

Welcome to NorthPointe Church!

September 2010

THE POST

psalm 23

LIFE IN GOD'S HANDS

The Lord is my shepherd

He will not let me want

*He will restore my soul and
love pursue me*

*He will lead me through the valley
of the shadow of death*

My cup overflows

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're really glad you're here and hope your experience with us will be meaningful and memorable. Relax, grab some coffee and meet some of the really great people who call NorthPointe home.

Families with Children Kids are important to us; that's why we created NP Kids to be a safe, positive, fun environment with nurturing workers and great facilities for your children. If you need help finding the appropriate class for your child please ask a greeter or stop by the Resource Counter for help. If you choose to keep your child with you, please sit near the exits so you can slip out if your child creates a disturbance. You can take your child to their class at any time, or view the service in the Holding Zone located in the lobby.

Connection Cards Would you like to connect with a pastor? Do you have a prayer request? Do you want to respond to something in today's bulletin? Write it on the connection card inside your bulletin, drop it in the offering basket, and if needed, we'll be in touch.

The Lounge Join us for prayer, encouragement or communion after each service in The Lounge which is located in the southwest corner of the Worship Center. This is a great opportunity to get connected and grow in your faith.

Resource Center Copies of our messages are available for purchase on CD at the counter in the lobby. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are also available.

Fresh Start with God If you're seeking to learn more about Christ or renewing your faith, stop by the booth in the lobby to pick up your free Fresh Start with God packet.

EXILE Be a part of EXILE, our college-age service every Thursday at 7:30pm in the warehouse. Love Jesus. Live changed.

Listen Online If you've missed a service and want to get caught up with a recent message, visit our website (northpointe.org) where you can listen online. You can even download message notes.

Facebook Did you know we have a Facebook page? Stop by and "become a fan" so you can be up-to-speed in 'real time' with our weekly updates at [facebook.com/nppcfresno](https://www.facebook.com/nppcfresno).

COMING UP AT NORTHPOINTE...

The Meaning and Importance of Baptism

Bap•tis•m [bap-tiz-uhm] (n.)

Baptism is the way we confess Christ as our Lord and Savior. In Baptism, Christians are immersed in water, symbolizing Christ's plunge into our world's suffering to die and rise again for our salvation. This is one of the ways He gave for us to identify ourselves as His disciples.

Though Baptism is an act of faith, it does not and cannot save us – only Jesus does that! It's an outward expression of an inward experience of faith. Our next baptism is **Sunday, 9/26** after the 11am service in the Worship Center. If you would like to be baptized or need a little more information on baptism, check the box on the back of your connection card and we'll be in touch.

First Steps: If your child is interested in baptism, make plans to join us for our next First Steps class **Saturday, 9/25** at 5:30pm with Pastor Eddie. In this class, he'll discuss the importance of baptism and all the vital information you and your child should know about baptism. Circle **F** on your connection card to sign up and for more details and we'll contact you.



If you've got talent then NorthPointe needs you! We'll be holding open auditions for all worship team positions on **Sunday, 9/12** from 1:30-3:30pm in the Worship Center. Maybe you have another talent that could be useful in a holiday production or special event? Do you break dance? Juggle? Eat Fire!? We want to know about it. Circle **W** on your connection card to receive a reminder.

HOMEWORK CENTRAL

Homework Central is an after school homework assistance program designed to help struggling 4th - 6th grade students excel in school. The program takes place here at NorthPointe on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:45-5pm. Students are assigned to a tutor and the tutor assists them with their homework and helps the students to improve their reading skills.

Who can participate in Homework Central?

Figarden Elementary School is the only school we're able to support at this time. Students are selected by their teachers based upon their need for assistance.

What's the purpose?

To provide practical, real-world assistance to the families of these struggling students and demonstrate God's love. As we serve families in this way we're obeying God's word by helping those in need.



How can I get involved?

