

# 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 4*

## 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 5... 1 Timothy 3:1-7*

*(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 **God** removes things in our life to teach us obedience.

Sometimes **He** allows us to fail so we can learn to grow in **His** grace.

Sometimes **He** doesn't give us the answers we want right away to help us to learn to trust **Him**.

Sometimes **He** allows us to go through the storms to remind us that **He** is the **God** of the winds.

There is a loving purpose **In Everything God Does.**

**James 1:2-4...** *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete lacking nothing.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-11...** *There is a season for everything. To live, to die, to be born, to plant, to grow, etc.*



## How Long Has It Been?

Is it me, or does everyone struggle to get all the way down our “*to-do*” list? My Post-it notes have Post-it notes, my notes point me to my other set of notes, and my to-do lists remind me to look at my other to-do lists. I am sure you are thinking, “*How sad?*” Well, it is true. If I don’t write things down and then write notes to remind me to look at what I’ve written down, the chances of me accomplishing something becomes very, very low!

If you deal with this challenge like I do, then you understand. For those of us that seem to be “*treading water*,” or seemingly always “*running behind*” it may have something to do with trying to fit in more to our life or schedule than we have room. When I was in high school, one of the kids in class was complaining about not having enough time to complete and turn an assignment in on time. The teacher, Coach “*Buzzy*” Groves, quickly set the young pupil straight by reminding all of us that out of all the things in life, we all have twenty-four hours in a day and one hundred sixty-eight hours in a week. His point was, *we all know how much time we have, how are we using that time?* As we are closing out another year and about to begin another, may we seek to maximize the time we are blessed with to serve the Lord and love the church more and more.

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians addresses a group of believers who are rich beyond measure in Jesus Christ but are ignorant of what they have in the Lord. He reminds them in Ephesians 5:15-16 to make sure they are living in a way that is wise because time is short as they prioritize their activities. He says, “*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*”

I read a note on this section from the ESV Study Bible which says, “*Wisdom is especially needed in an evil age where the pathway of holiness is not always immediately clear until one reflects upon God’s Word and discerns His Holy Will.*”

We must stop running with the world and spend more time walking with the Lord if we are to know how to spend our time each day!

I recently read an article by Bro. Paul Sain that asks questions to help us build guardrails on our thoughts and service. Consider these points, how long has it been since you...

- Took the time to go see someone who lives alone?
- Wrote a letter to someone who means a lot to you?
- Visited someone who recently lost a loved one to death?
- Read the Bible to someone too ill to read for themselves?
- Encouraged someone who was having a hard time being a Christian?
- Tried to have a Bible study with someone you know is lost in sin?
- Told a teen that you were proud of their efforts?
- Informed your family of your love and appreciation of them?

Yes, life does get busy as our calendars and hours fill up but may we budget time in a way that doesn’t benefit us, but benefits others. It truly is a blessing to have a “*full life*,” but may we never get so busy that our “*to-do*” lists overshadow our “*how can I please God list?*”

Is it time to look at how we spend our time? How long has it been?

~Allen

## 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. Andy Figueroa*

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)...** *Bro. Steve Robertson*

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Reading-** 2 Peter 1:6; Hebrews 12:1-3 (*Bro. Russell Weems*)

**Sermon-** *Spiritual Growth And The Need For Perseverance* (*Mark Seim*)

**Invitational Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Prayer (Oracion)...** *Bro. William White*

## Congregational Notes

- **Sign-Up To Be A Greeter.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Budget Meeting...** Thursday, January 15th, 2026, 6:30PM
- **Annual Congregation Meeting-** after services Sunday, 22-February.
- **Trip To Sight & Sound...** "Joshua" April 11th, 2026. Adults-\$168/Under 12yrs. \$96. Money due 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!*

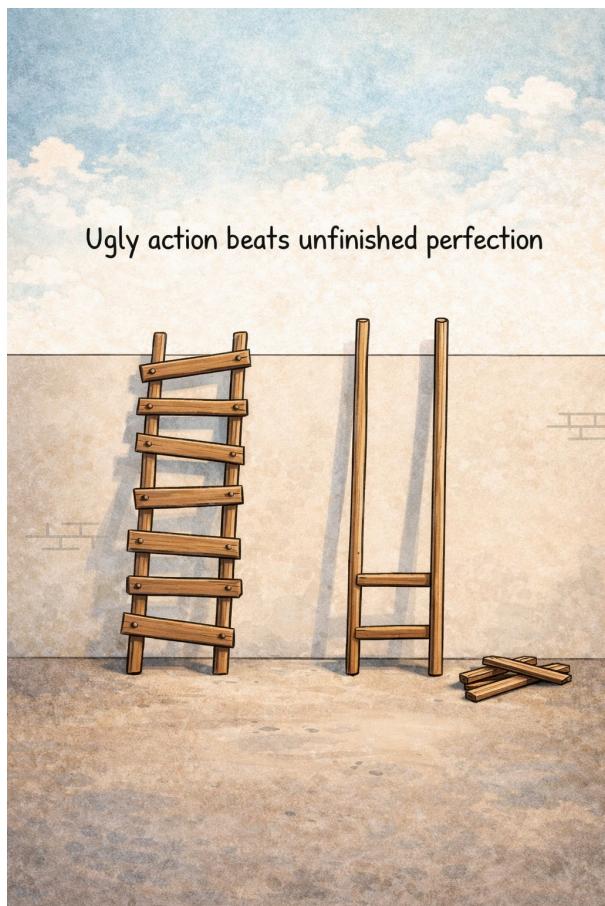
Oatmeal (Regular or Instant), Box Cereals, Grits (Regular or Instant), Tuna Fish (In the packets), Beans/Peas (Dry good bags), Mash Potatos (Box/packets), Corn Meal, Flour, Cooking oil, Pasta, Sauce, Sardines, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Canned fruits.

## PRAYER REQUEST

- *Dalene White* recovering from fall a couple weeks back.
- *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

- The Shurig's express thanks to the congregation for the prayers for Deb's brother Gary Grant. Gary died January 7, 2026. He lived in Puerto Rico after he retired from the Atlantic City Police Department.
- 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; *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.



*Ugly action beats unfinished perfection*

# 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	

# **SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND THE NEED FOR PERSEVERANCE**

2 Peter 1:6; Hebrews 12:1-3

**Introduction...** Another key ingredient for spiritual growth is perseverance or endurance. This morning we will examine how steadfastness, constancy, and endurance are so important to us if we are to grow spiritually.

## **I. The Need For Perseverance**

- (A) Spiritual growth takes time (Hebrews 5:12)
  - (1) It takes time to learn and develop.
- (B) Spiritual growth requires repetition (2 Corinthians 9:6)
  - (1) Ephesians 6:17
  - (2) 1 Peter 4:10-11
- (C) Spiritual growth **can** regress (Revelation 2:4-5)
  - (1) Hebrews 5:12
  - (2) 2 Peter 2:20-22

## **II. Maintaining Perseverance**

- (A) By displaying self-control daily (2 Peter 1:6)
- (B) By associating with like-minded individuals (Hebrews 10:36-39)
- (C) By keeping your eye on the prize (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
  - (1) Philippians 3:12-15
  - (2) Hebrews 12:1-3
  - (3) 1 Peter 2:2
  - (4) Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 3:12-15

**Conclusion...** In the parable of the sower, the difference between the rocky soil and good soil is marked by perseverance. If spiritual growth is to occur, a good beginning is not enough and progress in the past is not sufficient. We need the virtue of perseverance today and tomorrow.

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**Notes:**