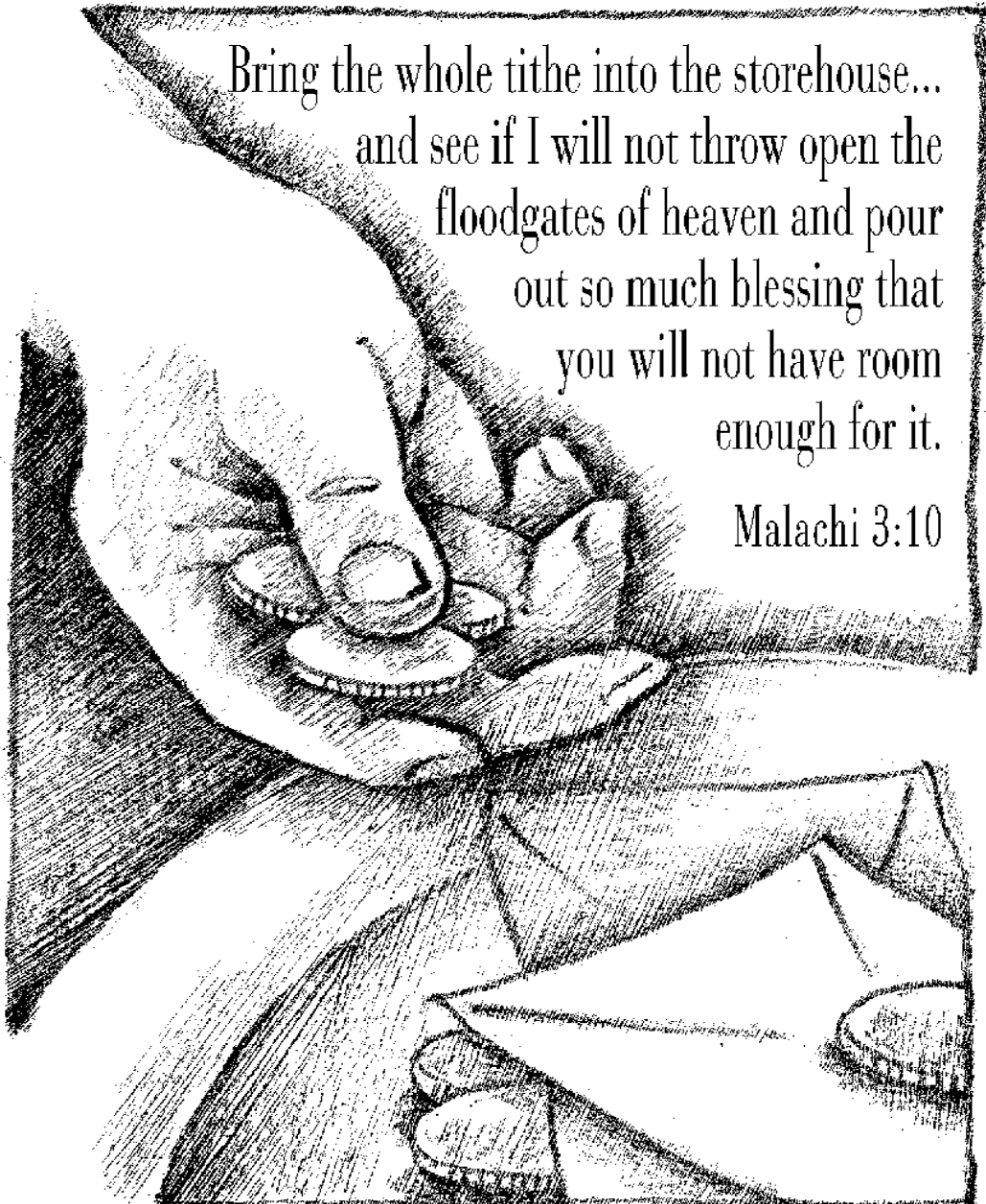
CHURCH

Bringing people together and to God

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Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...
and see if I will not throw open the
floodgates of heaven and pour
out so much blessing that
you will not have room
enough for it.

Malachi 3:10



Welcome to Northtown Church!

"Bringing people together and to God"

Come as you are. That's our request and welcome to you. You don't need to pretend anything while you are with us. We accept you wherever you are on your spiritual journey. We may all be unsure at times where our personal journey is leading us, but we can have confidence that God is with us and He is in control. Open your heart. Stay awhile and seek His truth together with us. You'll experience the joy and strength of Christian community and together we'll grow closer to God. Please be our guest and come as you are.

The Quiet Room

If you desire to have an elder pray with you about any need in your life, you are invited to come to The Quiet Room in the southwest corner of the auditorium immediately after worship on any Sunday. An elder is waiting for you, to pray with you and to encourage you.

