



Ordinary Time

JANUARY 21, 2018

Reflection

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. - *Hebrews 11:1-3*

CALENDAR

ADVENT After the church year cycles of Advent/Christmas/Ephiphany and Lent/Easter/Pentecost, we enter a period called "Ordinary Time." In the context of the church year the term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average.;" it means "not seasonal." In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ not in one specific aspect but in all its aspects. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us in how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives. Congregational growth can be nurtured by focusing on the work of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church, exploring the teachings of the Church and the truths of God's saving events in history, and committing ourselves to grow in obedience and service to our Lord. (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship).

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

Calling

Please stand.

PRELUDE

BEHOLD
(MUSIC ON PAGE 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory

- *Psalm 24:7-10*

Plain text is read by the leader. Bold text is read by the congregation.

SONGS OF PRAISE

TAKE US, O LORD
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD
(MUSIC ON PAGE 4-5)

BEHOLD

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The empty filled, the wounded healed,
the broken back together.
The poor are blessed, the weary rest.
We will dance forever.

The blinded see, the chained are free,
the doubtful, now believer.
The outcast known, the orphan home.
You are my redeemer

*Behold, behold,
behold what love can do.
Behold, behold,
He's making all things new.*

The lost returned, the voiceless heard,
the mourner now rejoicing.
The mountains shake, the world awake,
creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed,
the song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive.
You are my redeemer

Refrain

You are making all things new.
You are making all things new.
You are making all things new.

Refrain

TAKE US O LORD

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O how He takes the cross;
O how He lifts it up
to take the weight from us.
O how He pays the cost;
O how He drinks the cup
to make a place for us.

*Take us, O Lord,
and all we have known.
Shape us, O Lord,
and form us into Your own!
Take every heart,
and know every sin.
Break us, O Lord,
that we may be whole again!*

Hear how He breaks the curse;
Hear how He cries aloud.
Hear how His voice resounds.
O how He forms the words.
O how He cries them out:
See it is finished now!

Refrain

How deep the wounds He wears;
How dark the scars He shows.
How well the name He knows:
Written upon His palms,
O what a name to find:
that name before Him, mine!

Refrain

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

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What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

CONFESSION

The call to repentance invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

God of glory and love: You have loved us from the beginning with a vast and boundless love. Before we took our first breath, your Son breathed his last and accomplished what we never could: our full and free salvation. You have called us to love one another as you have loved us, and we confess before you our complete unwillingness to obey. Holy Spirit, we need your strength and help to give us swift and true repentance for our neglect of others. Let us see the power of Christ's life-giving love, and love others as Christ has loved us. Amen.

- *Adapted from Prone to Wander (p. 146-147)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have love God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. - *1 John 4:9-10*

SONG OF ASSURANCE

LORD HAVE MERCY
(MUSIC ON PAGES 7)

MINISTRY MOMENT

LIFE FORWARD
STEVE WEIGAND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.

Amen

LORD HAVE MERCY

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Jesus I've forgotten
the words that You have spoken;
promises that burned within my heart
have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow
the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief,
renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where
I've worshipped things of man.
I have taken journeys that
have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning
to Your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions,
help me love you again.

Refrain

I have longed to know You
and all Your tender mercies;
like a river of forgiveness
ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You
in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining
like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.

OFFERINGS

(Children ages 3-Kindergarten are dismissed for Wee Worship)

SONS OF GOD

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All we have
is given to
us by God.
Our offerings
express
this joyful
dependance
and our
commitment to
join God in his
work of renewal.

He had a vision
Before the world was born
He had the words in mind
Glorified

He made the promise
To dwell in us
By his spirit
Abide

Setting hearts and minds
On things above
Dying to ourselves
To live in perfect love

*We're no longer orphans
We're no longer strangers
He keeps and protects in the shadow of his wings
Inherit the glory
Sons of God
We cry Abba father and he hears our voice
We cry Abba father and he hears our voice*

He is our shepherd
And we are his sheep
His comforting hand and staff
By our side

Our souls ache and long
For Christ to be revealed
To finally call us home
Fulfilled

Setting hearts and minds
On things above
Dying to ourselves
To live in perfect love

Refrain

The Word of
 God is the
 chief and
 final means
 through
 which God
 speaks to us;
 the principle
 and most
 direct way
 we hear
 from God in
 worship.

The Spirit
 makes the
 reading and
 preaching of
 God's Word
 a powerful
 means of
 nourishing
 and
 comforting
 God's
 people, and
 awakening
 people of
 new faith.

