

## November 2010 - Christmas Preview Edition

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Family Service 11/24

Baptism Weekend 11/27-28

Christmas Tree Sales 11/27-28

Black and White 12/3

Black & White for Kids 12/3

Christmas Tree Sales 12/4-5

Student Ministries Youth Banquet 12/8

Christmas Day of Sharing Set-Up 12/9-10

Christmas Day of Sharing 12/11

Women's Shine Event 12/15

Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

### CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

Christmas Eve 12/24  
Family Candlelight Services  
3:00 PM, 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM

No Services  
Christmas Day 12/25

One Service Only  
at 11:00 AM on 12/26

## GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AT NORTHSHORE Fresh Cut Trees Help High School Missions



What if your favorite family holiday tradition this year did more than decorate your house? What if it changed the lives of some young people you see around the church all year long and some children you will likely never meet?

Our high school ministry is planning a trip to Scotland this next Summer (August 2011) to work with some of our NCC Missionaries, Brian & Kelly Ingraham. They will

be working in a post-Christian European culture helping several local churches get out into the community by organizing, directing and staffing a VBS-style children's program.

Now, maybe you can't afford to go with them, but you can help them go. Instead of that normal family trip to the tree farm, roadside tree lot, or even Home Depot, consider buying a Christmas tree right at our Northshore building from these students. **The NCC "Tree Store" will be open the first two weekends after Thanksgiving (11/27-28 & 12/4-5).** Plan on coming to the service with your family and head home with a tree. Trees will cost between \$15-80 depending on size.

It may not be as exotic as hiking through the woods to cut down your own tree this year, but the tree you buy from these students will have a life long after the Christmas season. It may even be that some lives are eternally changed . . . because of a tree.

If you plan to participate in this event and purchase a tree from us, please [click here](#) immediately to take a short survey so we will know how many trees to order. Thank you!

## THANKSGIVING EVE FAMILY SERVICE November 24, 7-8 PM

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time for food, family, and giving thanks. Bring your family and friends to celebrate a special evening of worship, praise and what we truly have to be thankful for - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



We will also be collecting non-perishable donations for our Food Pantry - please remember those less fortunate and bring a donation for our Food Pantry.



## THE *BLACK AND WHITE* RETURNS

December 3, 7-10 PM

What exactly "is" the Black and White?

It's Northshore's Christmas Party!

It's a night where a community of adults and older teenagers connect with each other and swing the night away to the sounds of Jake Bergevin and The Javatown Swing Orchestra ([click here](#) to sample their sound).

But don't let the title fool you. "Black and White" does not mean you are required to wear formal attire (but if you want to, you most certainly can!). If you've got something hanging in the closet with a "party feel" to it - then let it out for the night! This is an opportunity for you to get as dressed up as you want, or to be as comfortable as you want.



We ask all of our guests to bring a tray of your favorite homemade hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, or Christmas dessert to share with others - if you have a special recipe that people just can't get enough of . . . bring it! There will be dancing, door prizes, and a raffle so remember to bring a couple of dollars to spend!

You don't dance? Don't let that stop you from attending this festive evening of fun, fellowship and fantastic music! Are you a member of a small group - this is a great way to celebrate the start of the holiday season together. Or consider making this your office Christmas party, employee appreciation, or a special party for your close friends! Reasonably priced at \$10/person, if you purchase 7 tickets we will automatically reserve a table for you.

[Click here](#) to purchase your tickets now - Email Lisa at [ljacobs@northshorechristian.org](mailto:ljacobs@northshorechristian.org) for

more information or to volunteer.

But what about the kids? Back by popular demand . . .

## THE *BLACK AND WHITE FOR KIDS* RETURNS

After a successful first year, we are again offering a party option for the kids including dinner, crafts and a movie! The cost is \$10/first child and \$5/each additional sibling. Pre-registration and payment is required. All proceeds go to the Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets and register your children.

Email Lisa at [ljacobs@northshorechristian.org](mailto:ljacobs@northshorechristian.org) for more information.



## CHRISTMAS DAY OF SHARING

The Christmas Day of Sharing is a community-wide event that Northshore Christian Church hosts for 200 families in our area. It is one of the highlight outreach events for our church each year.

The second Saturday of December (12/11) finds our church auditorium converted into a store of brand new toys and a thrift shop of gently used clothes and household items. Our lobby is converted to a restaurant and our Children's Ministry has childcare and a lively program to entertain the kids while mom and dad shop for presents.

The Christmas Day of Sharing is all about spending one-on-one time with families from our area while learning what spiritual needs they have. Volunteers "host" each family throughout their visit, sharing the gospel, praying with each family, and looking for opportunities to make bridges. Each family is allowed to choose a NEW Christmas toy for each child in the family; they are given a large food box and time to shop for used clothing items that have been donated by members of our church. This is our 9th year hosting the Christmas Day of Sharing and God increases our blessings each year.

There are many ways you can be involved in this outreach to our community - please consider volunteering a few hours of your time on December 11th to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community.

[Click here](#) to volunteer!

## WOMEN'S *SHINE* EVENT 12/15 Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long



In this busy season of rushing to and fro we frequently don't take time to sit back and reflect on the God-moments which are the reason for this season - the birth of Christ. Invite your women friends, relatives

and neighbors to join us as we sit around and sing old-fashioned Christmas songs and prepare to be blessed through the words and history of these inspiring carols.

Held on **December 15 from 7-8:30 PM**, free childcare is available but you must pre-register with Beth Cercone at [bcercone@northshorechristian.org](mailto:bcercone@northshorechristian.org). Please bring a plate of cookies or hors d'oeuvres to share.

## NORTHSHORE READY FOR SNOWY WEEKENDS

Know that your church is ready for any kind of winter weather. Weekend worship will be available to you no matter what happens.

Northshore now has its own **snowplow**. It is attached to the front of our Facilities Department pickup truck. It is capable of clearing our parking lot and 23rd Drive. Under light-to-moderate snow conditions, Northshore will be open for regular weekend services.

Should unusually heavy snows force us to close the building, **our weekend services will be offered online at the usual times** (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 9am & 11am). Snow update announcements will be made on our church web site, on our Facebook & Twitter pages and through our switchboard (425-407-1119).

## LOOKING AHEAD: IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/24 Thanksgiving Eve Family Service
- 11/27-28 Christmas Tree Sales at Northshore
- 12/3 Black & White Gala
- 12/4-5 Christmas Tree Sales at Northshore
- 12/11 Christmas Day of Sharing
- 12/13-14 NCA Christmas Concerts
- 12/24 Christmas Eve services at 3, 4:30 & 6 PM
- 12/25 Christmas Day - No Saturday evening worship service
- 12/26 Sunday - One worship service at 11:00 AM only - no 9:00 AM service
- 1/1 New Year's Day - No Saturday evening worship service
- 1/2 Sunday - Regular worship services at 9:00 & 11:00 AM
- 1/29-30 Presentation Weekend
- 2/14-26 Northshore Israel trip
- 2/26 - 3/6 Missions Week
- 4/23-24 Easter Weekend - Service Times at 5:30 PM Saturday and 9 & 11 AM Sunday
- 6/19 Father's Day Car Show
- 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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