

North Main

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"...this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many." (Matthew 26:28, NLT).

What is a Covenant?

According to Noah Webster, a covenant is "a mutual consent or agreement of two or more persons, to do or to forbear some act or thing. ... The covenant of grace is that by which God engages to bestow salvation on man, upon the condition that man shall believe in Christ and yield obedience to the terms of the gospel" (*Webster's Dictionary*, 1828).

The New Covenant, established through the sacrificial death of Jesus, is the fulfillment of a series of covenants God made with His people—

beginning with Noah, continuing through Abraham, Moses and the Israelites, and David, and ultimately culminating in Christ. God's unfolding story of redemption reaches its fullest expression in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, His one and only Son. Through the shedding of His blood on the cross, Jesus opened the way for salvation by grace through faith.

Throughout the month of August, we will be exploring the different covenants God established with His people. Some of these were *conditional*, requiring both parties to faithfully uphold their commitments. Others were *unconditional*, promises God kept regardless of human faithfulness.

One truth remains constant: while God's people have failed Him time and again, He has never failed to keep His promises. And He continues to fulfill them today through the everlasting New Covenant in Christ.

August Sermons

August 3rd - Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:8-17)

Key Point: "GOD's promise to Noah and his descendants was unconditional and a sign of GOD's grace, mercy, and faithfulness."

August 10th - Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

Key Point: "GOD's promise to Abraham and his descendants was contingent upon Abraham's willingness to trust and obey GOD's calling on his life."

August 17th - Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19:1-6, 24:3)

Key Point: "GOD's promise to Moses and the Israelites was contingent upon their faithful obedience to GOD and His commands."

August 24th - Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:1-17)

Key Point: "GOD's promise to David was an unconditional covenant of love that would eventually be realized in Christ, Jesus."

August 31st - The New Covenant (Matthew 26:17-29)

Key Point: "GOD's once and for all covenant of grace was offered to the world through the death of Christ, Jesus."

Covenant Faithfulness

august 2025

You are invited to a retirement celebration in honor of Pastor Dave Wilson's 42 years of service here at North Main Street Church of God.

We will be having a light lunch immediately following the morning service on Sunday, August 24th. We invite you to bring a card or note sharing a memory or story or simply expressing your appreciation for his service & ministry.



Save The Dates!

September 7th

Discovery Classes

All 3 Discovery Classes start at 9am.

Register at northmaincog.org/DISCOVER

Baptism

The next Baptism service is on 9/7 with a mandatory class on 8/31. Register on our Events page.

Move Up Day

Our Kids Ministry at North Main, our children move up by birthday & by grade each fall.

September 10th

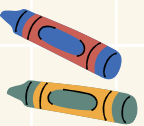
Fall Kickoff

Wednesday night Groups for all ages will kick off on 9/10. Stay tuned for more details.

**BACK (PACK)
TO SCHOOL!**



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
FISHBONE MINISTRIES



**DROP OFF ITEMS
BY AUGUST 12TH
ACROSS FROM THE
GATHERING PLACE**

**Pencils
Markers
Backpacks
Crayons**

**Erasers
Glue
Scissors
Pens**

**Highlighters
Rulers
Binders
Notebooks
Index cards
Pencil boxes
Pocket folders
Colored pencils**



EVENTS



northmaincog.org/events

3 Business Meeting

@12:30pm

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting is Sunday, August 3rd, and will be held directly after the Sunday morning service. If you consider North Main your church home, please plan on staying after service as we will review our annual report, the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and ratify new board members.

10 Living Bread Class

@12:30pm

Grains can become life-sustaining bread when we follow God's perfect design. Learn the history of the corruption of flour and its connection between sin, our health, and myths about gluten. Wheat kernels will be milled and mixed into a dough for a take-home bake. \$10 cash per person. Register on our Events page.

8/10 Part I: Fresh Milled Flour

9/13 Part II: Probiotic Wild Yeast (Sourdough)

MUST attend Part I to register for Part II

20 Worship Night

@6:30pm

Join us for a special Worship Night on August 20th at 6:30 PM! Gather with us in the church Sanctuary for an evening of uplifting music, heartfelt prayer, and spiritual community. Everyone is welcome and there is no separate programming for children for this event.

30 Family Hike

@9:30am

The hike will be at Pleasant Valley Trail at Moraine and take approximately 2 to 3 hours. This is a fairly easy 2.8 mile trail with a few elevation increases. **RSVP to Beth Marino at bamjeep8@yahoo.com so we know you'll be joining us.**

31 Explore North Main

@5:00pm

This is a wonderful opportunity for newcomers to meet our Pastors, learn more about who we are as a church, and enjoy a guided tour of our facilities. Register on our Events page.



02 Camping

@11:00am

Come and enjoy a fun youth camping trip this summer! Campfires, smores, tents, games and the great outdoors! \$10 per student. Registration & Waivers required.

16 Movie Night

@6:00pm

Join us August 16th from 6-8PM in the Life Center for a movie night! We'll have popcorn, snacks, and a great movie to enjoy together! It's a chill night to hang out, relax, and connect - perfect to bring a friend and share the experience!

30 Bonfire Night

@6:00pm

There will be smores, outdoor games, and a time to hang around the fire. Bring a snack to share and invite a friend! It's going to be a great night.

9/3 6th Graders Only

@6:30pm

All new 6th graders & their parents are invited to join us for an Intro to Youth Group @North Main on Wednesday, September 3rd. (Youth group officially kicks off on Wednesday, September 10th) Come meet your leaders and get a sneak peek of what's coming up this year for Driven Youth at North Main.

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1. Kids aged 2½ OR 4 by Sept 1st will move up to the next room.
 2. 1st Graders will move up to Jump Start.
 3. 6th graders will move up to Wednesday Night Youth Group (starting Sept. 10) AND they may also continue to come to Jump Start on Sunday mornings.
- Email MelissaH@northmaincog.org with questions.

Global Connections August Highlight

2025 Mission Trip
UGANDA
September 15-27, 2025

Pray for our 7 team members as they engage with local ministries, such as visiting those affected by HIV/AIDS and participating in community activities.

We have seven members of our North Main family traveling to Uganda in September where they will be staying in dorm-like accommodations known as "bandas" alongside the missionaries, with plans to visit some of the surrounding villages as well. They will collaborate with United4Uganda in their efforts to establish new schools, plant churches, and construct wells. As part of their time there, they will engage in community care by volunteering with an AIDS prevention program, assisting with construction projects, and helping deliver vital supplies to villages. Pray that as they "GO" on this journey, they will be transformed and empowered to fully utilize their God-given talents and abilities for the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Please pray for our ministry partners in Guatemala. In early July 2025, dozens of earthquakes severely impacted the families in Santa María de Jesús, the city we send our Missions Trip Teams to. Over 50% of the homes there were damaged, roads were blocked by landslides, and hundreds of people were displaced, making it nearly impossible for our partners at Catalyst International Resources to bring in essential supplies. They are still urgently purchasing food, clean water, and basic necessities for those in need.

