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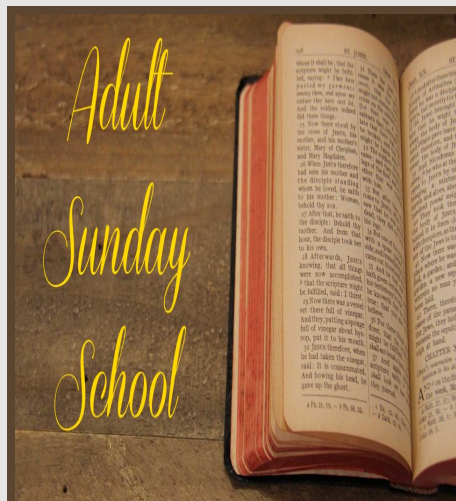


NAOMI'S SISTERS
SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS
FRIDAY, JULY 10TH. AT 1:30 P.M.
Kneaders Bakery - Alamo Ranch

Brown Bag Lunch Talks



The NPC Mission Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped with the recent book sale. There were so many volunteers who carried boxes, unpacked boxes, set up tables, sorted, sold, repacked boxes, took down tables, and donated books for the sale. It does take a village! Many, many thanks to all who helped in any way!



There is a new Adult Sunday School Class that will begin a study of 1 Samuel this Sunday. Most of us are familiar with the story in the Bible in Samuel when a young boy heard God's voice. He did not know who was talking to him. We ourselves sometimes do not always listen to God's voice when He speaks to us. Come join this class as we learn about Samuel, his life, legacy, and what it has to teach us about listening to God's voice, the journey of the ark, and why the Israelites wanted a king.

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Church Website
Weekly Food For Thought
Did You Know? - New Mailing Address for NPC

Northminster Presbyterian Church

P.O. BOX 380336
San Antonio, TX 78268
210-680-4825

Email:

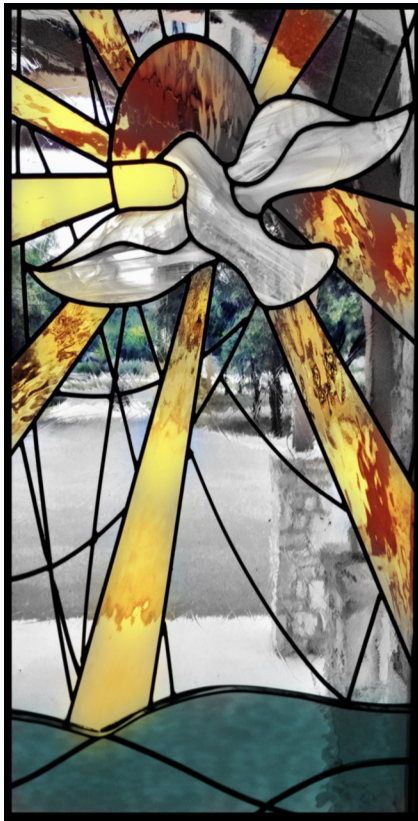
npcoffice@npcsatx.org

Website:

npcsatx.org

Web Calendar





This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at
www.npcsatx.org

Calendar

Sunday, July 12 - 7th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Monday, July 13

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FOREST HILLS

10:00 A.M. - MMG via Zoom
 1:00 P.M. - Finance Ministry Meeting on Zoom
 7:30 P.M. - *Wisdom at the Well* Book Study - Zoom

Tuesday, July 14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FOREST HILLS

9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Staff Meeting at Dana's House
 10:00 A.M. - *Wellness Warriors* at NPC
 6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

Wednesday, July 15

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FOREST HILLS

Thursday, July 16

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FOREST HILLS

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18th

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

Sunday, July 19th - 8th Sunday After Pentecost

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



NO MATTER HOW SMALL

Join Us for

Vacation Bible School

July 13-16, 2026

★ **5:30-8:30** ★

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

Joint VBS with Forest Hills Presbyterian,
 Northminster Presbyterian and Helotes Hills Methodist Churches

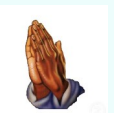
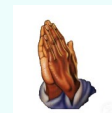
Prayer List

Members:

- ◆ Georgia Hale
- ◆ Eunice Damon
- ◆ Bill & Louise Bischoff
- ◆ Guy Greene
- ◆ Michael & Nancy Moore
- ◆ Margie Brown
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Karen Currie
- ◆ Cynthia & Jack King
- ◆ Shannon Lewis
- ◆ Brenda Pinner
- ◆ Mary Lou Carroll
- ◆ Charlie & Lora Havrda
- ◆ Dickey & Yvonne May (Pneumonia)

Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis (Cancer)
- ◆ Zach McManus (ALS)
- ◆ Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
- ◆ Rebecca Jackson (Continued Recovery)
- ◆ Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- ◆ Patrick (Judy Tyrling's Friend - Prayers for cancer and employment)
- ◆ Joseph - (Judy Tyrling's Nephew)
- ◆ Jackson (Grandson of friend - Cancer)
- ◆ Leslie Young (Skin Condition)



UPCOMING EVENTS



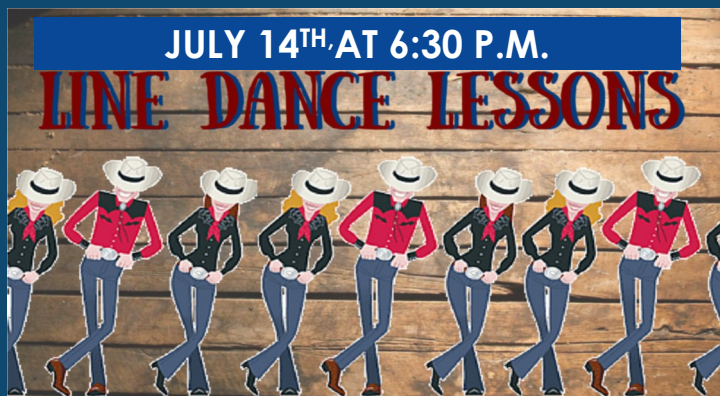
WELLNESS WARRIORS

Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, July 14th

10:00 A.M.

Northminster Presbyterian Church



Men's Luncheon

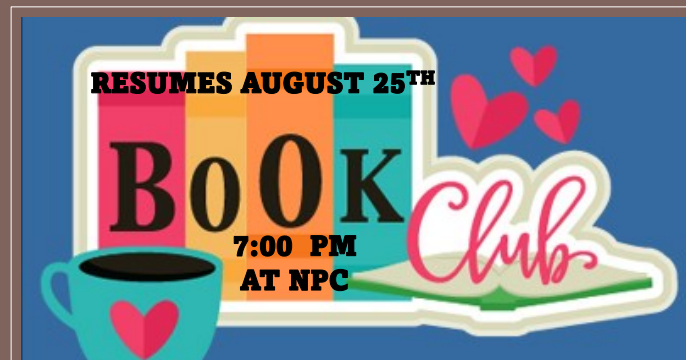
Friday, July 17th, at 11:30 A.M.

BJ's @ Culebra and 1604



SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



Preparing the Soil of the Heart

If you've ever planted a garden, you know that good seeds alone aren't enough. The same packet of seeds can produce a thriving harvest in one place and barely sprout in another. The difference is often the condition of the soil.

Jesus used this familiar image to describe something much more important than farming. In the Parable of the Sower, the seed is the Word of God, generously scattered everywhere. The question isn't whether God is speaking. The question is whether our hearts are ready to receive what He is saying.

It's easy to assume this parable is only about people who have never believed, but Jesus' words invite all of us—including lifelong Christians—to examine the condition of our hearts. The soil of our lives is never static. It changes with the seasons of life.

Sometimes our hearts resemble the hard path. We become so busy rushing from one responsibility to the next that God's voice barely has a chance to sink in. We hear a sermon, read a devotion, or listen to a worship song, but before it has time to take root, our attention is captured by emails, social media, deadlines, or endless distractions. God's truth remains on the surface instead of becoming part of us.

Other times we may be the rocky soil. We respond enthusiastically when faith feels exciting or inspiring, but when following Christ becomes difficult—when prayers seem unanswered, relationships become strained, or suffering enters our lives—our spiritual roots prove too shallow. Genuine faith isn't measured by emotional highs but by steady trust that grows even through hardship.

Jesus also speaks about seed that falls among thorns. This image may be the most recognizable in our modern world. The thorns aren't necessarily terrible things; they're the worries, pressures, ambitions, and constant pursuit of "more" that slowly crowd out God's priorities. Careers, finances, family schedules, entertainment, and even good activities can become so consuming that they leave little room for prayer, worship, or quiet listening. Without realizing it, our calendars begin disciplining us more than Christ does.

Then there is the good soil. Good soil isn't perfect soil. It's simply open, teachable, and willing to let God's Word take deep root. People with good soil continue returning to God day after day, allowing Scripture to shape their attitudes, decisions, relationships, and priorities. Over time, that quiet faithfulness bears fruit—love where there was bitterness, patience where there was frustration, generosity where there was selfishness, hope where there was fear.