This is a great way to have an impact on kids in our community. No special training, education or skills are required to help kids with their homework a couple days a week! We meet Mon & Wed (you can help one or both days) from 2:45-5pm in Room 7. If interested, circle **H** on your connection card and we'll contact you soon with more details! Or you can stop by the patio after service and talk to someone about getting involved in helping kids from our community succeed.

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npcc.ME...because sometimes it is about you.

npcc.ME is your connection point to life as part of northpointe church.

At npcc.ME, you can: Create & update your profile, view events, join groups or ministries, interact with other northpointers, securely view your personal information such as your giving records & more!

Why do we need it? To simplify & combine information for our internal office staff & our volunteers (you!), and to create an online portal for you to access & update your personal information.

Why should you use it? It's an easy way for you to update your personal profile to make sure we have all the correct information such as your children's names and ages, current contact info, & more!

How do you get a user name and password? Just visit npcc.ME and request a login. Be sure to take a look at the tutorial videos posted on the site if you need any help.

GROW, SERVE, CONNECT...



Big Heart Ministry

Big Heart Ministry exists to meet the physical, emotional, financial and spiritual needs of those less fortunate in our church family and community. If you have a heart for people in our community who are in need, then make plans to join us the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in The Outlet. Circle **B** on your connection card if you would like more details about our ministry.

Big Heart Yard Sale

Each fall we hold an annual yard sale fundraiser with all proceeds going to fund our outreaches during the year. This year, we're proud to partner with GAP Ministries/Christian In-Home Care to share the proceeds. Their program assists in providing needed in home care to seniors who are unable to afford the care they need. Our sale will be on **Friday, 10/1** from 4-8pm and **Saturday, 10/2** from 6am-12noon, at 2703 N. Hayes, Fresno.

You can support Big Heart in 3 Big ways:

- **Prayer**
- **Donate** Bring your unwanted items (in good condition please) to either of our 2 weekend pick ups at church during any of the three services on **September 18/19** and **September 25/26**. We'll have our trailer behind the Worship Center ready to load your items in. If you have larger items and need those to be picked up, contact Kathy at 275.0470 to make arrangements.
- **Shop** Come out and shop. We have everything from toys, furniture, dishes, tools, household items, books, holiday decorations, linens and so much more.

Clinicians Needed for Overseas Medical Care

We're partnering with Medical Ministries International in providing medical care and sharing the love of Jesus to people living in the slums of Calcutta, India. We're looking for medical and dental professionals interested in providing basic care to those in need. The trip is scheduled to take place January 10-23, 2011 with an estimated cost of \$3,450. For more information, circle **M** and we'll contact you.

Save Paper, Save Money

You can help us to save paper and reduce printing costs by asking an usher for just a connection card, message notes and weekly inserts if you don't need multiple copies of the bulletin (ie: couples/families). Also, you can now download the bulletin from our website each week as a PDF file. Just look for the icon on the homepage of northpointe.org.

DivorceCare

This group is designed to help you face the challenges of separation and/or divorce. We meet weekly for 13 weeks beginning **Monday, 9/13** at 6:30pm in the Green Room. For more information or to sign up, circle **D** on your connection card and we'll contact you.

Golf Tournament

Join us for a golf tournament sponsored by the Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Association, Fresno at Javier's Fresno West Golf Course **Saturday, 9/18**. The entrance fee is \$40/person and includes cart, 18 holes, small bucket of balls, pre-golf menudo breakfast, lunch & prizes. Men and women are welcome! Circle **G** on your connection card and we'll contact you.



