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From Pastor Lee's desk ...

"... devoted to prayer ..." Acts 2:42

One ongoing element of several in the life of the church is that it is to be "*devoted to prayer*." While organization, programs, and activities are all good things, too many churches have become more program, activity, and even entertainment oriented than prayer-oriented. A church that is not devoted to prayer is missing the mark. Amen?! We want to have a prayer focused orientation to what we are and do at North Shore Church. Amen?!

A church devoted to prayer is made up of individuals devoted to prayer. So how do we as a church and you as an individual maintain, or start, a devotion to prayer? Whenever you start something new, you realign whatever it was you were previously doing to make the time for the new project, routine, or endeavor you want to do. Then you schedule, organize, and protect your time to be able to do what you want to do. We plan for all kinds of things in our lives, and we must exercise our will to choose to pray. With so many things available to us today, it's easy to grow lax and lazy in a devotion to prayer.

As your pastor, I want to lead the way. I want to be an encouragement to all of us in the communication of our relationship with God. I'm just like you ... married, children, grandchildren, house and vehicle responsibilities, and just because I'm a pastor does not make it prayer automatic. I have to refocus ... reprioritize all the time. That's what we're doing as a church right now, and it starts with me.

See you in church ... praying,



Pastor Lee

North Shore Schedule and Plan

January 22—April 8

For us as North Shore Church, this is an important and strategic time of reflection and refocusing. Below is a basic outline of some of the planned schedule and topics for the next three months as we put piers in the foundation of our church. A sermons series is being delivered with other communication and events to help encourage us to focus on who we are as a church and seeking God's direction for solidifying and growing our church family.

Weekly at 6:30 Now on Wednesday Nights—Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM

Sunday, January 22 — *Message on Prayer Leading up to a Day of Prayer*

Friday night, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM and Saturday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, January 27-28
This will be a special 24 hour period at the church for prayer and fasting

Sunday, January 29 — *Message on Prayer and Personal Testimonies*

Sunday, Jan 29, 6:00 PM *The Union Montgomery at Montgomery High School*

Sunday, February 5 — *“Super Bowl Day” Vision for North Shore Church*
The Lord's Supper

Sunday, February 12 — *A Foundation for Commitment*
Family Day Pot Luck Supper (following church)

Sunday, February 19 — *The Great Commandment and the Great Commission*

Sunday, February 26 — *A Great Commitment ... Commitment Sunday*

Sunday, February 26 — **2:00—5:00**, *North Shore Foundations Class (see last page)*

Sunday, March 4 — *Celebration to the Vision of North Shore Church*
The Lord's Supper

Wednesday, March 7 — *Annual Church Business Meeting*

Month of March ... *developing and assigning leadership for the tasks of the Vision*

Sunday, April 1 — ***The Lord's Supper***

Friday, April 6, 6:30 PM — *Special Good Friday Service with the Passover / Last Supper Elements celebrating The Lord's Supper*

Sunday, April 8, 6:30 AM — *Easter Sunrise Service*

Sunday, April 8 *Easter Worship Service (Probably TWO worship services!)*

Disclaimer: These messages and plans are subject to change as we seek the Lord through them and walk with Him these three months.

This Sunday @ NSC – January 29, 2012

Sunday's Sermon—Selected Passages

Message on Prayer and Time of Prayer together

Thank you for the encouraging affirmation in letters and words for the message on prayer last week. God is moving in our midst and penetrating our lives in refreshing ways. The sense of the congregation receiving the Word recently has been so good. We're being reminded and discovering a little more about God, communicating with Him, and ourselves.

Uncomplicated . . . Uncluttered . . . let's all grow in our simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. *Invite a friend...neighbor...work associate...family member to church this Sunday!*

From Pastor Matt Etter . . .

Worship News—Wednesday Night Choir Practice at 5:30!

Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 for choir practice ... and then you can also stay for prayer meeting following.

Come and sing praise to our King Jesus! If you sing or just mouth the words, we want you to come be a part of the North Shore Worship Ministry. We will run through the songs for the following week and start to work on special music. If you have any questions about choir, I'm available to answer any questions and encourage you in any way.

Youth News:

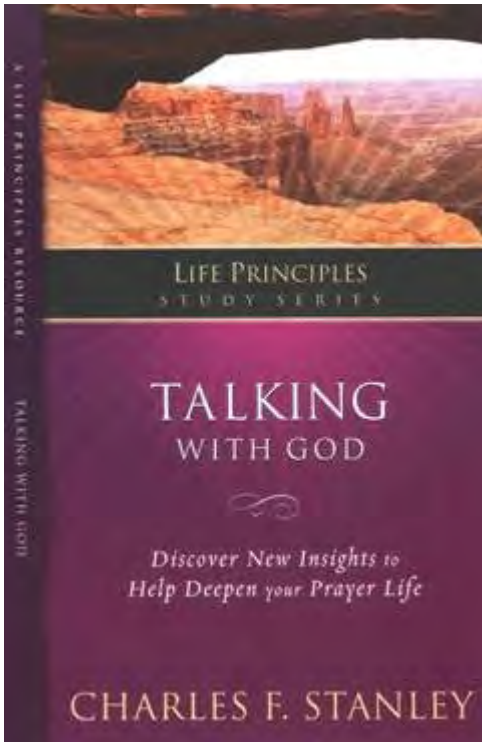
The Union Weekend is THIS Sunday night! *Join us!* Sunday, January 29, 6:30 PM at Montgomery High School

Following up over 150 students who attended our first Union Weekend two weeks ago, we are having The Union Montgomery THIS Sunday night at 6:30 at Montgomery High School.

