

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Words With Meaning

In America today, we have lost many things; moral standing, core principles, direction, and in many cases, our relationship with God. However, God's relationship toward us has never changed!

### Key Verse:

*What has been will be again, what has done will be done again; There is nothing new under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NIV)*

Sunday, June 5, 2011 - "Connecting"  
Scripture: John 3:3-15 - Holy Communion

Sunday, June 13, 2011 - "Learning"  
Scripture: Mark 1:5-11

Sunday, June 20, 2011 - "Loving"  
Scripture: Matthew 22:29-40

Sunday, June 27, 2011 - "Serving"  
Scripture: Luke 14:7-14

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The animal world is fascinating to observe. The other day, as I was looking out the window of my home, I refer to it as the “Northern Compound”; I was watching a pair of Baltimore Orioles doing battle with four Humming Birds over a slice or an orange. I found myself thinking, they have such an easy life, they know exactly what they need and they know exactly how to go about getting it. What would their lives be like if they were like human beings?

The birds would be required to attend animal school, along with all the other animals. Behavior issues would be frequent; keeping the cats from eating the birds is always a challenge. And, of course, the dogs always chase the cats at recess time. But, imagine what the required classes would be. Yes, there would be requirements in order to qualify for the government grant the superintendent, Mr. Owl, had secured. The classes would be; running class, swimming class, climbing class, flying, and digging class just to name a few. Now imagine the report card mom and dad oriole receives for their little birdie. Grades: running – C, swimming – F, climbing – C, flying – A+, digging – D-.

Let me ask you, would it be wise to tell the Oriole family that their little birdie should drop all the other classes so the swimming grade can be raised? Or, would it be wise to help the little birdie use the flying skills to fulfill God’s purpose for his/her life? Learning to swim would be unique, to say the least, but what good would it be for little birdie? Swimming would not help the bird survive, but improving the ability to fly will. It’s about fundamentals, knowing what is needed and connecting that to what is available. Like the baseball player, the only things needed are; know how to throw the ball, catch the ball, hit the ball, and run fast. Does the baseball player need to know how to play piano, or guitar? It would be nice, but not necessary to play baseball.

When it comes to our faith, I believe we spend too little time on fundamentals. And we spend far too much time on unnecessary things. Fundamentals, for our faith, are communicated to the rest of the world by our actions, and, for the Church, we express our faith through our developed vision and core principles. What we do not do is express our faith through the way we look, or the way we behave, or the ways we conform to the rest of the world. The proof is in the pudding!

For Northlawn, God’s vision is expressed in this statement: **Connecting through God’s power, learning through love and service to live like Jesus Christ.** Connecting, Learning, Loving, Serving, four subjects for all of us to grow in, and to perfect. What grade does your report card have on it for Connecting? Are you part of a Bible Study, or a Growth Group? If so, you get an “A”. What grade does your report card have on it for Learning? Are you reading your Bible every day, are you digging deeper to understand God more? If so, you get an “A”. What grade does your report card have on it for Loving? Can you say you *love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself...*? If so, you get an “A”. What grade does your report card have on it for Serving? Can you say you are actively involved in ministry, even during the summer months, and faithfully supporting the ministry of God’s Church? If so, you get an “A”.

The birds do flying well. Christians do connecting, learning, loving, and serving well. How’s your report card looking for this summer?

SEE YA IN CHURCH! *Jim*

WORSHIP LEADER

- 5 Patty Powell
- 12 Don Chandler
- 19 Don Bailey Family
- 26 NOBODY

JUNE USHERS:

- Tom Thompson (head usher)
- John & Dawne Ball
- Bob Rauser
- Ron C.



GREETERS

- Pat Whyatt
- Jean Wilson
- Dave Spaulding
- Dorothy Spaulding
- Sally

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 5 Pastor Jim
- 12 Teri Chandler
- 19 Don Bailey Family
- 26 NOBODY

- 1 Caleb Claybaugh
- 5 Laura Morrisson
- 6 Robert Smith
- 6 Jim Sneathen
- 8 Angie Addington
- 11 Richard Mouser
- 15 Jan Fisher
- 15 Elva Pickens
- 16 Linda VanLente
- 19 Jackson Duyck
- 20 Alice VanDuine
- 21 Tom Thompson
- 24 Sara Cleveland
- 24 Jake Curtiss
- 24 Elayne McDonald
- 25 Brian Miller
- 25 Robert Fisher
- 26 Noah Griffin
- 26 Ryan Griswold
- 27 Jacob Curtiss
- 27 Craig Griswold
- 27 Taylor Hammons
- 27 Laura McPhail
- 28 Brenna McPhail
- 28 Char Weidenfeller
- 28 Cory Young
- 29 Jan Jager
- 29 Anita Curtiss
- 30 Robin Eslinger
- 30 Linda Meinke

**SONG LEADERS NEEDED FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

*Due to our combined worship style we will need to have volunteers to be the "SONG LEADERS" for worship in July and August. If you are interested please contact Jan Jager or Sharon Longstreth. You may also sign up at the Connection Corner.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER WORSHIP**

*Praise and Worship committee is looking for special music for the summer worship services. June 5 thru Sept 4. If you would like to sing a solo, play an instrument, play piano, or bells, recite a poem, perform a dance, sing in a duet, trio, and or quartet, please notify Sharon Longstreth or Jan Jager. You may also sign up at the Connection Corner. We would love to hear you share your talent this summer as we worship God together.*

COFFEE TIME

- 5 Barb Shuck
- 12 Hopkins
- 19 NOBODY
- 26 Aaron & Caleb Claybaugh
- Heather Berry






Now is the time to clean out your closet!! The church circuit that Joe Beavens was assigned to have a Free Store that supply gently used clothes to those in need. He has asked if we could do a clothing drive here at Northlawn for them. We will be collecting gently used clothing in any size, **especially** infant/children through adult to help with this ministry.