Help for the Homeless

Big Fish Ministries is accepting water donations on the weekend of **9/25 & 9/26**. Your water donations will be taken to the homeless community the following weekend.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Church Office & Campus Closed for Labor Day	Monday, 9/6
Women's Bible Studies Begin.....	Tuesday, 9/7
Men's Fraternity.....	Wednesday, 9/8
Dads & Kids Campout.....	9/10-12
Worship Team Open Auditions.....	Sunday, 9/12
Mom 2 Mom Begins.....	Wednesday 9/15
Golf Tournament.....	Saturday, 9/18
KidsCore Begins.....	Tuesday, 9/21
First Steps Class	Saturday, 9/25
Baptism	Sunday, 9/26
Core Classes 101 & 201	Sunday, 10/24
First Steps Class	Saturday, 10/30
Baptism	Sunday, 10/31
Trunk or Treat.....	Sunday, 10/31

NorthPointe Works

We're a ministry of support, reaching out to you if you're unemployed or under employed and having a difficult time finding the job God has designed for you. We're committed to walking alongside you as you seek to discern how God wants to bless you. We'll connect you to a network of resources that will empower and encourage you as you navigate the path ahead. Join us each Monday evening, from 6:30-8:30pm in The Lounge for support & fellowship as we share God's word. We won't meet **Monday, 9/6**, but be sure to look for a brochure in the lobby or circle **J** on your connection card for more details and we'll contact you.

The Extreme Church Makeover is still well under way with some major improvements for New Light for New Life Church of God. The electrical and plumbing have been redone in the fellowship hall and the restrooms. A new swamp cooler has been installed in the kitchen, the sprinkler system is being replaced along with new landscaping, the tile has been laid, the pastor's office has been expanded with an added closet, the church exterior has been painted, and a new wrought iron fence is being installed.

As in all major renovation projects, certain unforeseen issues have held up progress (i.e. PG&E gas line move, drywall finishing, etc.) the interior painting, bathroom stall installation, kitchen completion and exterior paveways/parking lot are still in process. We could not have addressed the improvements that were originally requested without addressing some of the major issues in this building. We have a handful of volunteers working daily to prepare for these projects and we're very excited for the "Big Reveal" to be announced. Stay tuned for another serve Saturday and "Video Highlight".

Donations are still needed for this project. We're in need of sod and concrete and monetary donations. Please circle **X** on your connection card if you can help in any way.

Celebrate Recovery



Our purpose is to celebrate God's healing power in our lives through 8 recovery principles that are found in the Bible, and by working the 12 steps of Celebrate Recovery.

WHO'S IT FOR?

CR is for anyone who is struggling with a hurt, hang-up or habit – such as: depression, anger, sexual integrity, physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and addictions.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IF I GO?

We're all in recovery here, so we're going to greet you like you're one of the family (because you are!) and then we're going to give you some room so you can settle in at your own pace.

OPEN SHARE GROUPS

Men & women have separate rooms for their Open Share Groups. In these groups, we share our experience, strength and hope with one another.

WEDNESDAYS at 6:30pm in the Worship Center. Childcare is provided. Call 276.2300 for more information.

Guys

Dads & Kids Campout

Dads! Join us up at Camp Edison at Shaver Lake for a memorable campout with your children the weekend of **September 10-12**. Circle **E** on your connection card to sign up and for more details.

Men's Fraternity

Guys! Are you ready for "The Great Adventure?" If so, then make plans to join us either **Wednesday, 9/8** at 6am or **Sunday, 9/12** at 4pm in the Worship Center. Stop by our table on the patio to sign up or circle **Y** on your connection card.

Are You Ready For Some Football?

Hey Guys! Come on out and play a game of flag football on the front lawn Sunday evenings at 4pm on 9/19, 10/3 & 10/17. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the guys at church. We'll eat afterwards so make sure to bring \$5. Circle **T** on your connection card for more details.

NorthPointe Anglers

Hey guys! Join us for bass fishing at E.C.C.O. in Oakhurst on **Saturday, 9/18** from 8am-1 pm. There are only 15 spots available at this private pond and the cost is only \$8. For more info or to reserve your spot, circle **N** on your connection card and we'll contact you.

