

# NORTHTOWN CHURCH

Bringing people together and to God

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## Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

- Old Shaker song

## ***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.

### **Sunday Night Live**

The Youth Group is invited to "Sunday Night Live" TONIGHT at Southside Church from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be games, worship and pizza. Sign up in the youth room – bring a friend! See Keith for more information.

### **New Classes**

New adult and children's classes for the winter quarter begin today. Keith will be teaching on the book of Judges, continuing the story of the conquest of Canaan.

A women's class is also held on Sunday morning on the foundations of faith. See Renee Russell for information.

**Teacher Needed:** We are still in need of a teacher for the elementary grades class on Wednesday nights. Please see Roger Root if you can help.

### **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 6th 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.

### 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.

### Food Pantry Needs

Almost every week Northtown serves hungry people from our neighborhood through our food pantry. Please remember to bring non-perishable foods to keep it well stocked. 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.

### Christmas Service

On Sunday, December 20, we will have a special service to observe the birth of Jesus our Savior. Please consider inviting family and friends to this meaningful time of worship.



### *Sermons for December*

December 6: The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment

December 13: Don't Stress Out!

December 20: Jesus' Birth – An "Angel's-Eye View"

December 27: A New Year's Resolution Worth Making & Keeping

## Servants for Service

### This Week – December 6

**Speaker:** Keith Brumley  
**Announcer:** JerMaine Bryant

**Communion:** Bud Palmer  
**Prayer:** Greg Davis  
**Children's Church:** Ken Koch, Katie Koch  
**Greeters:** Peggy Love, Mary Read  
**Ushers:** Roger Root, Greg Davis

### Next Week – December 13

Keith Brumley  
Dave Spenner  
Roger Root  
Evan Bane  
Jackie Miller, Brandon Miller,  
Lorna Miller  
Ken & Peggy Koch  
Brian Crum, Corwin Russell

### Calendar of Events

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

12/8 Avery Crum  
12/8 Adriun Davis  
12/8 Sharon Polzin  
12/9 Sandy McCann  
12/11 Bob Monroe

### Our Giving

Offering Last Week: \$2,123  
2009 Average: \$3,304  
2009 Budget: \$3,650

### Our Fellowship

Attendance Last Week: 139  
2009 Average: 134

### Mowing/Shoveling Schedule

12/06-12/12 Darran Dunomes, Evan Bane,  
Garrett Bane  
12/13-12/19 Jared Klett, Jeff Spenner,  
JerMaine Bryant

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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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### 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*