

North Main

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Final Approach

by Pastor Brandon

Leading up to the final week of Jesus' life, He and the disciples were active and on the move. Throughout the month of March at North Main, we will be exploring Jesus' final approach to Jerusalem and the ongoing ministry He accomplished along his route.

Week 1 we will discover Jesus' power over death in the raising of His friend, Lazarus, from the grave. Having been given the news that Lazarus was sick and needed to come, Jesus and the disciples (being a day's journey away) waited two days before leaving for Bethany. When they arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days, but Jesus' love and compassion broke death's hold on the body of His friend, and Lazarus came forth from the grave. Two weeks later (give or take) Jesus would face His own death on the cross, but would rise to new life on the third day breaking once and for all the curse of death initiated in the Garden of Eden by Adam and Eve after rebelling against GOD.

Week 2 we will learn how Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus from the grave put Him directly in the crosshairs of the religious leaders and the High Priest. Because of His miraculous works and teachings, the Jewish religious leaders began to plot Jesus' death. He was gaining more and more of a following and they were afraid of the

ramifications of that. Little did they know that Jesus' death and resurrection would spark a following they would never be able to squelch.

Week 3 we follow Jesus on His approach to the city of Jericho. As the crowds had gathered to see Him along the road, a blind beggar cried out to Him for mercy. As those in front of the man tried to quiet him, he shouted all the louder. Jesus hearing him turned to him and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Requesting his sight, Jesus merely spoke the words and he was able to see. On the day that He rose from the grave, many of the spiritually blind would see and believe as they beheld the wounds in Jesus' hands, feet, and side.

Finally, in week 4 we experience a wee little man named Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector, whom Jesus chose to spend time with. Jesus' love for Zacchaeus would forever change his greedy heart and turn him into one of the most generous men in the region. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection would prove to the world the extravagant love of the Father who would give His Son Jesus to the world so that whoever believed in Him would not perish but have everlasting life.

Needless to say, those final weeks leading to Jerusalem were busy but effective. Knowing that the cross lay ahead did not dissuade Him from continuing to minister to others. Like Jesus, we too should focus on our love for GOD and our love for others by living a life of service that brings people into the presence of GOD.

March Sermons

March 2nd - Raised from the Dead - John 11:1-44

Key Point: "Jesus is always on time."

March 9th - The Final Straw - John 11:45-57

Key Point: "When evil is threatened it always seeks to destroy."

March 16th - Jesus Predicts His Death - Luke 18:31-34

Key Point: "Since Jesus suffered, so will we."

March 23rd - The Blind See - Luke 18:35-42

Key Point: "Jesus gave sight to those who wanted to see."

March 30th - A Wee Little Man - Luke 19:1-10

Key Point: "When Jesus is welcomed in, everything changes."

THE FINAL APPROACH

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Upcoming Groups and Meetings

TO THE CROSS

SUNDAY 3/9 @9AM

Discover how passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience, then be challenged in your own life to live by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Sundays in LC4.

PAINTING CLASS

THURSDAY 3/6 @6PM

6-week Oil/Acrylic Painting class "Painting with the Potter" for beginners or just for fellowship. Starts on March 6th, 2025 in LC4. RSVP to Sue Burtner at bburt@zoominternet.net

TEAM TRAINING

SUNDAY 3/30 @12:30P

Ever thought about joining our **Welcome Team** as a volunteer to help with greeting, Welcome Center, or check-in? RSVP at the Welcome Center or to info@northmaincog.org. Lunch provided for those RSVPd.

visit northmaincog.org/events to sign up!

Upward Snack Shack needs YOU!

Scan this QR Code & Sign up for a time slot on Sign Up Genius.