RENOVATE



New warehouse Series beginning 9/12
Our hearts are such interesting things. We're not talking about that thing beating in your chest (as crazy as that thing may be) but the thing from which our desires and passions stem. Come join us in the warehouse as we explore the whys and hows of our thoughts and emotions along with God's desire for them.



Calling All Girls!

Clear your calendar on October 15-16 and get ready for a fantastic weekend of connecting with others and learning how to honor God through discovering His truths about you...your uniqueness, beauty and purpose. We'll have speakers, worship, food, shopping and lots more! Tickets go on sale Sunday, 9/19 in the warehouse. Circle **L** for more info. and we'll contact you.

See You at the Pole

The 2010 "See You at the Pole" theme is Reveal which is based on the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. "See You at the Pole" is all about students leading out in prayer, asking God to reveal who He is on their campuses. On **Wednesday, 9/22**, at 7 a.m., GATHER at your school flagpole, PRAY for your school, friends, families, and world. ASK God to REVEAL who He is to your campus.

EXILE College Age
Thursday at 7:30pm

Cotton candy, funny mirrors, trying to fit a softball into a glass milk jug, shooting a basketball into a hoop that is way too small, and amusement rides! These things bring us a glimpse of happiness. But lasting joy? That's elusive. Join us for this fun and encouraging series "oh joy" as we explore how true and lasting joy can be found.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN...



Fall Bible Studies
Don't forget to sign up for a Women's Bible Study!
Studies start Tuesday, 9/7
This is the last weekend to sign up!

Beth Moore Simulcast!

Living Proof Live brings Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell via simulcast directly to women in our community. This fun, authentic ministry team is preparing a unique message from God for this event. You'll leave knowing that the message you heard was created just for you! Join us on **Saturday, 9/18** from 9:30am-4:00pm at People's Church in Fresno. Tickets are \$15 and Box Lunch is \$6 (Lunch must be purchased by 9/10) You can register online at www.peopleschurch.org/women. See you there!

9 to 5 for Christ

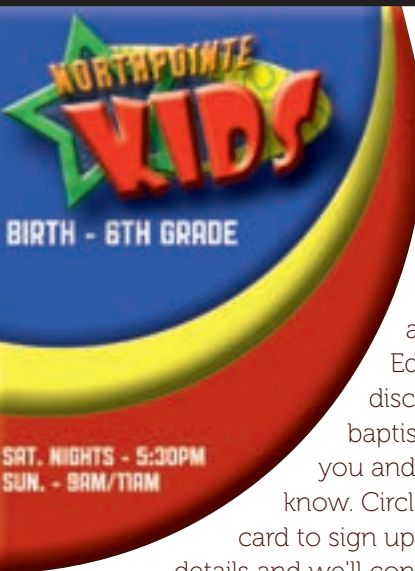
9 to 5 for Christ is a group designed to encourage and equip working women. They meet once a month to share ideas, dinner, fellowship and prayer. Make plans to join us here at NorthPointe to hear Ashley Swearingen, Mayor of Fresno share her heart on **Monday, 9/13** from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$13 and may be purchased at our Women's Ministry table **9/11 & 9/12** or at www.9to5forchrist.org.

Mom 2 Mom for Teens

We're launching a new ministry for Teen Moms. Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month pregnant and teen moms will come together for dinner, fun and support. They'll build adult/teen friendships that will provide support, guidance and practical help. If you know someone who could benefit from this group, please invite them. If you would like fliers to pass out please stop by our Women's Ministry table this weekend.

Save the Date!

Angela Thomas is coming to NorthPointe on **March 18/19** for a Spring Conference! This will be an incredible weekend where Angela Thomas will answer some of the many questions we have; like "Do you see me? Am I invisible?" You won't want to miss this!



First Steps

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Check out NPkids.org If you'd like to know more about our Weekend happenings, KidsCore and all the other great things going on in the world of NorthPointe Kids then, check out npkids.org!

KidsCore Starts September 21!