Talk With the Leadership

Open a conversation with the Leadership of Northtown Church! Perhaps you have a request, a suggestion or a question. If so, then contact us. Call any elder or minister – their names and phone numbers are on the back of this bulletin. We are always ready to talk with you, whether you're a guest here or a member.

VBS is Coming!

Vacation Bible School will soon be here! Dates are June 21-25 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. This year's theme is **Under the Sea**, so get your goggles and swim togs on for a fun week of learning about God's goodness! **NOTE:** There will be a meeting of VBS helpers after worship service TODAY! See Melinda Rhodebeck, director, for details.



5th Sunday Potluck

Mark your calendar for our next family get-together on May 31 for a potluck meal! This is a great time to get to know one another and enjoy some good food. Details to follow in future bulletins.

30 Hour Famine

The teens will be participating in the "30-Hour Famine," a program to bring attention to hunger and homelessness around the world, on May 15 and 16. Chaperones are

still needed to help both Friday night and Saturday -- CATS trained and also secondary workers. Large cardboard boxes are also needed for makeshift "homes." Help is need for the following schedule:

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| 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Friday night intro, games, worship, lesson, and making cardboard 'homes.' |
| 10 p.m. - 8 a.m. | The overnight crew. Teens sleep in cardboard boxes to get the homeless experience. |
| Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | Morning worship, drivers to help with the service project at Church of Good Hope Food Pantry (plastic/paper bags needed). |
| 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Games, afternoon devo, wrap up the Famine and help teens prepare food and have "break fast." |
| "Famine" Sunday: | Youth Led Worship |

The teens will be also seeking "sponsors," with all donations going to third world countries for food, medical care, and education through World Vision. A grant will match all donations. Be sure to contribute to this worthy cause!

Contact Travis: (travis@northtownchurch.org) 414-353-0729

☪☪ God's Will or Mine? ☪☪

I remember the chill that went down my spine when I read the secret formula disclosed only to initiates during the third degree of Masonry: "Let my will happen in all things." The formula was not new to me. It tapped into the huge drive for self-assertion which we all have in us. It is just the contrary of the teaching of our Lord: "Whoever desires to come to Me, let him deny himself" (Mark 8:34).

Human nature says "no" to this command of Jesus. But if the grace of God comes and you are inclined to fulfill it, be aware that Satan can disguise himself and make of conversion to Christ an initiation into the satanic rite. If you were to express in clear words what happens in such a case, it would be as follows: "I must be a man with a very strong 'I' to be able to decide even the rejection of the 'I', the only great treasure I possess. So let my will happen in religion, too. My will is to deny myself."

Afterwards you can go to great lengths of self-denial. You can go even as far as giving away all you possessions and being burned at the stake for your ideals. It is the "I" that will have chosen poverty or martyrdom. Without knowing it, you will have been faithful to the formula of initiation: "Let my will happen in all things – even in matters regarding my relationship with Christ."

"Deny yourself" is one of the many commands of Scripture. They have not been given to be fulfilled. As a man is born in sin, you cannot fulfill them. You can only take cognizance of them, seeing in them, as in a mirror, how far away you are from what is beautiful and right. You then acknowledge your sinfulness, at which point Christ can work in you. He changes you from glory to glory.

- Excerpted from Alone With God, by Richard Wurmbrand

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Servants for Service

This Week – May 3

Speaker: Keith Brumley
Announcer: Craig O'Leske

Communion: JerMaine Bryant
Prayer: Bob Monroe
Children's: Tim Anderson, Regina Anderson,
Church: Reina Anderson
Greeters: Steven and Jessica Becker
Ushers: Greg Davis, Brian Crum

Next Week – May 10

Keith Brumley
JerMaine Bryant

Ed Wewel
Roger Root
Bob Monroe, Penny Monroe,
Erin Monroe
Tim and Regina Anderson
Corwin Russell, Ken Robertson

Calendar of Events

5/2-3 WCYC Youth Rally
5/15-16 30 Hour Famine
5/17 Youth Led Service
5/31 5th Sunday Potluck
6/21-25 VBS

Birthdays / Anniversaries This Week

5/4 Jim Brumley
5/7 Bruce Hogeboom
5/7 Linda Nollge
5/9 Margaret Franzen
5/9 Vicki Robertson

Our Giving

Offering Last Week: \$2,229
2009 Average: \$3,723
2008 Budget: \$3,590

Our Fellowship

Attendance Last Week: 151
2009 Average: 138

Mowing/Shoveling Schedule

5/3-5/9 Tim Anderson, Evan Bane,
Garrett Bane
5/10-5/16 Tom Bassing, Keith Brumley,
JerMaine Bryant

Children's Memory Verse for May:

Do not be deceived: "Bad company
corrupts good morals."
- 1 Corinthians 15:33

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•OBEYING OUR CHRIST•

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Sunday Bible Class: 9 AM
Sunday Worship: 10 AM
Wednesday Class: 7 PM

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