LIFT AMERICA

Sunday, March 2nd join this \$15 event for Christian educators and become encouraged, empowered, and equipped to minister to your community.



signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A4AA23A0FD0-54949805-4th6th#/

christianeducators.org/calendar/lift-butler-pa-2025/

Global Missions Presents

the Guatemala Experience

March 9th @6:30pm

Come hear about the January 2025 mission trip to Guatemala that 19 members of our congregation served on. You will hear stories about what the team did, see pictures from the trip, and learn about Guatemala. There will also be some authentic Guatemalan dishes for you to sample! An RSVP is requested and can be done by putting your name on the list at the Welcome Center or by emailing North Main at Info@northmaincog.org.



EVENTS



northmaincog.org/events

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Isaiah 117 Caregiver Training

@6:00pm

If you're interested in becoming a certified caregiver for Isaiah 117 House, this is the perfect way to get started. As the first of three trainings, this training will be held on March 3 from 6-9pm at Community Alliance Church. The second will be on March 31st. To sign up for this and following trainings, please email them at ButlerPA@Isaiah117House.com

09

Church Softball Team

@12:30pm

Batter up! Our church softball league is gearing up, and we want you to be part of the team. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, head to the Welcome Center to sign up for our informational meeting, right after church on March 9th in LC4.

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Leadership 360

@12:30pm

Join us here on Saturday, March 15th for a one day conference designed to equip and inspire everyone who serves in the local church from a new volunteer to a full time pastor. There will be 4 different breakouts to choose from, and breakfast and lunch are included in the price. Registration Fee is \$35 per person and you can sign up and get more information on our events page: NORTHMAINCOG.ORG/EVENTS.

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Women's Hike

@8:30am

Women ages 18 years and older are welcome to join us on Saturday, March 22nd for a 5-mile hike on the Trout Island Trail in Sharpsville, PA. The hike will take approximately 2 to 3 hours. Please wear comfortable shoes since this will be on a paved biking trail. Be sure to dress for the weather & bring plenty of water & snacks. Please email Beth Marino (bamjeep8@yahoo.com) to get the carpool location since the parking is limited at the trailhead.

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Churchwide Game Night

@6:30pm

Churchwide Game Night open to all ages, if you're under 16 you must have a parent/guardian with you. Please bring a snack or drink to share & your favorite game if you wish. We'll have some games available.

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Reality Tour

@6:00pm

Reality Tour is an inclusive drug prevention program for parents/caregivers and their 6th-12th graders. This program was developed by parents for parents where you and your child will learn coping skills and hear real experiences that will be remembered for years. Get your ticket at www.RealityTour.org



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CONNECTION LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 2nd 2025

Chicken Coron Bleu, Quinoa, Broccoli, Fresh baked Roll, and Boston Cream Cake

Cost: \$6/Adult, \$4/child or maximum of \$20/household



Join us March 2nd for our Connection Luncheon! Make sure you invite a friend, newcomers to North Main eat for free.

Community Partnership Highlight



PCA is a leader in providing quality Christian education for families in the North Pittsburgh and Butler County area for children pre-K to 8th grade. The vision of Penn Christian Academy is to equip biblical worldview thinkers who serve and lead in the name of Christ. The Christian mind should be the best mind, enlightened by the mind of Christ and one that integrates God's principles with academic pursuits. The goal is to develop students with a biblical worldview who are well prepared in all academic disciplines. The mission of Penn Christian Academy is to partner with the home and

church to provide an engaging, biblically integrated educational experience and leadership culture that ensures the growth of every student. By experiencing their God-given potential in a stellar academic program, Penn Christian Academy students learn and apply Biblical values and truths that will help them become the leaders of tomorrow.

Do you want to learn more about what it means to be a PCA Lion? Are you ready to go visit their campus? Or maybe you're just starting the process and aren't sure what steps to take next? Fill out this form, and they will be in touch with more information about their admissions process.



The Ribbon's been cut! From this day forward no child in Butler County has to wait in an office at the courthouse when they enter into foster care! Isaiah 117 House Butler Co PA is officially open! You have changed the way foster care will begin. The real work now begins.

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