Perhaps the most encouraging part of this parable is that soil can be cultivated. A hardened heart can be softened by grace. Rocky ground can be cleared. Thorns can be pulled. Through prayer, worship, repentance, studying Scripture, and the encouragement of other believers, the Holy Spirit continually prepares our hearts to receive God's Word more deeply.

This week, take a moment to ask yourself: *What kind of soil is my heart today?* Not last year. Not when life was easier. Today.

God continues to sow His Word with remarkable generosity. May we become people whose hearts are ready to receive it, nurture it, and allow it to produce a harvest that blesses our families, our church, our community, and the world. After all, the greatest evidence that God's Word has taken root isn't simply that we have heard it—it's that our lives increasingly reflect the One Who planted it.

[Citizens - Good Ground \(with lyrics\)\(2023\)](#)

STUFF the BUS!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



The Mission Ministry will be starting a school supply drive for the four Title 1 schools in this area.

- ★ Fernandez Elementary
- ★ Timberwilde Elementary
- ★ Knowlton Elementary
- ★ Zachry Middle School

Title 1 schools receive federal funding based on the percentage of free lunch students.



Thank you for your generosity and support!

HERE IS A LIST OF SUPPLIES THAT ARE NEEDED:

	COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS		CRAYONS		MARKERS
	FOLDERS		GLUE		SCISSORS
	PENCILS		SUPPLY BOXES		TISSUES
	DISINFECTING WIPES		HAND SANITIZER		PLASTIC FOLDERS WITH POCKETS AND BRADS
	GLUE STICKS		1 SUBJECT WIDE-RULED NOTEBOOKS		COLOR PENCILS



DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS IN THE COLLECTION BIN IN THE FAMILY ROOM NOW THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST.

LET'S **STUFF THE BUS** AND HELP OUR LOCAL STUDENTS SUCCEED!

2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Sermon of the Week

Psalm 119:105-112
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Rev. Dana Boes Pope



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

Suzanne is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Monday Morning Group

Time: Jul 13, 2026 10:00 AM Central Time

Every week on Mon, 2 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87236594835?pwd=bUREdFrHaDyF5S92zbo69nbz6bpxUt.1>

Meeting ID: 872 3659 4835

Passcode: 022510



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,
July 13th, at 7:30 P.M. on Zoom.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

KIDS KORNER



Click for CE Newsletter:

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



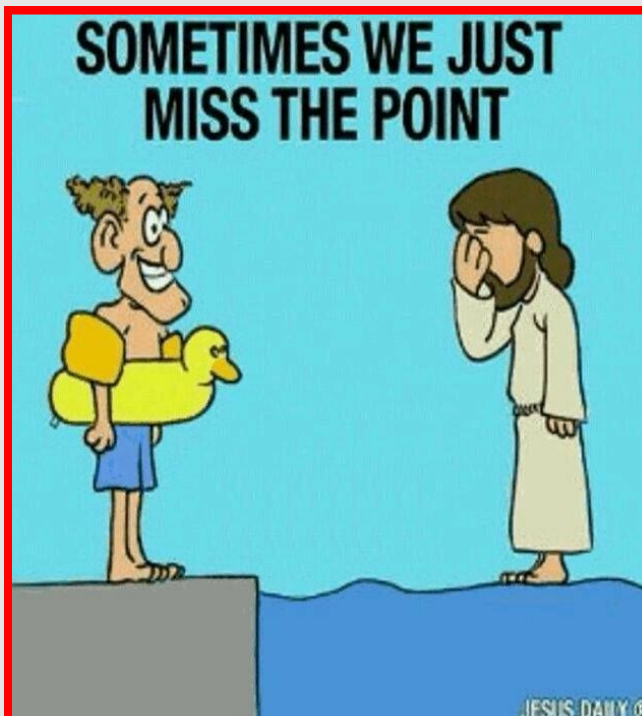
If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<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



Lectionary Readings for the week of July 12

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Living Word, shine on this day.

Quicken my steps and open my ears
that I might approach each neighbor
with an expectant heart. Amen.

Reflections

How is God's resurrecting Spirit at work in you and in your community?

Where are you experiencing new life?

Where are you struggling?

How might God be bringing new life from that struggle?





CHURCH WEBSITE

www.npcsatx.org

Weekly Food For Thought

Your most
powerful
testimony is how
you treat others
after the church
service is over.



Did you
know?

Did You know that our mailbox at NPC has been vandalized and that we now will be receiving mail at a PO Box?



IMPORTANT MAIL THEFT ALERT



Due to the recent vandalism and theft of the church mailbox at **TEZEL & TIMBER RANCH**, all church mail should now be sent to:



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Thank You!

Thank you for your understanding,
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