### The Northlawn Vision:

*Connecting* through God's power, *learning* through *love* and *service* to live like Jesus Christ.

### Core Principles:

God 1s...: *everything begins with and is in God's care, including all of us.* (Genesis 1:1)

Walk  His way... *live like Jesus Christ, love and serve the world.* (Matt. 25:40)

God<sup>3</sup> ...*God creates, Jesus loves, the Spirit guides all of us.* (Matt. 28:19)

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST 2011 LAMPLIGHTER IS  
JUNE 10. ALL ARTICLES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE!  
 YOU MAY EMAIL THEM TO: [catsdesk@northlawnnumc.org](mailto:catsdesk@northlawnnumc.org)



The Kid's Paint Booth at Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts needs volunteers to fill multiple positions. The Festival is June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Shifts will be as follows: Friday and Saturday 11:30-2:30, 2:00-5:00, and 4:30-8:00. Sunday is 10:00-3:00 and 2:30-4:00. Contact Cassie at [sassysmile219@yahoo.com](mailto:sassysmile219@yahoo.com)

## Summer Camp Info Is Here!!



How to go to summer camp!

1. Pick up the 2011 brochure at the information stand!
2. Browse the whole brochure – there’s sure to be a camp that fits you!
3. Send your \$75 registration fee to the conference 3 ½. Northlawn has faithfully been paying to send kids to camp for years. With this years budget predictions there will be a change but don’t let that make you skip camp! There are fun plans “in the works” to fund our camping budget! Camperships, of some sort, will be available!
4. Wait patiently for your week of camp then go have fun!

Contact Barb Jeltema (363-6480) if you have any questions about camping

### **THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE** **ANNOUNCES SUMMER WORSHIP PLANS:**

*For JUNE, worship will be:*

*June 5 at 9am and 11:15am*

*June 12 at 9am and 11:15am*

*June 19 at 9am and 11:15am*

*June 26 will be ONE service at 10am outside led by the Praise Band.*

**Starting July 3 thru September 4, 2011, there will be ONE worship celebration at 10AM.**

*We look forward to worshipping as ONE congregation in a blended, meaningful and combined style of worship. Come, Now Is the Time for Worship!*

## NECM NEEDS FOR EVERY MONTH



- |               |   |                      |
|---------------|---|----------------------|
| • Meat        | • Dry milk                              | • Diapers            |
| • Potatoes    | • Macaroni & cheese                     | • Toothpaste/brushes |
| • Stuffing    | • Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)   | • Soap               |
| • Pasta       | • Canned spaghetti (like spaghetti o's) | • Shampoo            |
| • Pasta sauce |   | • Deodorant          |
| • Cereal      |   |                      |
| • Vegetables  |   |                      |

NECM always needs grocery bags. They may be paper or plastic



**Northlawn UMC**  
**Vacation Bible School 2011**  
 JUNE 27-30, 2011 6p-9p  
**Shake It Up Café --- Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Information**

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/Medical Information/Other**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Dismissal Information**

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Information (church use only)**

Chef Group \_\_\_\_\_

Are parents helping with SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ VBS? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

# SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ Volunteer Form

Northlawn UMC

We need SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ VBS volunteers!

VBS Dates: June 27 thru June 30, 2011 (M-TH) Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I can help BEFORE SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ VBS. I can:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for VBS              | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with setup  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute publicity      | <input type="checkbox"/> Make costumes        | <input type="checkbox"/> Make phone calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with preregistration | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide supplies     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gather donations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create decorations        | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with decorating |   |

I can help DURING SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ VBS. I can:

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with child care          | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a registrar        | <input type="checkbox"/> Server/Group Guide                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take photos                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Greet participants    | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Crafts                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for the children         | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up rooms each day | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool /Kindergarten leader      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Storyteller Leader      | <input type="checkbox"/> Discovery Time Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Chef Basil (Assembly Leader)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Drama Character         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Leader        | <input type="checkbox"/> Scraps the Raccoon (puppeteer)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Leader             | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Snacks      | <input type="checkbox"/> Help run media during assembly time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can help wherever you need! |  |  |

I would like to help AFTER SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ VBS. I can:

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send thank-you cards  | <input type="checkbox"/> Take down decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Return donated items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Ice Cream Social on Thursday Night June 30, 2011 at the end of VBS. |  |   |

*Place this form in the offering plate or return to the church office. Thank you for helping!*



We Need YOU!

**June 27 thru June 30, 2011 (M-Th)**  
6:00pm to 9:00pm

Please call Sharon Longstreth  
616-974-8995  
cslongstreth@yahoo.com

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# June 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1 6:30 pm Trustee Committee	2 6 pm SPRC Meeting 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Yarn With Purpose	3	4
5 11:45 am God's Sons Lunch	6	7	8	9 6 pm Porch Meeting 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Yarn With Purpose	10 JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	11
12 9 am Graduate Recognition  Mission Moment	13	14	15 7 pm Praise & Worship Committee Meet- ing	16 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Yarn With Purpose	17	18
19	20 7 pm C.O.R.E Team Meeting	21 9 am ASSEMBLE JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER	22 6 pm Nomination Committee Meeting	23 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Yarn With Purpose	24	25 Wedding
26	27 6 pm Vacation Bible School	28 6 pm Vacation Bible School	29 6 pm Vacation Bible School	30 6 pm Vacation Bible School		



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Rhea Glazier  
Elsie Montie  
Fran Hunt  
Bob & Emmie Clawson  
Don VanValkenburg  
Doris DeBoer  
Neil & DeBoer  
Wanda Tahaney

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Serving, Loving**

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