



# NORTHTOWN CHURCH

Bringing people together and to God

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**Seeking the Lost...**



**...wherever  
they live**

## ***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. Open your heart and stay awhile and seek His truth together with us. We can have confidence that God is with us and He is in control. May you experience the joy and strength of Christian community as together we 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.

### **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.

### **Reverse Potluck – TODAY!**

Remember to invite someone new home for lunch! Also, next Sunday will be your last chance to bring canned vegetables for the Shults-Lewis Children's Home.

### **Food Pantry Needs**

There are also hungry people in our own neighborhood who are assisted by our food pantry. The following items are currently needed: **macaroni & cheese, tuna, oatmeal, soups, corn, peas.** Also personal items such as **toilet paper, toothpaste and bar soap.** See Pat Steevens for details.

### **Sunday Night Live**

The Youth Group is invited to "Sunday Night Live" on December 6th at Southside Church from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be games, worship and pizza. Sign up in the youth room; see Keith for more information.

### **Women's Bunko Game Night**

A "Bunko Night" is planned for the women on Friday, December 11th at Nancy Palmer's home. Sign up by December 5th to bring a snack or dessert. See Margaret Franzen for details.

## Christmas Banquet

Northtown's annual Christmas banquet will be from 5 to 8 PM, on Sunday, December 13. This will be an elegant, dress-up event for adults only, with live entertainment by our very own! There are sign-up sheets in the foyer to bring either an appetizer or dessert. Canned goods will also be collected for the food pantry. See Penny or Bob Monroe for more information.

## Ladies' Day Program

"Where Are You in Your Walk With Christ?" is the theme of this year's Ladies' Day program to be held on December 5th, from 8:30 to noon, followed by a luncheon. Participants are asked to bring "gently used" women's and children's shoes to be donated to charity. See Renee Russell for details.

A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer to bring food for the luncheon. Categories are salads, desserts or breads. See Lana Fox if you have any questions.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Caroling



It's time again to bring homemade cookies for our Neighborhood Caroling activity, where we invite our community to learn about the birth of Jesus at the Christmas worship service. We will meet at the building at **6 PM, Wednesday, December 16**, and go out in "teams" to sing and give a plate of yummy Christmas cookies to our neighbors! Cookies should be marked and placed in the freezer by Sunday, December 13. See Keith if you have questions.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on December 19th at the church building. This month's theme is "Taking God to Work" and will explore how we can be an influence for the Lord in our workplace. Men, join us at 8:30 AM *sharp* for breakfast and a great time of fellowship - bring a buddy! See Keith for more.

One of the great Christian heresies is the notion that God sits on high as a stern judge, looking for any reason to consign us humans to hell. God does not *want* to do any such thing. He wants humanity to be saved.

If we are headed down the wrong path, he is likely to put something in our way to turn us around -- perhaps a friend who is a Christian or perhaps a life experience (either a blessing or a trial) that will make us reconsider and change direction. With Zaccheus, it was Jesus himself who crossed paths with the despised (and quite likely dishonest) tax collector.

Of course Zaccheus, like us, had free will, and he could have avoided Jesus, could have sneered and turned away, and could have derided Jesus and his teaching. We humans can separate ourselves from God, and if we persist long enough in our arrogance and egoism it can have eternal consequences. But that's not what God wants to happen.

-John McAdams

## Servants for Service

This Week – November 29

**Speaker:** Keith Brumley  
**Announcer:** Craig O'Leske

**Communion:** Rob Morgan  
**Prayer:** Gregg Steevens  
**Children's Church:** No Children's Church

**Greeters:** Michael & Staci Geenen  
**Ushers:** Bob Monroe, Farshad Maltes

Next Week – December 6

Keith Brumley  
JerMaine Bryant

Bud Palmer  
Greg Davis  
Ken Koch, Katie Koch

Peggy Love, Mary Read  
Roger Root, Greg Davis

### Calendar of Events

12/5 Ladies Day, 8:30-noon  
12/6 Sunday Night Live, 4:30 PM  
12/11 Women's Bunko Night  
12/13 Christmas Banquet, 5-8 PM  
12/16 Neighborhood Caroling, 6 PM  
12/19 Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM  
12/20 Christmas Service

### Birthdays / Anniversaries This Week

11/29 Ken & Peggy Koch  
12/2 Susan Wolter  
12/3 Brittany Brumley  
12/3 Ginger Klett  
12/3 Casey Stokes  
12/5 Steven Becker

### Our Giving

Offering Last Week: \$3,409  
2009 Average: \$3,322  
2009 Budget: \$3,650

### Our Fellowship

Attendance Last Week: 124  
2009 Average: 134

### Mowing/Shoveling Schedule

11/29-12/05 Brian Crum, Corwin Russell,  
Craig O'Leske  
12/06-12/12 Darran Dunomes, Evan Bane,  
Garrett Bane

### Children's Memory Verse for December:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. Now one comes to the Father except through Me."

*John 14:6*

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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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