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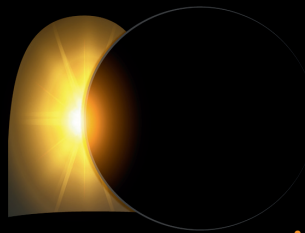
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March 2024



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March 9th - Adam and Jesus

Sermon Scripture: Romans 5:12-20

Key Point: "Adam ushered in death because of his sinfulness, but Jesus ushered in life because of His sinlessness."

March 10th - Abraham and GOD

Sermon Scripture: Romans 4:1-25

Key Point: "Time is a friend to those who trust in the LORD."

March 17th - Law and Grace

Sermon Scripture: Romans 5:20-6:4

Key Point: "GOD's Law only points out what is wrong, the grace of GOD through Christ sets people right."

March 24th - Jesus and Sinners

Sermon Scripture: Romans 5:6-11

Key Point: "The sacrifice of Jesus is the means to salvation and friendship with GOD."

Easter Sunday, March 31st - Death and Life

Sermon Scripture: Romans 6:4-11

Key Point: "Dead to sin and alive in Christ."

Course Correction

How Jesus Sets Things Right

By Pastor Brandon Lenhart

“The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:17 (NLT)

We live in a world with such amazing technological advances that we all too often take for granted what we have right at our fingertips. For instance, GPS (The Global Positioning System) has given us the ability to type in an address or location into our mobile phones and guide us directly to where we want to go. It wasn’t all that long ago, I can remember having to use an atlas, or physical map, and plan a trip in advance in order to know what roads I needed to take to get to my destination. I would have to “chart my course” and make sure that I knew where I was going and the best route to get there. However, if I encountered heavy traffic, an accident, or road construction, and had to take a detour, I was lost. I would have to pull off the road at a safe place, consult my map, and make a course correction in order to get back on track. The GPS that we use does the same thing today. It’s just a lot quicker and more convenient. If I take a wrong turn, the voice on my phone gently tells me to “make a ‘U’ turn,” or it says, “recalculating route.”

Have you ever set out to do something or go somewhere, but have gotten off track? Have you ever found yourself lost and forgetting what you were doing or where you were going in the first place?

The first man (Adam) and the first woman (Eve) started a journey with GOD that was to last an eternity. However, their disobedience to GOD not only derailed their relationship with GOD and each other but left them lost and in desperate need of a course correction. Because of Adam and Eve, humanity for thousands of years continued their desperate search for an onramp back to that intimate relationship with GOD only to continually fail by taking the wrong detours which ultimately led to perpetual lostness. However, at just the right time in human history, GOD intervened by sending Jesus into the world to lead the way back home. Jesus lived a life of holiness to show us how to become holy as He is holy. He died for the sin of humanity (from the first humans on) providing an onramp for those who were willing to follow Him. Jesus rose from the grave as a sign that He conquered the curse of death from the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil that Adam and Eve ate that started this whole mess in the first place. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection were the course correction that all of us sinners needed in order to reach the right destination.

In his letter to the Roman Church, Paul reflects on this idea. He explains that one man’s (Adam) sin caused all to become sinners. As sad as this is, it would be even sadder to think that all people would be condemned to live lost and hopeless forever as a result of this. But Paul goes on to explain that through another man (Jesus) many would be made right and would “live in triumph over sin and death” (Romans 5:17). This is the course correction humanity needed and it would take no other than GOD to accomplish it.

Paul concludes by saying, “Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous” (Romans 5:18-19, NLT). What course are you on?

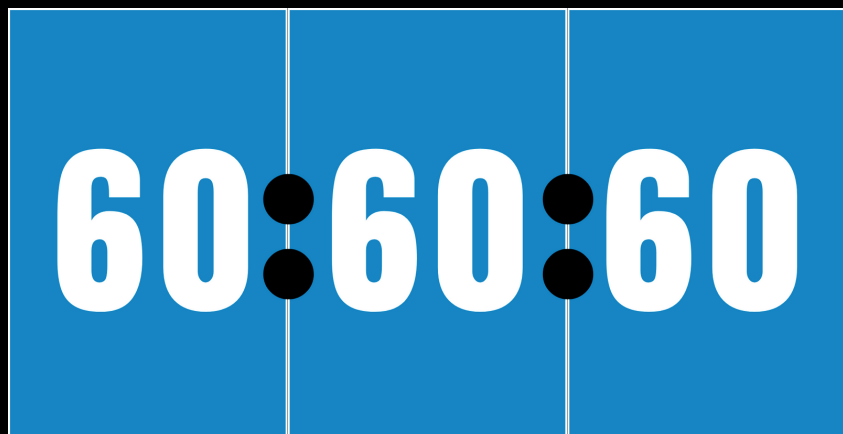
What would your life look like if you spent 60 seconds out of every 60 minutes of your waking hours for 60 days focusing on praising GOD, and welcoming Him into your daily routine?

