

**Family Gathering Times**  
 Sunday Bible Classes 9:00 am  
 Worship 10:15 am  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

<u>Privileged to Serve Today</u>		<u>For the Record</u>	
Song Leader	Dave Ward	<b>September 10</b>	120
Scripture Reading	George Grupee	Contribution	\$ 3,846.00
Table Talk	Ken Kern	Sheridan Story	\$ 20.00
Table Servers	Mike Harrison	CoC Disaster Relief	\$ 2,261.00
	Al Holte	Children	\$ 18.61
	Tears Zoway		
	Emmitt Toe	<b>September 17</b>	97
Power Point	Ken Kooiker	Contribution	\$ 3,083.00
Shepherd's Prayer	Ronnie Dean	CoC Disaster Relief	\$ 40.00
Speaker	Jim Hinton	Children	\$ 6.41
Announcements	Emem Akpan		
Children's Worship	Mayency Bowers	Weekly Budget	\$ 3,215
		YTD Budget	\$ 118,955.00
		YTD Actual	\$ 127,739.07

Please contact Dave Ward if you are unable to serve so a substitute can be found.  
(763-473-1203)

The money contributed to the children's fund this quarter will be donated to help Avenues for Homeless Youth.

Northern Light Leadership

Jim Hinton, Minister 619-322-5907  
 Church Office 763-494-4224

Shepherds

Ronnie Dean 763-425-7929 Dickey Joe Turner 763-688-082 Dave Ward 763-473-1203

Deacons

Emem Akpan~International Transition 612-581-1297  
 Al Holte 763-323-0543  
 Ralph Weber~Community 763-425-1331

Do you have a suggestion or idea that you'd like to discuss?  
 A concern or burden that you need to share?  
 We invite you to come to any of us and to share whatever is on your heart.  
 We have an open door policy and we welcome and value your input and feedback.

Love as Family...Grow in Christ...Bless All People



Northern Light  
 CHURCH OF CHRIST

# WELCOME TO

Seeing the Bigger Picture  
 September 24, 2017

Be Still and Know (# 31)  
 Welcome/Body Building  
 Sing and Be Happy (# 587)  
 Glory Land Way (# 535)  
 Surely the Presence of the Lord (# 398)  
 He Paid a Debt (# 376)  
 Lord's Supper  
 Thank You Lord (# 474)  
 Offering  
 Children's Moment  
 Surround Us (Praise Hymnal)  
 Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-7  
 Seeing the Bigger Picture  
 Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone (Praise Hymnal)  
 Shepherd's Prayer  
 I Am a Sheep (Praise Hymnal)

We strive to be a vibrant, life-giving resource in our community; a supportive family through authentic relationships, to experience joyful worship and growth, inspiring others to follow Christ.

## Prayer Requests

### Health Concerns:

**Nan Miller** –Carol and Joe Novitski for pain relief. Kathy Bossell, a friend and neighbor fell and injured herself. My brother-in-law, Corky, better health, they found a massive lump in his stomach. Health concerns for Scott, Rick and Ray.

**Julie Libby** – as she continues chemo treatments.

**Isaac Karmue** – traveling in Liberia to visit his father who is very ill

**Tarnowski Family** –My sister-in-law has colon cancer.

**Margie Weber** – our friend, Mary, is battling pancreatic cancer. Sawyer French, the 16 year old son who suffered a stroke, that he will continue to make great progress.

**Bagley Family** – Wayne Achley has been diagnosed with 3 types of cancer

**Kooiker Family** – continued improved health for Minnie

**Susan Nelson** – my neighbor, Joyce Dahlberg, continued healing of her leg

**Dean Family** – healing for Henika Avery and Sharon and Tony Dorsey.

**Lee Family** – Becca (24 years old) has stage 4 lung cancer and is not expected to live past Christmas.

**Mark Smith** – he injured his shoulder

**David Dotson**—his son, David Jr., is in extremely ill condition

### Thanksgiving:

**Sharon Ayiro** – thank God for everything he has done for me – both large and small.

**Dean Family** - Tony Dorsey was added to the kidney donor list. Prayers he receives one soon.

### Other Needs:

**Mark Smith** – his grandmother passed away last Tuesday.

### Travelers

**Students, parents and teachers beginning a new school year**

**Dean Family** – please pray that my company, Caregiver USA Corp., will overflow with investors.

**Cynthia Thurn** – prayers for my son and grandson's in coping with recent separation

### Hurricane/Tropical Storms victims

**Those looking for housing** – Lee family, Dewall family, Johnson family

**Students** in our new fall Bible classes



## DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY

### NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 9:00 AM

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:14-15, "Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." (NLT)

Once you're born into God's family, He wants you to grow up. Through Paul God told us that "spiritual growth" means becoming more and more like Jesus. The question is, "how do we do that?"

This is what "Discovering Spiritual Maturity" Class is all about. We're going to focus on four basic habits that every Christian needs to develop in order to grow. In the process you will be equipped with the skills and tools you need to realize the abundant life God has for you. The four basic habits that result in spiritual growth are:

- The Habit of Study: Time With God in His Word.
- The Habit of Prayer: Talking with God.
- The habit of Generosity: Giving back to God.
- The habit of Fellowship: Enjoying God's Family.

