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**Happy Mother's Day!**

Celebrating All NPC Moms

**This Sunday, May 10th**

We honor and give thanks for the love, strength, and faith of the incredible women who nurture, guide, and inspire us every day.

*You are a blessing to our church and our lives!*

Thank You!

LOVE. STRENGTH. FAITH.

## May Mission Ministry Focus

The month of May is famous for May flowers and Mother's Day. In light of that, the Mission Ministry will be collecting diapers and wipes during the month of May to give to SAMM Ministries.

SAMM is noted for helping families here in San Antonio overcome homelessness by helping them get set up in housing.

A big expense for any new family is diapers and wipes. NPC will be collecting diapers in all sizes as well as wipes.

Donations can be deposited in the bins in the Family Room during the month. As always, the NPC Mission Ministry is so very thankful for all of your generous donations to the various local causes the ministry supports throughout the year!



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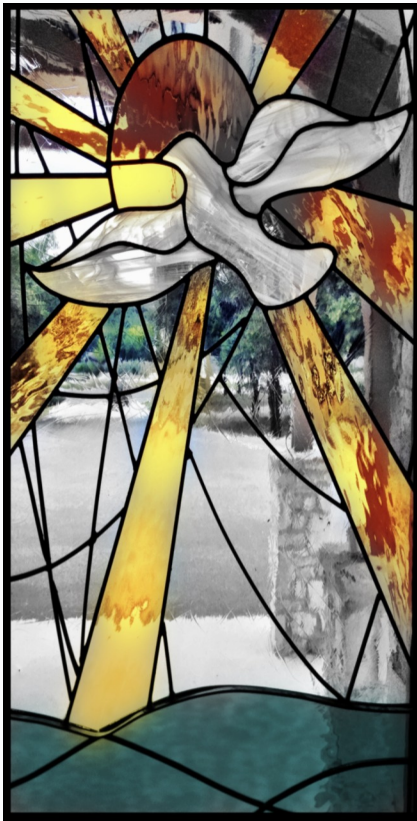
[npcsatx.org](https://npcsatx.org)

Web Calendar

[npcsatx.org/npc/connect/](https://npcsatx.org/npc/connect/)

Facebook:





## This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at  
[www.npcsatx.org](http://www.npcsatx.org)

### Calendar

#### Sunday, May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

##### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

- 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
- 10:30 A.M. - Worship Service  
Children's Church
- 11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour  
Property Management Ministry Meeting

#### Monday, May 11

- 10:00 A.M. - MMG Bible Study via Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice
- 7:30 P.M. - *Wisdom at the Well* Book Study - Zoom

#### Tuesday, May 12

- 10:00 A.M. - *Wellness Warriors* at NPC
- 10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA Homeschool
- 6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

#### Wednesday, May 13

- 6:30 P.M. - Choir Practice

#### Thursday, May 14

- 10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA Homeschool
- 6:30 P.M. - *NPC Moveable Feast* - Big'z Burger Joint

#### Friday, May 15

- 11:30 A.M. - Men's Luncheon - BJ's Alamo Ranch

#### Saturday, May 16

- 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Church Workday

#### Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (Adults Only)
- 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. - Confirmation Class
- 10:30 A.M. - Worship Service  
Children's Church
- 11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour



## Northminster Book Club

The NPC Book Club is pleased and excited to announce the titles for the coming year. The Book Club meets the last Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 P.M. in Classroom #1.

All are welcome!

(The Book Club does not meet in December, June or July).

### Selections for August 2026 to May 2027

*My Friends* – Fredrick Backman & Laura Lahson

*The Stolen Queen* - Fiona Davis

*Lady Tan's Circle of Women* – Lisa See

*Year of Wonders* – Geraldine Brooks

*The Backyard Bird Chronicles* – Amy Tan

*The Lion Women of Tehran* – Marjan Kamali

*Mona's Eyes* – Thomas Schlessler

*The Boys of Riverside* – Thomas Fuller

*If a Church Pew Could Talk* – Cindy Carraway Williams

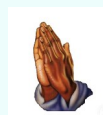
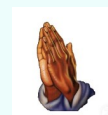
### Prayer List

#### Members:

- ◆ Georgia Hale
- ◆ Eunice Damon
- ◆ Bill & Louise Bischoff
- ◆ Guy Greene
- ◆ Family of Myron Leet
- ◆ Michael & Nancy Moore
- ◆ Margie Brown
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Karen Currie
- ◆ Cynthia & Jack King
- ◆ Shannon Lewis
- ◆ Brenda Pinner
- ◆ Mary Lou Carroll
- ◆ Charlie & Lora Havrda
- ◆ John Salazar

