



NORTHTOWN
CHURCH

Bringing people together and to God

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**Unless one is born of water and the Spirit,
he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

John 3:5

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.

LC2CL for Haiti

The Youth Group fundraiser, "Loose Change to Change Lives" raised almost **\$1,000!!** Funds collected will be used to benefit the Hope for Haiti's Children ministry. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti.



Acacia Theatre

"The Secret Garden" is the upcoming play at Acacia Theatre, February 26-March 7. If you've not seen a show yet at Acacia, you're really missing a treat! Acacia's mission is to integrate art and faith through professional theater productions, and to be a witness to our community. See the postcards in the foyer for more information about the "The Secret Garden," or talk to Melinda Rhodebeck.

Final Directory Updates

A new church directory will soon be printed. If you have any changes or corrections to your address or other information, please see Regina Anderson.

New Classes

Spring quarter classes will be starting next week, March 7th. The adult class will be “Acts: The Gospel Unleashed” taught by Ed Wewel and Bud Palmer. A women’s class will continue in the annex. See insert in the bulletin for a schedule of youth classes.

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit

The Northtown group trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls is this Saturday, March 6. For those wishing to carpool, meet at the building by 9:15 AM; otherwise, meet at the museum no later than 10 AM in the lobby to receive your tickets. Entry into the exhibit is set by your ticket time so be prompt!

It is hoped that everyone will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to see this exhibit some other time while it is in town until June 3. An article is also posted on the bulletin board. (See <http://www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/> for details.)

The Dead Sea Scrolls contain Biblical texts that date from 200 BC to 100 AD – an amazing discovery that adds validation to the accuracy of the Scriptures. Don't miss it!

Born Again!

Give Nicodemus some credit. At a time when Jesus’ ministry must have been causing increasing hostility among his fellow high-ranking Pharisees (why else would he come by night?), he is impressed by Jesus’ miracles and comes willing to be taught.

However, Nicodemus just doesn’t “get it.” On being told that one must be “born again” to see the kingdom of God, he responds “How can a man be born when he is old?” It’s easy for us modern Christians – with our complete Bible, loads of commentaries, and a tradition of exegesis – to see Nicodemus as a dunce. We “get it,” or at least are convinced we do.

But just how often is it that we really don’t “get it” either?

Later in John (7:50-52), we find Nicodemus defending Jesus among his fellow Pharisees, and later still helping Joseph of Arimathea prepare Jesus’ body for burial (19:38-42). Nicodemus, it seems, became a follower. God’s desire is that we all be followers, even if we have to start as dunces. And a lot of us do, even if we like Nicodemus have credentials that should (but often don’t) signify wisdom.

-John McAdams

Servants for Service

This Week – February 28

Speaker: Keith Brumley
Announcer: JerMaine Bryant

Communion: John McAdams
Prayer: Duane Rhodebeck
Tiny Tykes Frankie Maltes, Beck McCann,
 Kiera Russell
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Greeters: Ken & Peggy Koch
Ushers: Ken Zinkgraf, Bob Monroe

Next Week – March 7

Keith Brumley
 Dave Spenner
 Darran Dunomes
 Rob Morgan
 Susan Wolter, Cedric Wolter,
 Lorna Miller
 Jackie Miller, Brandon Miller,
 Lorna Miller
 Melinda Rhodebeck, C. Wewel
 Farshad Maltes, Ken Koch

Calendar of Events

3/6 Dead Sea Scrolls trip
 3/28 Palm Sunday

•MAKING DISCIPLES•SAVING THE LOST•
 •OBEYING OUR CHRIST•

Our Giving

Offering Last Week:	\$2,927
2010 Average:	\$3,365
2010 Budget:	\$3,500

Our Fellowship

Attendance Last Week:	138
2010 Average:	144

Mowing/Shoveling Schedule

2/28-3/6	Craig O'Leske, Darran Dunomes, Evan Bane
3/7-3/13	Garrett Bane, Jared Klett, JerMaine Bryant

Children's Memory Verse for February:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

Birthdays / Anniversaries This Week

2/28	Blaine & Maureen Gibson
2/28	Jaeda Reed
3/1	Garrett Bane
3/1	Brian Crum
3/2	Staci Geenen
3/2	Frankie Maltes
3/2	Dave Spenner
3/4	Connorie Russell
3/6	Steve & Jessica Becker
3/6	Lynda McAdams

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Sunday Bible Class: 9 AM

Sunday Worship: 10 AM

Wednesday Class: 7 PM

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