

February 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Classes-  
Leadership in Action  
Fathered by God  
Chosen to Lead

All Church Food Drive

Young Adults-'Engage'  
Worship Service 2/4 & 3/5

Missions Week 2/26-36

Get in the Game Classes  
3/13

**CHANGE A CHILD . . . CHANGE THE WORLD!**  
*An Incredible Ministry - Every Weekday*



Have you noticed there seems to be a school attached to our church? Or is it a church attached to a school? Actually, it's a church that has a school as a ministry, just like it has a men's and women's, small group, and financial ministries, it has a school ministry. You might ask, so what's the difference?

It made a difference to one little girl in the elementary grades. The girl spoke with Holly Leach, Principal of Northshore Christian Academy (NCA). She told Holly, "I've been going to school here since first grade, and last year I accepted Christ. My mom and dad don't go to church but I would like to. Do you have to pay to go to church like at the movies?" Holly smiled and said, "No you don't have to pay, it's free and you can come anytime you like." The little girl replied, "Well, my mom and dad don't come to church, but they gave me a computer for Christmas, do you think I could watch it on that?" Holly responded, "Yes, you could every Sunday if you like!"



The mission of the church is to carry out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, and the school is one way the church accomplishes that mission. Approximately 50 school children accept Christ as their savior each year. That's not by accident either, it's by the grace of God and it's by design. Introductions to the school clearly state that "Northshore Christian Academy filters all learning through a Biblical world-view that recognizes Christ as Creator and Lord. We endeavor to train students spiritually, academically, and personally. Northshore integrates faith and learning as we educate and equip the whole child to impact a changing world

for the glory of God."

As a ministry, NCA doesn't require that families of students attend the church or even a church. Muslim and Buddhist families have chosen to send their children to NCA knowing its emphasis on the Bible. One boy from a Muslim family actually played the part of Joseph in the Christmas play, and in the following February he accepted Christ as his Savior.



With all the emphasis on ministry you might wonder about the academics. Students engaged in learning at NCA typically test out at 2 to 4 grades above their current grade level. When leaving NCA after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students more than likely are performing at high school graduate levels. Teaching staff are highly trained and seven of the teachers are former principals. The school's academic emphasis is based on the STEM model, meaning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The technological tools to affect that learning are also imbedded in the

classrooms. Interactive electronic white boards connect each classroom to science resources around the world. Additionally, the Academy is also known for their music program including 2 orchestras, 4 bands, 3 choirs, 8 performances each year and general music in every grade. Local high schools are clamoring for NCA graduates, who are model students, active in their communities and generally involved in honor classes.

The work of many staff people, parents who pray, volunteers who provide activities and raise funds are all doing their part to fulfill the mission of the church through NCA, as they submit to the calling of the Holy Spirit. The NCA ministry projects and imbeds the mission of the church into the future leaders in our community. What better way to change our world!!

## NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in a quality Bible-based education for your children or grandchildren, registration begins this month. Check out the [Northshore Christian Academy](http://Northshore Christian Academy) website for more detailed information.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities you can contact Denise Christian, NCA Admissions and Development Director at [dchristian@northshorechristian.org](mailto:dchristian@northshorechristian.org).

Registration for Returning NCA students begins ..... Feb 7  
Registration for New NCA students begins ..... Feb 28

## EASTER ART SHOW *Calling all Artists*

Northshore is planning an Easter Art Show and we are looking for entries created by members (sculpture, picture, abstract, paintings, etc.) which in some manner reflect the theme of one of the events described in our Stations of the Cross pamphlet. These pieces of art would be integrated into our Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk on Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then displayed in the lobby for our Easter weekend services as well.



This is an art show, not a sale or contest. There will be no awards for entries. Northshore will

select the pieces that best reflect the desired theme. Entry does not guarantee display. We will contact you for personal review of your art piece should it be selected. Please submit entries by March 28, 2011.

[Click here for the Entry Form](#) and [click here for a copy of the Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk booklet.](#)

## LOOKING AHEAD: IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/14-26 Northshore Israel trip
- 2/26 - 3/6 Missions Week
- 3/18-19 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
- 4/22 Good Friday Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk
- 4/23-24 Easter Weekend/Easter Art Show - Service Times at 5:30 PM Saturday and 9 & 11 AM Sunday
- 6/19 Father's Day Car Show
- 6/4-5 Youth Weekend in Services (Graduation Sunday)
- 7/3 4th of July Church Picnic - One service only this weekend at 10:00 AM Sunday

## NORTHSHORE UPDATES ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK



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