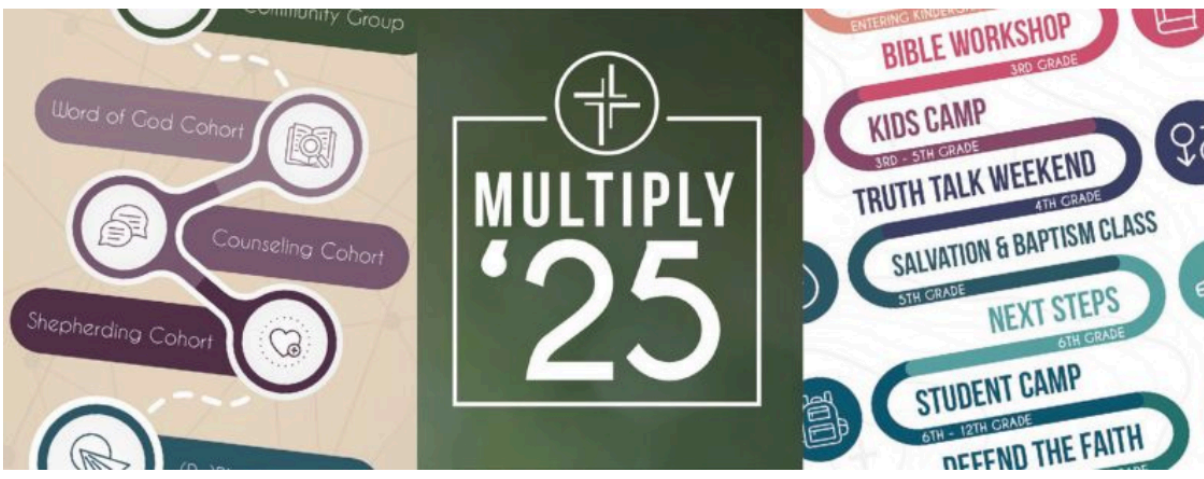


NORRIS FERRY THIS WEEK @ CHURCH

May 5, 2019



LETTER FROM THE STAFF

This week is an exciting time in the life of Norris Ferry Community Church. The construction crew dropped off heavy equipment in preparation to break ground on our new building. The staff met to discuss and finalize the strategies and initiatives our church will use to reach our 2025 goals. This included facilities expansion, family ministry, leadership development, and neighborhood outreach for the next five years. As a staff and church we have been talking and praying about this vision for over a year and it is exciting to see how the Lord is bringing it all together. **The excitement continues this Sunday at Members Meeting as we will share the Multiply '25 vision and initiatives in further detail plus welcome new members, give a construction update and timeline, and have an elder confirmation.**

Please join us at Members Meeting and continue to pray for Norris Ferry Community Church.

See you Sunday!

In Christ,
Kevin Willsie
Minister of Discipleship and Operations

CALENDAR

May 5th: Members Meeting

May 7th: Parent2Parent (Sports)

May 27th-31st: Camp In The City

June 2nd-7th: Youth Camp

June 24th-27th: Kids Camp

June 29- July 6th: Panama Mission
Trip

SUNDAY WORSHIP

TEXT:

The Final Review of Genesis

Joel

Click [here](#) to listen to other
sermons in our Genesis series.

SONGS TO LISTEN TO:

[Great Things](#)

[Corner Stone](#)

[In Christ Alone](#)

[Come Lord Jesus](#)

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

May 6th: [Judges 4:1-7](#)

May 7th: [Judges 4:8-24](#)

May 8th: [Judges 5:1-11](#)

May 9th: [Judges 5:12-23](#)

May 10th: [Judges 5:24-31](#)

Community Group Agenda

One: Fellowship

(The goal of this time is to encourage authentic relationships.)

- If you need a question to help your conversations go a little deeper, ask, "Have you thought about doing a Bible Study this summer?"

Two: Worship/Prayer & Care

(The goal of this time is to make sure we take the time to pray.)

- If your group worships in song spend this time singing or close your Community Group with worship:
 - [Singing In The Victory](#)
- Spend time this week in prayer praying [Ephesians 4:11-16](#), "build each other up". Ask God to help NFCC "grow" and "build" one another up. Pray that you would not flinch from speaking hard truth to one another, but that you would do so in love. Pray that those who are on the fringes of church like would come to see the essential role they can play. Use Community Group time to build each other up.