VALUING LIFE FROM AN ETHIC OF LOVE

MATTHEW 15:1-31

(Page 820-821 in the black Bible)

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,
 2 "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they
 do not wash their hands when they eat." 3 He answered them, "And
 why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your
 tradition? 4 For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,'
 and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' 5 But you
 say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have
 gained from me is given to God," 6 he need not honor his father.'
 So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of
 God. 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

8 "This people honors me with their lips,
 but their heart is far from me;
 9 in vain do they worship me,
 teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"

10 And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand:
 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes
 out of the mouth; this defiles a person." 12 Then the disciples came and
 said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they
 heard this saying?" 13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly
 Father has not planted will be rooted up. 14 Let them alone; they are
 blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." 15
 But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." 16 And he said, "Are
 you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever
 goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? 18 But
 what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles
 a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery,
 sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile
 a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

(Text continued on page 10.)

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. 30 And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, 31 so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

(Space provided for sermon notes)

IN CHRIST ALONE

STUART TOWNSEND, KEITH GETTY

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In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace;
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love, this righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns, or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Announcements & Events

Financial Update Through January 14, 2018

Month to Date General Fund Giving Goal:	\$30,769.24
Month to Date General Fund Actual Giving:	\$22,513.15
Month to Date Difference: - \$8,256.09	

Year to Date General Fund Goal:	\$307,692.40
Year to Date General Fund Actual:	\$311,913.89
Year to Date Difference: + \$4,221.49	

Our weekly general fund giving goal is \$15,384.62 per week.

Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Stop by the table in the lobby to pick up a baby bottle to fill with change for this year's Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign to help support the work of Life Foward Pregnancy Care Center of Cincinnati. Filled bottles should be returned by February 18.

Interfaith Hospitality Network 2018

We will host families from Interfaith Hospitality Network during the weeks of:

- February 18
- May 20
- September 30

Volunteer sign-ups for the week in February will be available soon.

Inquirer's Class - February 10

Inquirer's class covers the vision, missions, philosophy of ministry, roles, basic beliefs, polity, and programs of North Cincinnati Community Church. It is designed to answer your questions about NCCC and prepare you for church membership, although it is not required. The class, led by Senior Pastor Michael Craddock, will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. RSVP to annette@northcincy.org.

Lost and Found Items

Are you missing a Bible, coat, or coffee mug? Look for them in the following places:

- Bibles are located on the cart in the rear of the sanctuary.
- Coffee mugs are located in the wall cabinet at the end of the coffee station.
- Coats are located on hangers in the entryway.

got truth.

Each month we, as a congregation, will memorize a new verse and recite it on the first Sunday of the following month, called “GotTruth. Sunday”. Throughout the year, as we memorize the verses, we will recite them as a cumulative set; meaning we will say all the verses we have memorized on the GotTruth. Sundays.

GotTruth. Sunday: February 4
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m.
in the lobby

February Verse: Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

** The verse in bold print is the Kindergarten verse.*

Connecting on Sunday Morning

Opportunities for Adults

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES

9:30 a.m.

Express Your Faith

Multipurpose Room: A
Shepherds: Wade & Melissa Smith
Teacher: Michael Craddock

The Bible calls every follower of Christ to “be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have [in Christ]” but how prepared do most of us feel to help another person investigate the hope of Christ we have in the gospel? Join us as learn a very practical and proven approach for helping others investigate the good news of Christ from veteran pastor and personal evangelist, Randy Pope.

Walking with God through Pain & Suffering

Multipurpose Room: B
Shepherds: Cecil & Paula New
Teacher: Matt May

The problem of pain and suffering is something that every person across every culture, throughout all generations has had to wrestle with, yet sadly in our Western culture (and even the Church for that matter) we seem to be far less equipped to handle suffering and far more traumatized by it. In this 8 week class, we will use Tim Keller’s book, *Walking with God through Pain & Suffering*, as a resource to discuss how to better understand suffering biblically and how to walk with God in the midst of it. Also, we’ll hear stories of folks in our church who’ve endured suffering or are currently suffering now, and how the Lord has met them in midst of it.

TIME OF PRAYER

9:30 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

This time has been set aside to pray for the body and leadership of North Cincinnati Community Church, our national leaders, for missions, and for specific/individual needs, praise and thanks. The time will begin with fellowship/sharing and a short devotional. Contact Eric or Kathie France for more information (ericbfrance@gmail.com or kathie.france@gmail.com).

17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? (Mark 11:17).

Connecting on Sunday Morning

Opportunities for Youth

NORTHCINCY KIDS SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Nursery (0-2 year olds)

Elementary Sunday School Connect
Classes

(2 year olds - 4th grade)

Location: Hallway classrooms

Club56 (5th & 6th graders)

Location: Room 110

10:45 a.m.