It's time to sign your kids up for KidsCore! We'd love to partner with you as you bring up your kids to know and love Jesus. KidsCore is a great way to do just that! This is a small group study for kids in grades 3rd thru 6th. The cost for the year is \$55 and includes great study material, a KidsCore t-shirt, prizes, snacks and loads of fun EVERY week! We're also looking for adults to help lead these kids on their journey through KidsCore. If you're interested in signing up your kids or finding out more about becoming a leader stop by our KidsCore table this weekend!



Current Early Childhood Series

This month our kids, from Babies up through 4 years are learning how much God loves them...no matter what! Our memory verse is, "Nothing can separate us from God's love" Romans 8:39. Be sure to pick up a parent newsletter in your child's classroom to give you fun ideas on how you can help reinforce this truth at home!

Current Elementary Series

Our elementary students are talking about the virtue of RESPECT in their classrooms throughout the month of September. We define RESPECT as "Showing others they're important by what you say and do." We'll enjoy Bible stories presented as live dramas that will help us see that we need to RESPECT the people in charge, RESPECT others with our actions and our words, and RESPECT God. Each Bible lesson is followed up with age appropriate activities designed to reinforce what we've learned and how to apply it to our everyday lives. Be sure and check out the Godtime cards and Fridge Door cards we gave to you or your child today. Or, find them for yourself on the parent page of our website at npkids.org



If you're in the trenches of raising children and could use some encouragement along the way, then Mom 2 Mom is just for you! Our Wednesday morning gathering will inspire, equip and renew you in your unique role as a mom. Enjoy small group discussion, guest speakers, delicious snacks and new friendships. Join us beginning **Wednesday, 9/15** from 9-11am in the Lounge. The cost is \$25 for the whole year. Childcare is available by reservation only and cost is dependent on the number of children. Sign up this weekend on the patio!

Mom 2 Mom Starts September 15!



Worship Times

Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 9am & 11am

Life Hurts God Heals Sun. at 5pm
Celebrate Recovery Weds. at 6:30pm
EXILE Thurs. at 7:30pm

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AUGUST 2010 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



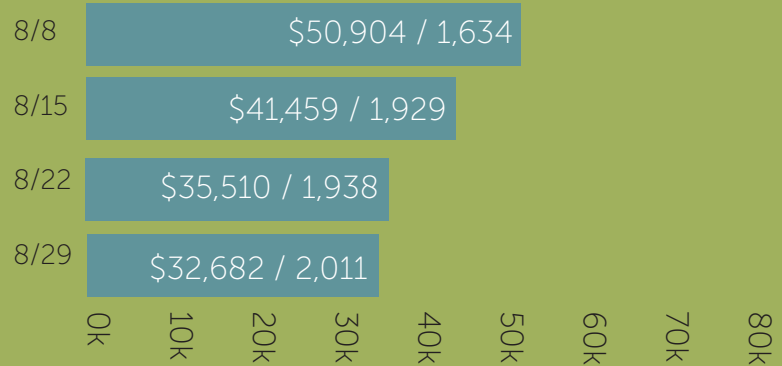
SUSAN MORRIS
Pastor of Business
Administration

Average Weekly Giving \$41,186
Weekly Budget \$50,921
Average Weekly Attendance 1,855

If you have any questions regarding finances or giving opportunities, please contact Susan at 276.2300.

The Vitals At NorthPointe

(offerings & attendance for the previous 4 weekends)
Weekly Budget Required: \$50,921



You can help us to save paper and reduce printing costs by picking up just a connection card, message notes and weekly inserts if you don't need multiple copies of the bulletin (ie: couples/families).

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Catch Up On Our Site
Something we're excited to let you know about is that we're now posting message videos on our site. We'll be posting these usually by lunch on Tuesdays. Just click on the image of our current series (on our homepage) and it'll take you to the right place. Take some time and explore www.northpointe.org.