Three: Application of the Word

(The goal of this time is to help you apply what God is saying to you through His Word in the sermon and daily devotionals.)

- *Devotional:* During last weeks daily readings we saw God's people rebel against God by abandoning Him ([Judges 2:8-13](#)), God's people are punished and given over to their enemies ([Judges 2:14-15](#)), and God's people are saved through God's chosen leader ([Judges 2:16-19](#)). What are some ways you can hold yourself and others accountable to listen to God's Word and obey in gratitude for your salvation?
- *Sermon:* Discuss Pastor Tracy's sermon:
 - What convicted you or stood out to you from the sermon? Was there anything the Holy Spirit was pressing on your heart to act on?
 - What did Pastor Tracy say was one of the main purposes of the prophets message to the people of God?
 - Read [Joel 2:12-17](#) together.
 - How did God command the people to return to him? How does a person return to God with all his or her heart? How does a church return to God with all their heart?
 - Why does God want them to "rend" (tear) their hearts and not their garments? What does that mean? (see [Deut. 30:6](#))
 - How does Joel describe God in verse 13? It's easy to approach a God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting over disaster. We are comfortable with this description of God. But do we believe that God will judge all who do not worship Him alone? Do we approach God as a God of judgment and wrath?

- Is God seeking the repentance of individuals only? What does Joel call the whole congregation to do together?
- How does the Lord respond to the people? (See [Joel 2:18-19](#))
- How have you seen God's grace, mercy, patience, and steadfast love toward you in the past when you repented before God of a particular sin that entangled you?

Four: Ministry & Mission

(The goal of this time is to ensure the group plans and participates in ministry and mission opportunities coordinated by the church.)

Camp In The City is fast approaching. Every year our church provides support for the Pine Cove staff as they work hard throughout the week to provide and epic camp experience for our kids. We have 40 staffers from Pine Cove and 180 kids coming to this years camp! One way the church can support Camp In The City is by praying for the staffers and the kids attending the camp. Pray the Lord's Glory will be shown and kids will come to know the love of Jesus.

Family Discipleship

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Encourage your kids to invite friends to church. Arrange to transport those friends to church or invite their parents to come too!

BABIES & TODDLERS

- God helps us obey Him.
- God's people asked God to save them.
- God used Deborah and Barak to help His people.

KIDS

- Why does God use people in His plans?
- How can we know His plans are good?
- Why happens when people reject God and live however they want?

PRESCHOOL

- Why do you think Barak wanted Deborah to come with him?
- How do we know God won the battle for Israel and not themselves?
- What are some ways we have seen God work for His glory and the good of our family?

STUDENTS

- In verses 14-16, what did Deborah do for Barak? How can this be a powerful weapon used in the service of others?

Daily Reading Plan

Select a Time:

What time will you set apart for your time in God’s Word?

Select a Place:

Where will you spend time in God’s Word?

Follow the Plan:

Follow the next steps are you open God’s Word.

Prepare Your Heart:

The Bible says in Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God.” Spend the next few moments to focus you heart and mind on God. You might pray, “Lord, cleanse my heart and calm my mind so you can speak to me through your Scriptures. Make my mind alert and my soul active during this time.”

Some might want to journal what God says to you and what He tells you to do.

Read God’s Word:

Open God’s Word to the text for the day. Read through the text, meditate on it, and ask:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a truth to carry with me?
- How does this passage teach me to love?
To live more like Christ?

Pray:

Pray through the passage. Pray through the questions you asked yourself. Be honest with God, asking him to change your heart and your life based on the time you spent in God’s Word.

May					
Week One			Week Two		
5/6/19	Judges 4:1-7		5/13/19	Judges 6:1-24	
5/7/19	Judges 4:8-24		5/14/19	Judges 6:25-40	
5/8/19	Judges 5:1-11		5/15/19	Judges 7:1-14	
5/9/19	Judges 5:12-23		5/16/19	Judges 7:15-25	
5/10/19	Judges 5:24-31		5/17/19	Judges 8:1-35	
Week Three			Week Four		
5/20/19	Judges 13:1-25		5/27/19	Ruth 1:1-22	
5/21/19	Judges 14:1-20		5/28/19	Ruth 2:1-23	
5/22/19	Judges 15:1-20		5/29/19	Ruth 3:1-18	
5/23/19	Judges 16:1-20		5/30/19	Ruth 4:1-12	
5/24/19	Judges 16:21-31		5/31/19	Ruth 4:13-22	