This six week class begins Sunday morning, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Worship Center. Every participant will receive a complimentary Study Guide.

### Hurricane Relief Collections Update

As you know, we have had special collections for the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort to assist with those who have been victims of the recent hurricanes in the US.

We collected \$ 3,821.00 and sent it to them this week.

Thank you Northern Light for your generosity!

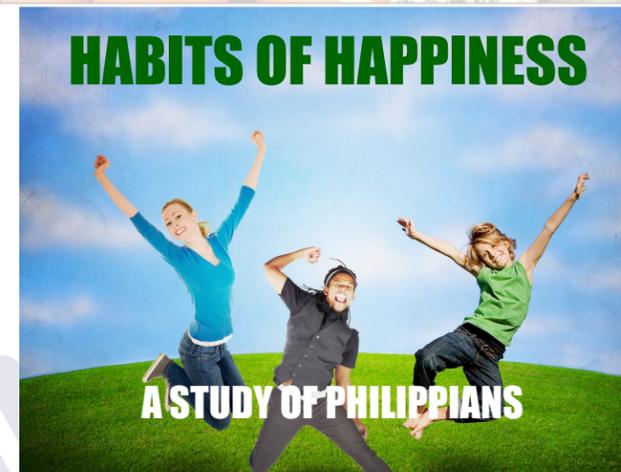


### Halloween Block Party

Our Halloween Block Party will be on Saturday, October 21, from 11 am to 1 pm.

We will need lots of volunteers, wrapped candy, desserts for the Dessert Walk, etc.

Melissa will have a sign-up sheet if you would like to sign up early!



### NEW MESSAGE SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 10:15 AM

### Habits of Happiness Jim Hinton

The book of Philippians tells us to be happy no matter what is happening to us or going on around us. How is that possible when you are criticized, stressed out, lonely, feeling discouraged, or in conflict with others? Fortunately, this letter also tells us how to do it. Writing from a prison cell in Rome - the Apostle Paul reveals at least nine habits that will empower you to remain joyful no matter what.

- Seeing the Bigger Picture - 1:15-30 (9/24)
- A Surprising Secret of Happiness - 2:1-11 (10/8)
- The Cure for Complaining - 2:12-30 (10/15)
- Don't Sweat the Small Stuff - 3:1-11 (10/22)
- The Power of Purpose - 3:12-21 (10/29)
- Defusing your Disagreements - 4:1-3 (11/5)
- How to Replace Panic with Peace - 4:4-9 (11/12)
- Enjoy the Calm of Contentment - 4:10-23 (11/19)

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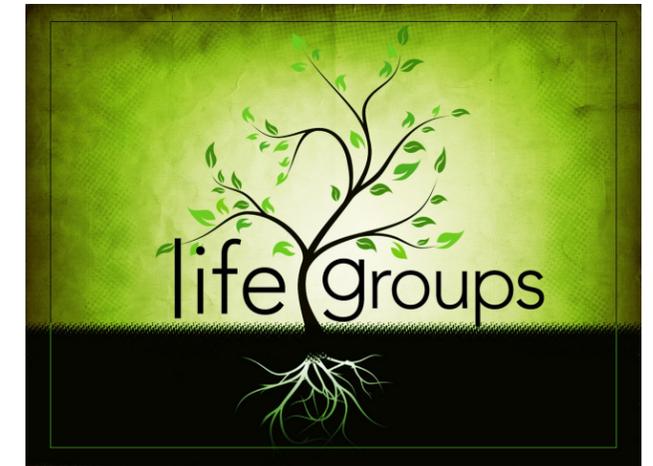
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### JOIN THE NORTHERN LIGHT LIFE GROUP MINISTRY

Every healthy, dynamic, and growing church has some form of small groups within the larger church body. This is nothing new. The Jerusalem church met as a large group in the temple courts - but also in smaller groups in their homes (See Acts 2:41-47). This strategy resulted in the explosive spiritual and numerical growth of that congregation.

This is why the Northern Light Church is relaunching our LIFE Groups ministry on Sunday, January 14 of 2018. However, before we can do that we need group facilitators, co-leaders, and host homes. Training for these ministry opportunities begins Sunday night, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Hinton's home at 5 to 7 PM. We will have dinner together and then about an hour of training. There will be six training sessions.

There are three important reasons you should be a leader or participate in this ministry:

**Small groups build friendship.** Research tells us that a church member who doesn't make at least seven friends in the first year will not around. Small groups foster the sense of belonging and community every Christian needs.

**Small groups increase spiritual maturity.** It is a unique environment for learning and applying God's Word. There is time to build trust with others that allows for openness, authenticity, mentoring, and encouragement.

**Small groups maximize ministry effectiveness.** There is a special "synergy" in a small group that helps the church serve more people. Often crisis support, counseling, and prayer can be handled more effectively through a loving small group. Also, some unchurched neighbors and friends who are intimidated by a large worship service may be open to attending a Bible study in a home.

If you are interested in being a part of our LIFE Group Ministry in any way contact **Jim Hinton**.