God worked deeply in the lives of many students as they let go of things that hindered them in their relationship with God. Symbolically, some wrote things down and threw the paper in the fire ... giving it and surrendering it to the Lord.

Now that we're having more Union gatherings at the high school, we are praying for God to continue to penetrate the lives of many students, see radical conversions in Christ, and raise up a generation of students totally in love with the Lord Jesus Christ, fully surrendered, fully committed, fully believing and following.

Praying . . . and loving kids . . .



Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Talking with God

*Discover New Insights to
Help Your Prayer Life*

By Dr. Charles Stanley

Monday Nights

7:00pm at 209 Promenade East
Call Patricia Cozby 936-449-4601

Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study

***PRECEPT MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY
FREE FROM BONDAGE GOD'S WAY
Studying Paul's Letter to the Ephesians***

***WEDNESDAYS, 10 A.M.
Through FEBRUARY 22, 2012***

Location: NORTH SHORE CHURCH

Contact: JANICE EDWARDS.....936-446-9773

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 7:30 at the church

The men are studying and discussing through John's First Letter. We're currently in Chapter 5.

Calling and inviting every man to wake up and arrange your schedule to meet with the men of the church, to study the Bible, to encourage one another and enjoy fellowship together.

Online Donations available now

When you're gone for whatever reason from North Shore Church, we now have the ability for you to give your tithes and offerings online. Thanks to Mike Maxwell for setting this up. If you have any questions, they should be answered on the website at the following link:

Go to www.northshorechurch.org
Click on "Donate"

All your questions should be answered with the easy to follow instructions.

Pastor Lee's sermons online

You can listen to the Sunday messages online now. Thanks again to Mike for enhancing this feature for all of us.

Go to www.northshorechurch.org
Click on "Audio Sermons"

If you have missed being at church on any Sunday this month, go to the church website and please listen to the sermon for that day. The messages for these days are so important for us as individuals and for the life of our entire congregation.

And please share the sermons with others you feel would be particularly blessed, encouraged, and challenged by the preached Word of God.

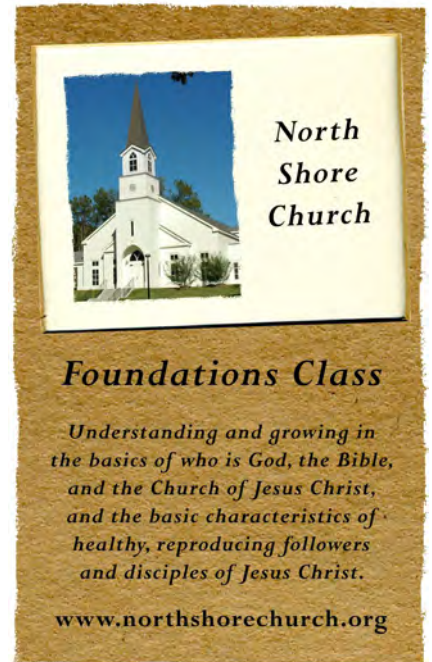
Next Foundations Class, Sunday February 26, 2:99—5:00

The response has been wonderful from those who have attended this class. This is something for every person desiring to be a part of the core and mission of North Shore Church.

Our focus is not on just learning some foundational or possibly new information, but on knowing the God we profess, letting the Bible live in us we embrace, being a part of the Church of Jesus we're participating in, and being a growing disciple of Jesus Christ so we can make disciples of others.

The topics covered are ...

- ❖ *God the Father, God the Son – Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit*
- ❖ *The Bible*
- ❖ *The Church of Jesus Christ*
- ❖ *Being a Growing Reproducing Disciple of Jesus Christ.*



I am writing this e-mail to say "Thank You". After completing the recent Foundations Class and the wonderful warm welcome I received this Sunday from my Christian brothers and sisters at North Shore Church I just wanted you to know what a joy it is to be involved with our church. I have shared my testimony with several at the church, and I accepted Christ as my Savior at a young age. As years have passed and having been involved with several churches in the different locations where I have lived, it is so wonderful to go back to the basics of "Who is God", "The Bible", and "The Church of Jesus Christ". The class that you and George presented was wonderful and is truly an inspiration to me as I continue to study and read the information. Thank you for your leadership as we grow and my prayer is that God will continue to bless us as we pray for his guidance to reach families around us.

Everyone has trials in life whether it is the loss of a loved one or children that you feel are not following Christ in their choices in life. The Foundations Class gives you insight to where our wisdom comes from to deal with our trials, and assurance that God is in control and our strength comes from the close relationship we have with our Lord and Savior. Whether you are a new Christian or have been a Christian for many years the basics are what give us the foundation to build on and this class and the literature is something we all need.

Thanks again and God Bless!

Jan Rushing