

# Shore Lines of the Northfield church of Christ

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## Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM

*"Seeing Jesus In The Old Testament" Lesson 5*

## Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM

*Men please meet @ 10:20AM before services!*

## Sunday Spanish Speaking Services @ 1:30PM.

## Sunday Evening Youtube Service @ 6:00PM

## Monday Dinner & Bible Study @ the Seim's

*Dinner starts @ 5:15PM & Study starts @ 6:30PM*

## Wednesday Night Zoom Bible study @ 6:30PM

*This week studying Lesson 6... 1 Timothy 3:8-16*

*(Get an invite from [northfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com))*

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## **FROM THE BACK PEW!**

*How Are You Going To Win... If You Are Not Right Within!*

*Without Spiritual Growth... Numerical Growth Won't Happen!*

Sometimes the message (teaching or sermon) isn't coming across to the people, sometimes the people just don't want to receive it, or they don't understand the message being preached or taught. There is a famous line from an old movie, *"What we've have here is a failure to communicate"*. It's not that the truth isn't being preached or taught, but the words being spoken aren't being understood. And the words not being understood is because their **Bible** isn't being read and questions are not being asked. **Acts 17:11** The **Bereans** searched the scriptures daily to ensure what **Paul** and **Silas** were preaching. They were eager to examine the scriptures to see if all they was hearing being true. **Acts 8** the Eunuch was reading **Isaiah 53** when **Philip** asked him does he understand what he was reading and the Eunuch said how can I except someone help me. Bottom line communication is a two-way street. **God** gave us the physical word (**Jesus**) and the written word the **Bible**. All we must do is to open it and read it. **Matthew 7:7-8** says ask, seek, knock, but it's a metaphor for the act of prayer. **God** does not want anyone to be lost (**2 Peter 3:9**). Don't just attend worship services or Bible class because it's a tradition. It's an avenue of learning the scriptures and seeing how it applies to your life and applying it to your daily living for **GOD**!

## **HUMOR OF THE WEEK!**

My Parents did drugs when I was growing up and no matter how much I tried to get them to stop they wouldn't, so I just let them do what they wanted to do. Now I thank them for all the drugs they took. The humor is they didn't really take drugs they drug me to service... LOL



## The Preacher Pollard Blog

WEEKLY THOUGHTS FROM NEAL, GARY, DALE, CARL, AND BRENT

# Be Reconciled

### Carl Pollard

Some things are hard to put back together once they're broken. A cracked phone screen never feels the same. A bent fishing hook won't hold like it once did. And a fractured relationship, especially one hurt by betrayal or deep pain, can feel impossible to restore. We live in a world where "*cutting people off*" is often celebrated as self-care. But Scripture introduces us to a word that runs against our instincts: reconciliation.

Reconciliation is not the same as avoidance, denial, or pretending nothing happened. Biblically, reconciliation is the restoration of what was broken. And like many things in life, reconciliation only works when the right elements are brought together. Mix pride with reconciliation, and it fails. Mix bitterness with reconciliation, and it becomes poisonous.

But when reconciliation is mixed with humility, repentance, and grace, something powerful happens.

Paul writes in **2 Corinthians 5:18–19** that "*all things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.*" Notice the direction. We did not reconcile ourselves to God; God took the initiative. While we were still sinners (**Romans 5:10**), Christ died for us. That truth sets the standard for how reconciliation works among people. It always begins with grace, not merit.

In the first century, reconciliation was not theoretical for Christians, it was costly. Jews

and Gentiles, divided by centuries of hostility, were now being called "*one body*" in Christ (**Ephesians 2:14–16**). Paul says that Christ "destroyed the barrier" and made peace through the cross. The cross didn't ignore sin; it dealt with it fully. True reconciliation never minimizes wrong, it addresses it through truth and sacrifice.

This is where we often struggle. We want peace without repentance, unity without humility, and forgiveness without discomfort. But biblical reconciliation requires a change of heart. Jesus teaches that if your brother sins, there must be confrontation (**Matthew 18:15**). Reconciliation doesn't mean enabling sin; it means pursuing restoration God's way.

As Christians, we are not only reconciled people, we are entrusted with the "*ministry of reconciliation*" (**2 Corinthians 5:18**). That means our words, attitudes, and actions should reflect the God who restored us. Harboring resentment while claiming fellowship with God is a contradiction (**1 John 4:20**).

Reconciliation is not easy. It costs pride. It demands forgiveness. Sometimes it requires patience and boundaries. But it is always worth it, because it mirrors the gospel itself. Let us be careful to practice reconciliation the way God designed it, rooted in truth, powered by grace, and aimed at restoration.