#### Friends

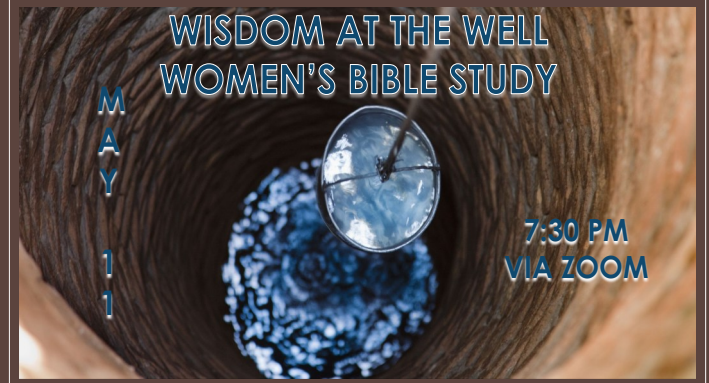
- ◆ Gretchen Lewis
- ◆ Zach McManus
- ◆ Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
- ◆ Rebecca Jackson (Whipple Surgery)
- ◆ Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- ◆ Patrick (Judy Tyrling's Friend - Prayers for good test results and employment)
- ◆ Joseph (Judy Tyrling Nephew - Death of Mother)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Handbell**  
Rehearsals  
MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.



WISDOM AT THE WELL  
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

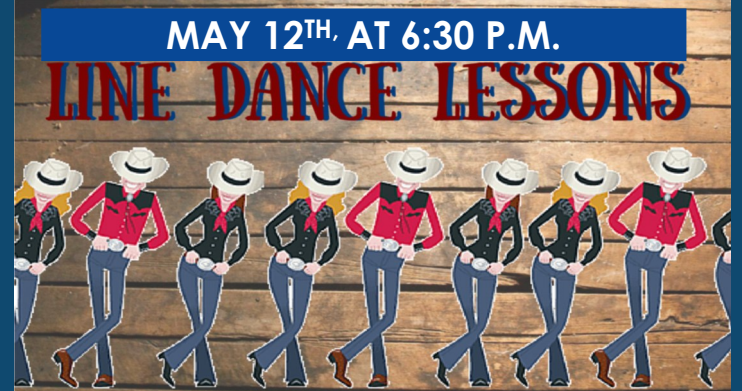
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7:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM



## WELLNESS WARRIORS

Support Group Meeting  
Tuesday, May 12th  
10:00 A.M.  
Northminster Presbyterian Church



MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>. AT 6:30 P.M.  
**LINE DANCE LESSONS**

Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.



**Choir Practice**

NPC'S MOVABLE FEAST



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burger joint™  
burgers • fries • shakes

THURSDAY – MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.



Out to  
LUNCH!



**BJ's**

Men's Luncheon  
Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 A.M.  
BJ's @ Culebra and 1604



**WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH**

SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

# Living a Testimony Worth Sharing

There's something both inspiring and intimidating about the words in 1 Peter 3:12–16: *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...”* At first glance, it can feel like a call to have the perfect speech ready at a moment's notice—as if faith were a presentation we must memorize and perform on cue.

But Peter isn't describing a polished script. He's describing a life.

To be “prepared” in this passage is less about having all the right words and more about living in such a way that people notice something different—something hopeful, steady, and grounded even when life isn't. Preparation, in this sense, is not about pressure; it's about presence.

Realistically, most of us don't walk around expecting someone to suddenly ask us for our testimony. Life is busy. Conversations are ordinary. We talk about work, family, health, and the weather far more often than we talk about faith. Yet Peter reminds us that our everyday relationships are precisely where our witness takes shape. The way we respond to stress, treat difficult people, handle disappointment, and extend kindness—these are the moments where our faith becomes visible.

Relationally, giving our testimony isn't about delivering a sermon; it's about sharing a story. And not just any story—*your* story. It might be the quiet way God carried you through grief. It might be the patience you didn't used to have. It might be the peace that doesn't quite make sense given your circumstances. When someone notices and asks, that's the moment Peter is talking about.

And notice the tone he emphasizes: *“with gentleness and respect.”* In a world that often rewards loud opinions and quick arguments, this is a different posture entirely. Our testimony is not something we use to win debates or prove a point. It's something we offer with humility, shaped by love for the person in front of us. People are far more likely to hear the hope we carry when they also feel the care we extend.

Being prepared, then, looks like this:

It's staying rooted in Christ so that hope naturally grows in us.

