

# North Main



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## GOODNESS

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By Pastor Brandon Lenhart

According to Abraham Heschel (Jewish Scholar and author of *"The Prophets"*), "The prophet is human, yet he employs notes one octave too high for our ears. He experiences moments that defy our understanding. He is neither 'a singing saint' nor 'a moralizing poet,' but an assaulter of the mind. Often his words begin to burn where conscience ends."

Over the next month at North Main we will continue to explore the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. These prophets, called by GOD to speak on His behalf to the nation of Israel, and the surrounding nations, would be rejected, persecuted, and executed for their prophecies. Incensed by their words, the people of GOD and the pagan nations, worked diligently to ignore, mock, and slander the prophets of GOD. Made out to be fools, the prophets stand in a league of their own, pointing out the injustices and violence perpetrated by those who opposed GOD and His commands. Truth be told, however, the fools were those who sought to silence the ones called by GOD to proclaim the truth and give warnings to the people.

The Apostle Paul, who some would call not only an evangelist for the Gospel of Christ but also a prophet, wrote these words to the church in Corinth: "God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and

used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important" (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). There are echoes in Paul's writing in the Proverbs: "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil" (Proverbs 3:7 NRSV). These two passages affirm that the wisdom of those to whom the prophets spoke was riddled with holes and founded on a faulty foundation. Worldly wisdom convinces people that faith is foolish, but Godly wisdom always leads to the truth. However, unless a person/people are willing to recognize this within themselves, and hear the prophet of GOD and heed his warning, the voice of the prophet falls on deaf ears, thus, leading to imminent judgment and punishment.

In conclusion, Heschel writes, "It is embarrassing to be a prophet. There are so many pretenders, predicting peace and prosperity, offering cheerful words, and adding strength to self-reliance, while the prophet predicts disaster, pestilence, agony, and destruction. People need exhortations to courage, endurance, confidence, fighting spirit, but Jeremiah proclaims: You are about to die if you do not have a change of heart and cease being callous to the word of GOD."

GOD still calls prophets today. Are we (GOD's people) heeding their warnings, and turning our hearts and minds back to GOD in repentance and worship? Have we compromised our faith and become calloused to the word of GOD? It's time to wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed (Romans 13:11).



**Starting  
June 2nd**  
8 week class  
9-10am

In this study, we will discover what the Christian Faith is and why it's important for salvation. We will be looking at eight specific teachings/doctrines of the Christian Church (specifically the Church of God of Anderson, IN) that make Christianity distinctive from other religions.

These teachings/doctrines are: The Bible, God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Humanity, Salvation, The Church, and End Times.

Please register for this class at [northmaincog.org/groups](http://northmaincog.org/groups). If you need childcare there is a signup button on the groups page for you.

*whitehall  
summer camps*

**5th-12th JUNE 9-14**  
**Your Cost \$190**  
*(after North Main discount)*

**6th-8th JUNE 16-21**  
**Your Cost \$190**  
*(after North Main discount)*

**3rd-5th JUNE 23-27**  
**Your Cost \$165**  
*(after North Main discount)*

*Early Bird Ended May 20th, but it's not too late to register!*

[whitehallcamp.org](http://whitehallcamp.org)



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**June 2 - The Poetic Prophet and the Petitioner**  
Nahum and Habakkuk

"GOD's judgment on evil is always good news."

**June 9 - The Prophet of Doom and the Repentant**  
Zephaniah and Joel

"GOD's judgment is meant to purify and not to destroy."

**June 16 - The Family Prophet and the Realist**  
Obadiah and Haggai

"GOD desires righteousness and obedience from His people."

**June 23 - The Messianic Prophet**  
Zechariah

"GOD's Kingdom is established with His Messiah."

**June 30 - The Cleansing Prophet**  
Malachi

"Those who remain faithful to GOD will be saved."



# June Events

northmaincog.org/events

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### Connection Luncheon

Following the morning service

Invite a friend to join you, newcomers to North Main eat for free! MENU: Meatloaf, Redskin Smashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fresh baked Dinner Roll, Chocolate Chip Cookie.

Cost: \$6/adult, \$4/kid and max of \$20/family and Newcomers to North Main eat free!

## 12

### 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](mailto:ConnieG@northmaincog.org)

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### Youth Game Night

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We are excited to host a game night full of fun for our amazing Driven Youth Group here at North Main. This event is a great event to invite your friends to. Open to all 6th-12th graders. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## 29

### Women's Bike Trip

@9:30 AM

All women 18 years and older are welcome to join us on Saturday, June 29th. We will be biking the Allegheny River Trail: Emlenton to Rockland Tunnel

We will meet at the trailhead at 9:30am.

Allegheny River Trail Emlenton, PA 16373

We will bike between 12 and 24 miles, roughly 4 or 5 hours.

Be sure to dress for the weather & bring plenty of water & snacks. \*Note\* a headlamp or bike light is recommended as we will go through 2 dark tunnels. Please email Beth Marino at [bamjeeep8@yahoo.com](mailto:bamjeeep8@yahoo.com) to RSVP so we know you'll be joining us.

Afterwards, if anyone is interested we will head to one of the nearby restaurants for a late lunch.

## 30

### Return to Living Bread

@12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn How to Cook & Bake With Grains

**\$15 for brunch & instruction**

Scan the QR code to reserve your seat.

Call 724-285-4214 if you need help registering.



On Day 3 God created plant life to include grains. We will discuss ancient and modern grains with an emphasis on wheat. Wheat kernels are alive and contain 40 of the 44 nutrients essential to life. Come discuss God's design for and man's subsequent corruption of grains while learning the history of flour. We will mill wheat and mix dough for a take-home bake. Class size is limited to 32 attendees.

Guest Abbey Walsh, MS, Human Nutrition, of Abbey Walsh Nutrition will discuss wheat's nutrition and share her testimony.



### MOVE-UP DAY!

Sunday, July 7th

Our current Kindergarteners (rising 1st graders) will be moving upstairs to JUMP START on Sunday, July 7th. This will be a special POP-UP DAY & we'll be celebrating with popcorn that day! This will allow them time to meet their new leaders & adjust to the new structure before the new school year begins. Different from our preschool ministry structure, JUMP START ELEMENTARY kids (1st-6th graders) sit with their families in the main service until just before the sermon when they are dismissed to Children's Church.



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# June Games

4th, 14th, 17th & 28th

@ SRU Mac Field 1

6:30pm

Come cheer on our Softball team as they play against other church teams!

## JUNE 2 CONNECTION LUNCHEON

Meatloaf, Redskin Smashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fresh baked Dinner Roll, Chocolate Chip Cookie.

Cost: \$6/adult \$4/kid or a maximum of \$20/household