Nursery (0-2 year olds)

Wee Worship (3 years old-Kindergarten)

Location: Meet in the hallway when dismissed during the service and pick up in the 'K Room.'

It is our desire that in all that we do, "we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. So the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but keep his commands." Psalm 78:4,6-7.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Brunch is our Sunday Morning Community for students in grades 7 through 12 that meet for a time of fellowship and discussion over breakfast.

Connecting Throughout the Week

Ministry Opportunities for Men & Women

Men's Groups:

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Location: Mason. Led by Steve Marcy (1stevem@live.com). This group is part fellowship and part study. Please join us as we read through the book ***God Is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God*** by Mark Jones.

Thursday at 6:45 a.m. Location: Deerfield Township. Led by Steve Brown (sbrown@usfabrics.com).

Women's Prayer Groups & Bible Studies:

MAC (Moms of Adult Children) Prayer Group - Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to join with other women to lift up your adult children and their families in prayer. The group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 23 at a new location (they will no longer meet at the church). For more information and the meeting location, please contact Lou Ann Thesing (louthesing@gmail.com).

2017-2018 Ministry Year

- ***Women's Bible Studies - 1,2,3 John by Jen Wilkin.*** The Thursday morning study (9:15-11:00 a.m. at the church) is led by Laura Brown. Childcare and Little Lions/Lambs classes are available. The Wednesday evening study begins January 24. The study will be led by Kim Knight at the home of Nancy Admiraal (4712 Flagstone Dr. in Mason) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please note that childcare is not provided on Wednesday evenings. Sign up in the lobby today or online using the Event tab at www.northcincy.org. The study is 11 weeks long. The cost of the workbook is \$10.00.
- ***Refresh*** takes a new twist this year and is a topical time on relationships. Join speakers Kim Knight and Angela Allen on the following dates: March 1 and April 19.
- ***Women's Conference:*** Mark your calendars for February 3, 2018 for a Women's Conference at the church with speaker Karen Hodge. Karen serves as the Coordinator for PCA Women's Ministry, where she seeks to connect women and churches to one another and to sound resources. It is from the perspective of a wife, mother, leader, and fellow pilgrim that she hopes to offer insight from God's Word to women concerning how she and they can most effectively learn to enjoy and extend God's Glory.

Women's Servant Team

Members of the 2017-2018 ministry year Women's Servant Team are:

- ***Engaging Servants:*** Melissa Smith & Allison Brown
- ***Connecting & Care Servants:*** Kim Knight & Eileen May
- ***Equipping & Establishing Servants:*** Paula New & Addie Shrimpton
- ***Deploying Servants:*** Rachel Craddock

Young Adult Connect Group

If you are a 20 or 30 something looking to connect with other 20 or 30 somethings, consider the Young Adult Connect Group. The group meets for dinner and games the last Saturday of each month. Email Eric Shrimpton (eric@northcincy.org) for the location and dates, as well as any other questions you might have.

If you are interested in learning more about connecting at North Cincinnati, please contact

Connecting Throughout the Week

Ministry Opportunities for Youth

True North is a student movement for the glory of God and the good of others. If you are a student between 7th and 12th grade, join us throughout the week (see flyers below) or for one of our Annual Events (email eric@northcincy.org for events and dates).



TRUE NORTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

A WEEKLY CONVERSATION ABOUT WALKING WITH
CHRIST IN TODAY'S CULTURE
- 9:30AM ON SUNDAYS @ NCCC -



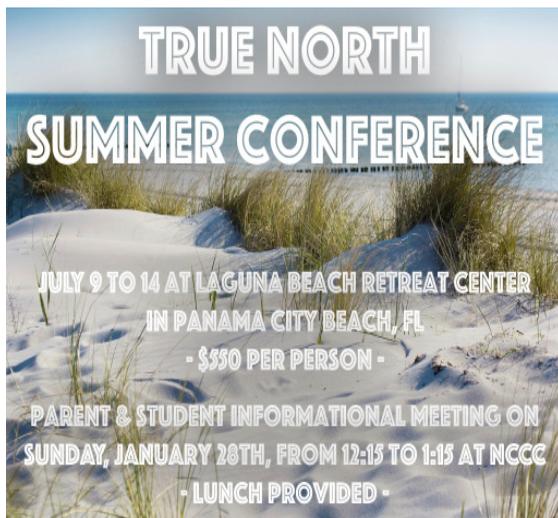
TRUE NORTH CONNECT

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ NCCC
SMALL GROUPS @ 6:30 & LARGE GROUP @ 7:30
MONTH-END & SUMMER SOCIALS FROM 6:30 TO 8:30