It's paying attention to the ways God is at work in our lives.

It's being willing to speak honestly when the opportunity comes.

And it's trusting that God will use even our imperfect words.

You don't need a dramatic conversion story or theological expertise to share your testimony. You simply need awareness and willingness. Awareness of what God has done—and is still doing—in you. Willingness to speak when the moment opens.

Because often, the most powerful testimony isn't the one that sounds impressive. It's the one that feels real.

So perhaps the question isn't, “Do I have the right words ready?”  
Maybe the better question is, “Am I living a life where hope is visible?”

If the answer is yes—even in small, imperfect ways—then you are already more prepared than you think.

[Big Daddy Weave - "My Story" \(Official Music Video\)](#)



## ***TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!***

***Join NPC on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> at Nelson Wolff Stadium as the San Antonio Missions take on the Corpus Christi Hooks.***

***Gates open at 6:00 P.M. First pitch is at 7:05 P.M.***

***Scan the QR Code below to order and pay for your tickets.***

***Deadline to order tickets is May 25<sup>th</sup>.***



***Sponsored by the Church Growth and Fellowship Ministry.***

# 2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION

**Nothing**  
can dim the light which  
**Shines**  
from within.

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## *Sermon of the Week*

**1 Peter 3:13-22**  
**John 14:15-21**  
**Rev. Dana Boes Pope**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

## Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

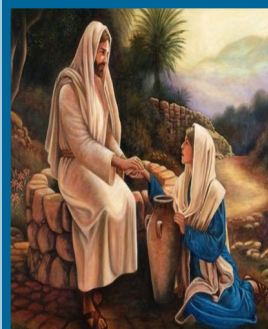
Monday Morning Group  
(Recurring every week on Monday at 10:00 A.M.)

Join the Zoom Meeting

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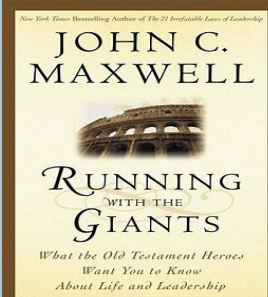
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The Women's Bible Study, *Wisdom at the Well*, invites you to join them as they read and discuss "The Most Misused Stories in the Bible" by Eric Bargerhuff.

The next meeting will be this Monday at 7:30 P.M. on Zoom.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)



### *Running With the Giants*

This book study, led by Jay Young, meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Pastor Dana's house.

The next meeting will be May 28th at 7:00 P.M.

# KIDS KORNER



Click for CE May Newsletter:

<https://app.smore.com/n/wz3vt>



If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVyafEQzKv7Vol235zQ8Qw>

The YouTube livestream of the worship service can be conveniently accessed from the homepage of our website. Just click on the button "Live Stream Services."



# J of the JOKE WEEK

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

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Lectionary Readings for the week of May 10

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



# Weekly Meditation Time

## Household Prayer

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath  
that is mine today in Christ.

Make me eager to do good and to resist evil,  
and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference.  
Fill me with Your assurance in all I say and do  
that I may share the hope that is within me  
in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

## Questions for Reflection

According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens,  
and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers  
and opened them to deliverance.

Where have you felt such a spacious place?

What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you?

What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is  
blessing them?



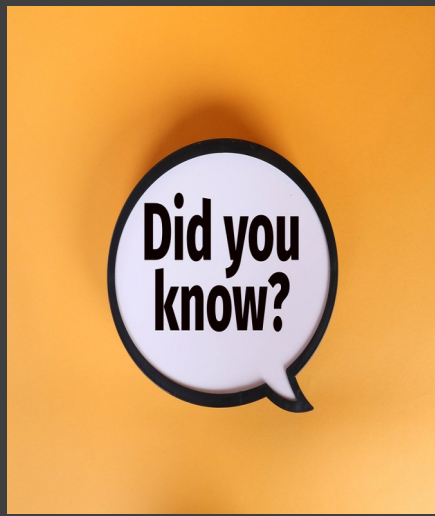


# CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.npcsatx.org](http://www.npcsatx.org)

## *Weekly Food For Thought*

**God is not going to rewrite the Bible for your generation. Stop trying to change scripture when it's written to change you.**



**Do You know** what a presbytery is? A presbytery is a connectional council of congregations in a geographic area. Northminster is unique in that it is a union church and is a member of both Mission Presbytery in PCUSA and Trinity Presbytery in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mission Presbytery is made up of 118 active congregations in Central and South Texas. Trinity Presbytery was created by Mission Synod in a major reorganization of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1988 and includes former Synods in Oklahoma and Texas.

