

THE LINK @

October 5-11, 2017

NORTHWAY
CHURCH

KIDS 'R US

"In the 1960's, parents took their kids to church. Now, kids take their parents to church." This was a quote I heard recently from another pastor, and I agree 100%. Whether right or wrong, there has been a seismic shift in our culture. In the 1960's, a child was expected to take a bath on Saturday night, wear dress clothes on Sunday morning, go to BIG CHURCH with mom and dad, sit through the service quietly, and never complain about being bored. You went to church because Mom and Dad made you go to church. Mom and Dad did not care if you didn't like it. You went because it was good for you. Kinda like eating broccoli. You just did what you were told.

All that has changed. The expectation that one goes to church just because "that's what you do," is no longer part of our culture. Sunday mornings are no longer sacred. There are literally hundreds of other options for kids and families on a Sunday.

Which is why having an energetic, impactful preschool, children's, and student ministry is so vital to the health of a church. Our ability to reach our community is only as strong as our ability to reach the next generation. Many parents have come to be part of Northway because they were dragged here by their kids. I just hope those moms and dads took a bath on Saturday night and were quiet during the worship service!

I'm very thankful that our church believes in having an excellent ministry to the next generation. We have made a strong investment in our preschool, children, and student areas. We have hundreds of volunteers working in these areas each week. They believe in these ministries and they are being used by God to make an impact on lives. We have extremely capable, humble, Godly leaders in these areas. Kim Michael (Preschool), Kelsie Hays (Kids), and Stephen Howard (Students) are leading teams of incredible adult volunteers who are investing weekly in the next generation. They are teaching, praying for, and modeling what it means to follow Christ. Hundreds of lives are being shaped through our next generation ministry.

So, to our church, I say thank you. Thank you for believing in the vision God has for us to make impact lives in this way. Thank you for your financial generosity that makes it possible for these ministries to function. Thank you for praying for the leaders and these ministry. Thank you parents and grandparents for making sure your children are present at church every week. And, especially, thank you volunteers for your willingness to serve. God is using you as a vessel to do incredible things in the lives of the next generation.

This coming Sunday, we will continue our series in Acts and the story of an Ethiopian official giving his life to Christ and getting baptized. I hope you'll plan to be with us. I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Your Pastor,
Kevin

WORSHIP

MEGAN DeLONG, ERIC HAYS, &
BROOKE PERRY

Praise Goes On-Elevation Worship

WELCOME

Worthy of Your Name-Passion
Hallelujah (I Lift My Hands Up)-Northway

MESSAGE

OFFERING

You Revive Me-Christy Nockels

CLOSE

DEACONS ON CALL

Week of October 8

An extension of the Pastoral Care Ministry, the Deacons On-Call Team is available to you for any ministry or prayer need that you might have during the week. The following team is on call this week:

Pace Bailey	478-731-4067
Lewis Vaughn	478-338-0266
Buddy Doyle	478-318-8825
Dan Verdier	478-951-7169

FACTS & FIGURES

October 1, 2017

Total on Campus: 925

Offering: \$61,133

YTD Offering: \$410,740

YTD Required Offering: \$419,670

*Fiscal year begins August 1.

Faith For The Future: \$1,350

Faith For The Future-

Current Balance: \$549,542

ADULTS & CHURCH-WIDE

1ST ANNUAL GALA: TWC HAITI

Oct. 17 | 6:30 PM | Student Room

Enjoy an evening to meet and hear from Stephen and Autumn Byxbe, our missionaries to Haiti. Stephen came out of Northway several years ago to serve in Haiti and was led of God to create a new ministry called Together We Can — Haiti. He and Autumn are currently in the states awaiting the birth of their next child in November. While here, we have an opportunity to hear from them directly about the growth of their multi-faceted ministry.

The evening will include a meet and greet time with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided before hearing updates on their ministry and how we can support them. It will be an informative and inspirational evening to hear how God is working through them to change lives.

For more information on their ministry, go to <http://twchaiti.com/>.



REGISTER



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

OCC would be a great project for yourself, your family, your home team, or even your workplace. Shoeboxes will be available for you to pick-up on October 15. It will include a brochure which specifically lists what to include and what NOT to pack in the box. Filled boxes should be returned to the church by November 5. For more information, go to: www.samaritanspurse.org



Bobby Lamb
Head Coach, Mercer Football

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Oct. 24 | 6:30 PM | Student Room

Mark your calendars for a great meal and fellowship as we enjoy listening to Bobby Lamb, head coach of Mercer's football team! He'll talk football and faith, and will allow for a time of questions. For men of all ages, so dads bring your sons! Tickets are \$5.00.

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FAMILY MINISTRIES



FORM



REGISTER



Hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, games, trunk or treating...SO. MUCH. FUN!

We're going to need plenty of treats; could you help us out? You can drop your donations in the bins located in the Preschool and Kids areas.

Just no peanut products, please!

Register to be a "trunk" (you know, for the treating) or to volunteer in other areas using the button below!

VOLUNTEER

BE A TRUNK



DATE	TIME	LOCATION
October 15	5:30-6:30pm	Kids Worship Center
October 22	5:00pm-tryouts for solos/ speaking parts 5:30-6:30pm-rehearsal for large group	Kids Worship Center
October 29	NO REHEARSAL	
November 5	5:30-6:30pm	Kids Worship Center
November 12	NO REHEARSAL	
November 19	5:30-6:30pm	Kids Worship Center
November 26	TBD	
November 29	5:30-6:30pm	Worship Center
December 3	5:30-6:30pm	Worship Center
December 6	5:30-6:30pm	Kids Worship Center
December 10	4:00-6:00pm	Worship Center
December 13	NO REHEARSAL	
December 17	TBD	Worship Center