TRUE NORTH ANNUAL EVENTS

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW	OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
- KICK-OFF LOCK IN - (AUGUST 2018)	- FALL SERVE W/ CGM - (11.21.2017)
- WINTER RETREAT - (12.1-3.2017)	- SPRING SERVE W/ M25M - (SPRING 2018)
- SUMMER CONFERENCE - (07.09-13.2018)	- SUMMER MISSION TRIPS - (SUMMER 2018)



TRUE NORTH SUMMER CONFERENCE

JULY 9 TO 14 AT LAGUNA BEACH RETREAT CENTER
IN PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL
- \$550 PER PERSON -
PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, FROM 12:15 TO 1:15 AT NCCC
- LUNCH PROVIDED -

Connecting Throughout the Week

Ministry Opportunities for Youth

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered leadership and character development ministry. It allows girls to experience new challenges, serve others, make new friends and have tons of fun, all in a safe, faith-filled environment. AHG offers girls ages 5-18 an exciting progressive program of: Social Development, Girl Leadership Opportunities, Life Skill Enhancement through a multi-level badge program, Character Development through community service and citizenship programs, Development of Teamwork and Confidence, and Spiritual Development. AHG's mission is "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." AHG meets at North Cincinnati Community Church twice a month. It is open to all girls in the community. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Shelley Russell, Troop Coordinator (oh3124.coordinator@gmail.com).

Engaging Young Children in Worship at North Cincy

[14] but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14, ESV)

If you are the parent of a young child, please know that Jesus was delighted to have children in his company and we are too. Learning to engage with God in the context of Sunday worship is a life-long journey for all of us, and it is a privilege to be part of that journey. Doing many activities with a child is different than doing the same activity without a child – such as eating dinner – and the same is true with weekly public worship. This doesn't mean these activities are less delightful, but it does make them different.

As you navigate those differences, here are some ideas that other families have found helpful as you assist your child to engage with God in worship this morning:

- **Remember that Biblical worship is much more than standing still.** God made us a people to move, and if they're response to worship is clapping, dancing, excitement, or movement that is okay with us.
- **Consider sitting up front.** It helps young children, especially pre-readers, to be able to visually engage with those who are upfront (musicians, pastors, liturgists, etc.).
- **Use this worship program to help your young reader follow along.** One of the specific reasons we have a printed program and video projection is so that parents of young children can assist their children by pointing to the words we are singing to help them follow along.
- **Encourage your child to engage during the sermon by doodling or drawing.** Activities like drawing pictures of what they hear or listening for key words on any given morning are a great way to engage.

Please also know that you are not alone in this journey. There are lots of people around you right now who are navigating the same calling to train their children as worshippers, and lots of people who have gone before you. Don't hesitate to ask other families about the practices or publications that they have found helpful, such as Robbie Castleman's book, *Parenting in the Pew*.

NCCC Leadership

Senior Pastor: Michael Craddock
Assistant Pastor of Connection & Discipleship: Matt May
Director of Student Ministries: Eric Shrimpton
NorthCincy Kids Nursery Coordinator: Cheryl Poole
NorthCincy Kids Coordinator (PreK, K & Wee Worship): Leah Nystrom
NorthCincy Kids Coordinator (Grades 1-4 & Club 56): Alli Brown
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Bookkeeper/H.R. Assistant: Kathy Toth
Facilities Manager: Jim Ertel
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NCCC Vision & Mission

Our Vision:

Followers of Jesus in the past summarized the purpose of human existence, saying “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.” Our vision is to make followers of Jesus who will in turn fulfill their chief end of enjoying and glorifying God. (Matt. 28:16-20). The result of men, women, and children becoming and growing as mature and equipped followers of Christ is transformation personally (2 Cor. 5:17) and at every level of society.

“We exist to glorify God by making and deploying mature and equipped followers of Christ for the sake of personal, family, community, and global transformation.”

Our Mission:

The making of a mature and equipped follower of Christ is a process. Ultimately, the transformation of a person who is unfamiliar with Jesus or his church into a person who is a servant-leader like Jesus depends on the work of the Holy Spirit. However, humanly speaking, that process commonly consists of the following process that makes up our mission.

1. **ENGAGING** the unchurched where we live, work, and play.
2. **CONNECTING** newcomers to the community of God’s people.
3. **ESTABLISHING** members in the faith through life-on-life missional discipleship.
4. **DEPLOYING** servant-leaders for a life of kingdom-impact.

Our Values:

As we go about our mission there are several values that are most important to us:

1. Practicing indiscriminate **LOVE** regardless of social, economic or racial status.
2. Demonstrating personal, family, organizational, financial, and leadership **INTEGRITY**.
3. Living by **FAITH** in Christ and attempting faith-oriented goals in an environment of innovation and change.
4. Speaking and proclaiming the **TRUTH** regardless of the consequences.