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## Serving Today

Bible Class: *Bro. Ron Clevenger*  
Streaming/Audio: *Mike Walsh*  
Song Leader: *Bro. Lee Christensen*

## Worship Order

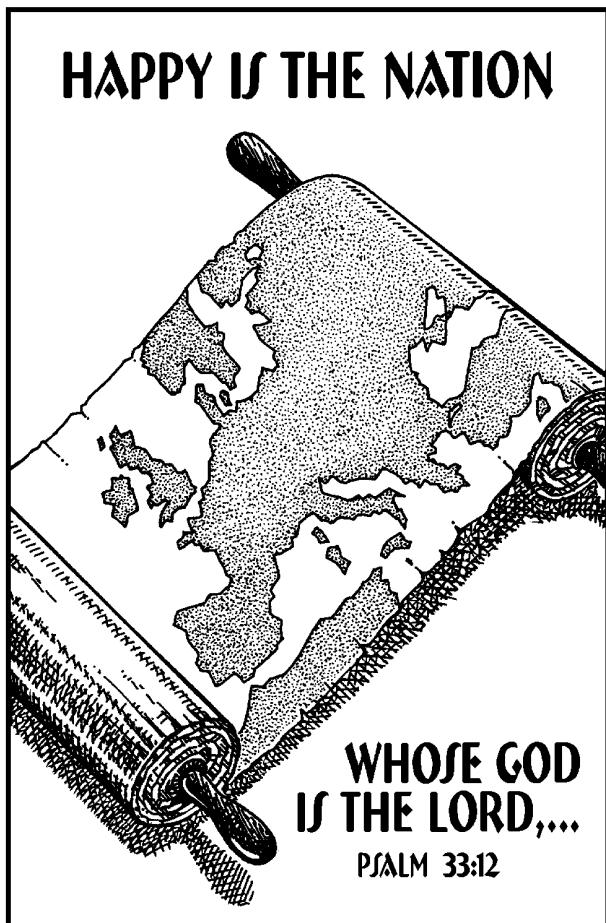
Call to Worship (Himno)  
Announcements... *Bro. Mike Walsh*  
Opening Prayer (Oracion)... *Bro. Bill Wills*  
Hymn (Himno)  
Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)... *Bro. Bill Shurig*  
Hymn (Himno)  
Reading- *Phil. 3:17; 4:9, 1 Cor. 11:1 (Bro. Ron Clevenger)*  
Sermon- *The Value Of Role Models (Mark Seim)*  
Invitational Hymn (Himno)  
Closing Hymn (Himno)  
Closing Prayer (Oracion)... *Bro. Andy Figueroa*

## Congregational Notes

- Sign-Up To Be A Greeter.
- Volunteer To Be A Teacher For Our Youth.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Annual Congregation Meeting-** after services Sunday, 22-February.
- **Trip To Sight & Sound...** "Joshua" April 11th, 2026. Adults-\$168/Under 12yrs. \$96. Money due before Jan-24th.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

*Proverbs 22:9*  
Bill Wills: (609)547-9408 or Javier Perez: (609)553-3990.  
Items Needed.  
Women items: \*Underwear (Medium)\*, socks.  
Men items: \*Underwear (Large)\*, clothing (pants), socks.  
Toiletries: Tooth brushes, toothpaste, mouth wash...  
Food items: Tuna packs & snacks individually wrapped.

## FOOD NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY!

*1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Corinthians 9:7*  
\*\*\* **Black & Red Beans/White Rice/Cereal** \*\*\*

Money donations are gladly accepted to help purchase food to stock the pantry!

Oatmeal (Regular or Instant), Box Cereals, Grits (Regular or Instant), Tuna Fish (In the packets), Beans/Peas (Dry good bags), Mash Potatos (Box/packets), Corn Meal, Flour, Cooking oil, Pasta, Sauce, Sardines, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Canned fruits.

## PRAYER REQUEST

- *Dave Peters* is in the hospital in Florida. He's in critical condition with pneumonia. Please pray for him and Helen at this time for comfort and healing.
- *Dalene White*... recovering from fractured shoulder.
- *Deb R. R.*... health issues.
- *Debbie Shurig*... praying for her health.
- *Melida*... multiple health issues.
- *Teri Clevenger*... chronic back pain.
- *Natalie Weems*... continuing health issues.
- *Tim Height*... health issues.
- *Elsie Thompson*... suffering from dementia.

## FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- *Debi R-R*'s sister *Isabel* and her son *Tory* dealing with major health issues.
- *Terri*'s daughter *Becca*'s doctor's are monitoring her thyroid.
- *Gwendolyn*, *William Whites* mothers roommate, health issues.
- *Tito Montalvo* (*Deb Shurig*'s brother) needs prayers for health and good judgment in his life.
- *Rhina* attends Spanish speaking service, prayers for her health.
- *Gary Smalls*, (*Ruth Stevens* Son-in-law) health issues. *Michelle* (*Ruth*'s daughter) is undergoing dialysis.
- From the *Weems*; *Carolynne Searle*- Stroke & loss of vision in one eye, *Anthony Castagna*- personal issues, *Paul Huber* (stepdad) health issues, *Gina Palmer*- lung cancer.
- *Rob Mar* (*Linda*'s *Meredith*'s cousin), *Barbara Keenan* (*Linda*'s sister) *Ryan Keenan* (*Linda*'s nephew) for spiritual strength & health, *Jack Keenan* (*Linda*'s B.I.L.) suffering from cancer.

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 ■ 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class ■ 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship ■ 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	29 ■ 7:00 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	30	31 ■ New Year's Eve ■ 6:30 PM ***NO ZOOM Bible Class***	1 ■ New Year's Day	2	3
4 ■ 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class ■ 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship ■ 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	5 ■ 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	6	7 ■ 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	8	9 ■ 11:00 AM Womens Luncheon	10
11 ■ 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class ■ 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship ■ 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	12 ■ 8:00 AM Elder Pest Control ■ 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	13	14 ■ 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	15 ■ 6:30 PM Church Budget Meeting	16	17
18 ■ 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class ■ 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship ■ 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	19 ■ Martin Lut...ing Jr. Day ■ 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	20	21 ■ 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	22	23	24
25 ■ 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class ■ 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship ■ 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	26 ■ 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	27	28 ■ 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	29	30	31

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## Northfield church of Christ Service Roster

ASSIGNMENTS	4-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	Comments
ADULT BIBLE CLASS	Ron Clevenger	Ron Clevenger	Ron Clevenger	Ron Clevenger	Bill CMCH 1/11
Audio/Video	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	
SONG LEADER	Lee Christensen	Lee Christensen	Lee Christensen	Lee Christensen	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Javier n/a UFN
OPENING PRAYER	William White	Andy Figueroa	Bill Wills	Russell Weems	
LORD'S TABLE	Russell Weems	Steve Robertson	Bill Shurig	Bill Wills	
BIBLE VERSE READING	Andy Figueroa	Russell Weems	Ron Clevenger	William White	
SERMON	Mark Seim	Mark Seim	Mark Seim	Mark Seim	
CLOSING PRAYER	Bill Shurig	William White	Andy Figueroa	Steve Robertson	
ASSIGNMENTS	1-Feb	8-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	Comments
ADULT BIBLE CLASS	Ron Clevenger	Ron Clevenger	Ron Clevenger	Ron Clevenger	Bill CMCH 2/8
Audio/Video	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	
SONG LEADER	Lee Christensen	Lee Christensen	Lee Christensen	Lee Christensen	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Mike Walsh	Javier n/a UFN
OPENING PRAYER	Ron Clevenger	William White	Andy Figueroa	Russell Weems	
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BIBLE VERSE READING	Bill Shurig	Andy Figueroa	William White	Bill Wills	
SERMON	Mark Seim	Mark Seim	Mark Seim	Mark Seim	
CLOSING PRAYER	Andy Figueroa	Bill Shurig	Russell Weems	William White	

# **SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND THE VALUE OF ROLE MODELS**

Philippians 3:17; 4:9, 1 Corinthians 11:1

**Introduction...** In order to aid us in further spiritual growth, we must appreciate the value of role models. We are commanded to emulate others, especially when they emulate Christ.

## **I. We Are Natural Imitators**

- (A) Young children imitate their parents.
- (B) Teenagers imitate their peers.
- (C) Christians imitate those they hold in high regard. (Philippians 3:17; 4:9)

## **II. The Value Of Role Models**

- (A) Good role models can help us (Mark 3:17)
  - (1) Luke 9:54; 1 John 4:7-8
  - (2) Philippians 4:9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- (B) Bad role models can hinder us (1 Corinthians 15:33)

## **III. Role Models Worthy Of Emulation**

- (A) We have Deity (Matthew 5:43-48)
  - (1) Ephesians 5:12
- (B) We have Biblical characters (1 Corinthians 11:1)
  - (1) Romans 16:3-5
  - (2) Philippians 1-7; 3 John 5-8
  - (3) Acts 9:36, 39
  - (4) Philippians 2:19-22
- (C) We have many fellow-Christians today (Philippians 3:17)
  - (1) Titus 2:3-5
  - (2) 1 Timothy 4:12
  - (3) Philippians 3:18-19

**Conclusion...** If we are to grow spiritually, we must take advantage of positive role models, and since we are natural imitators, make the choice to imitate the good ones. (**3 John 11**). *"And we desire that each of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.* (**Hebrews 6:11-12**). Are we imitating those who through faith and patience inherit the promise?

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**Notes:**