Starting February 1 at North Main Street Church of God, we will be doing what we’re calling the 60:60:60 challenge:

Spend 60 seconds out of
every 60 minutes
for 60 days

giving thanks to GOD for His goodness and welcoming Him into whatever we’re doing for that next hour of the day.

Would you commit to joining us in this challenge? If so, sign our challenge boards located on the front walls outside of the Sanctuary Doors!



North Main Street Church of God

60 DAY CHALLENGE - FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 31

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March Events

northmaincog.org/events

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Connection Luncheon

Following the morning service

Invite your friends to join you, newcomers to North Main eat for free! On the Menu: Glazed Ham, Potatoes Gratin, Fresh Vegetable, Fresh baked roll, Burnt Almond Torte. Cost: \$6/adult, \$4/kid, and max of \$20/family

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Father's Table

@6:30 PM

A monthly women's fellowship time that encourages holistic growth with Jesus and healthy connection with ourselves and others! Teens are welcome if present with an adult. Usually meets the second Wednesday of each month. Meet us at 6:30pm in the Parlor and bring a dish to share.

For questions or more info call the church office or Connie Gratzer at ConnieG@northmaincog.org

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Churchwide Game Night

@6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Open to all ages. Those 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Join us in the Life Center. You are welcome to bring your favorite game, but we will have some games available. Come & bring a friend & a snack to share if you wish!

Table Talk

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Discussion: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday 3/6 & 3/20 ONLY

Open to all.

Childcare is available for those 5th grade and younger.

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Women's Hike

@9:30 AM

All women 18 years and older are welcome to join us at Slippery Rock Hells Hollow Falls Parking lot 1436 Shaffer Rd., Portersville, PA 16051). This will be a more challenging 4-mile hike due to the steep elevation changes. We will hike on the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail and an additional mile to the Hells Hollow Falls for a total of 5 miles that will take approximately 2 to 3 hours. Be sure to dress for the weather & bring plenty of water & snacks. Dogs are welcome but they must be kept on a leash. **Please RSVP to Beth Marino at bamjeeep8@yahoo.com.**

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Reality Tour

@6:00 PM

Talking about substance use disorders is hard, but starting that conversation with your kids is one of the most important things you can do, and the Reality Tour will help you start that conversation. It is an inclusive drug prevention program developed by a parent for parents. You and your child will learn coping skills and hear real experiences that will be remembered for years. As a parent or guardian, you want to know you are doing all you can to protect your child.

Register at: RealityTour.org

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Footwashing & Seder

@5:00 PM Footwashing & 6:00 PM Seder

Come hungry as Pastor Brandon leads us all through a traditional Seder meal followed by a feast including Passover Pulled Brisket, Accordion Potatoes, Sticky Orange-Glazed Carrots, Charoset, Sweet Potato Crisps Salad, and Almond Cookies.

Register at: northmaincog.org/seder

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Easter in 5 Letters

@1:00 - 4:00 PM

This Easter, we invite you and your family to take a journey into the heart of God. Our church is hosting an "Easter in Five Letters" experience for the whole family, and we don't want you to miss it. There will be seven interactive stations where you will be invited to walk with Jesus through His last days and hours before the cross and then celebrate His resurrection.

Register at: northmaincog.org/FamilyEvent



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Mauudy Thursday
March 28th

FOOT WASHING	SEDER DINNER
5:00 pm	6:00 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
northmaincog.org/seder

Walk-ins are not guaranteed a seat, so please make sure you register.

RESURRECTION
Sunday & Baptisms

March 31st
10:30 am

Sign up to be baptized!
northmaincog.org/baptisms