

North Main

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Trust the Plan

by Pastor Brandon

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, *"Sit here while I go over there to pray."* He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, *"My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."*

He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, *"My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."*

Matthew 26:36-39 (NLT)

According to the prophecies of Isaiah over 700 years before the birth of Christ, we read this about Jesus: *"It was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins"* (Isaiah 53:10-11, NLT).

Our series at North Main this month is called "Trust the Plan," and is a reference to Jesus' commitment to trust the Father's plan of salvation through His death and rejection on the cross. As we read in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus prays to have the cup of suffering taken away from Him. This isn't a prayer of weakness or doubt, but one of sincere concern for what is about to happen to Him.

Jesus knows that He will be arrested, beaten, mocked, and killed. He knows that the disciples will all scatter and leave Him out of fear for their own lives. Jesus knows that even the Father will forsake Him when the cup of judgment is poured out on Him on the cross for the sins of the world. So it's not unreasonable for Him to ask that this "cup" that He must drink be taken away.

In the end, however, Jesus trusted the Father's will; He trusted the final plan of salvation. Jesus' declaration that the Father's will be done rather than His own, is His ultimate submission to GOD's plan to bring the new covenant to those who would believe in Him; and this covenant could only be realized through Jesus' blood poured out on the cross as the once and for all final sacrifice (Hebrews 10:10).

Today, just as Jesus trusted the Father's plan of salvation through His death, do you trust the Father's plan of salvation through the sacrifice that Jesus made on your behalf? Do you trust that what Jesus did for you is enough to save you from sin and death as you surrender to Him through faith and belief?

April Sermons

April 6: Back in Bethany - John 12:1-11

Key Point: "Upon His final approach to Jerusalem for Passover, Mary anointed Jesus for burial."

April 13: Arrival in Jerusalem - John 12:12-19

Key Point: "Jesus was treated like royalty as He approached Jerusalem, but he would die a criminal's death just a few days later."

April 20: He's Alive! - John 20:11-18

Key Point: "Jesus spoke Mary's name, and she immediately recognized Him."

April 27: Waiting in Jerusalem - Acts 1:1-8

Key Point: "The disciples waited for the Holy Spirit just as Jesus told them to, and they would not be disappointed."

trust the plan.

APRIL 2025

Easter Connection Luncheon

Sunday, April 6th

Join us for Ham, Potatoes Gratin, Vegetable, Fresh Baked Roll, Burnt Almond Torte! Anyone new to North Main eats for free, so make sure to invite your friends! Cost: \$6/adult \$4/child and a max of \$20/household.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th



footwashing
5:00pm

seder meal
6:00pm

Easter in 5 Letters

Saturday, April 19th

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

Easter
in Five
Letters

FAMILY EXPERIENCE | SIMPLE. SLOW. SACRED.



SATURDAY
APRIL 19TH
1-4 pm
\$5/family

Easter Sunday & Baptisms

Sunday, April 20th @10:30am





EVENTS



northmaincog.org/events

Are you eager to discover what it means to be a PCA Lion and embrace a Christian education? If you're unsure about your next steps, fill out this form, and PCA will reach out to guide you through the admissions process and your journey towards faith-based learning and community!



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Women's Hike

@9:00am

Women 18 years and older are welcome to join the women's hike on Saturday, April 12th at 9:30 am at the Kildoo Parking Lot. They'll be hiking a challenging 6 to 7mi that will be 3-4 hours on the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail from McConnell's Mill to Hells Hollow. There will be transportation at both ends of the trail, but hiking back is an option as well. Be sure to dress for the weather & bring plenty of water & snacks. Email **Beth Marino** bamjeep8@yahoo.com to RSVP.

Driven YOUTH



4/16 NO YOUTH GROUP

Thursday 4/17

5-8pm Footwashing & Seder Meal

RSVP required, families are welcome to attend too but there are a limited number of tickets so act soon! RSVP at: northmaincog.org/events

8-10pm Bowling

- 4 lanes reserved (up to 24 bowlers)
- \$12 per person (includes shoes)
- Registrations after the first 24 students can come to watch but cannot bowl

RSVP



Youth Pastor, Joey Vegerano



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WN&NM Groups starting in April:



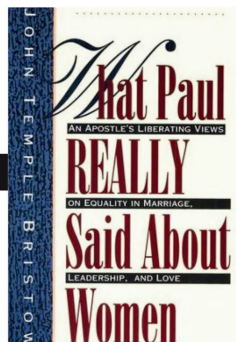
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WHAT PAUL REALLY SAID ABOUT WOMEN

STARTING WED. 4/2 @ 6:30PM

This study covers several topics including where the idea that women are inferior to men began. This study also examines specific Greek words in presenting the information, which are transliterated, and so this educational study can be used by those who do not know Greek.



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FAITH FOUNDATIONS

STARTING WED. 4/2 @ 6:30PM

Whether we've been Christians for years, discovered faith in Jesus recently, or are still wondering what it's all about, we share similar questions about why and how to live out our faith.



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DAVID PLATT

Wednesday Nights @ North Main Cancelled April 16th because of Seder Meal set up for the following day.



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2025 Mission Trip UGANDA

September 15-27, 2025

Pick up a Missions Trip Application
Packet at the Welcome Center.

Contact Pastor Dave Wilson at
DaveW@northmaincog.org or
724-332-7821 for questions or
more details.

Global Connections Highlights

United for Uganda is thankful for our partnership with Tim and Colleen Stevenson who have faithfully served in Uganda for 38 years and counting.

From 1985-2023:

- 200 schools have been opened
- Thousands of children have been sponsored
- 600 churches have been planted
- 5 medical clinics have been built
- 1 International School was opened

Unite with U4U and find
out more information:
united4uganda.org



Children
of
Promise

Children of Promise connects the family of God. Everyone connected to us — children, local leaders, churches, staff, sponsors, and donors — are part of our family. As the Children of Promise family works together to provide hope and a future to children who would otherwise struggle to have their basic needs met, all of us are better able to experience a life of wholeness in the love of God.

Find out more about how Children of Promise is making a life of wholeness possible for children around the world and how you or can get involved by visiting our website:



childrenofpromise.global

INVESTING IN LIVES, IMPACTING THE WORLD



Helping Hands In Motion is a support ministry that was born out of a burning desire to empower missionaries. We have found that national and international missionaries need resources to effectively minister where God has called them. We've discovered the fact that many missionaries spend numerous hours trying to get resources and supplies, which prohibit them from actually doing ministry. helpinghandsinmotion.org

