

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Sermon Series:  
“Detective Stories”

This week:  
“Making Do With Remnants”

Check out:  
Hebrews 11

*How were these people remnants?*

**Join adults in Sunday study: 9:45 a.m.**

You're invited to share in study and fellowship with these classes this Sunday:

**Wesleyan Class:** Room 215

Lesson: “*Living Into the Future*”

Marjorie Strong

**Good News:** Room 206

Lesson: “*Turning Ink Blots into Angels*”

Jim Funk

**Friendship:** Room 202

Lesson: “*Living Into the Future*”

Roberta Richey

**Inquirer's:** Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*A Wild and Wonderful Woman*”

Mary Herman

**FaithWorks:** Room 207

Lesson: “*Rain*” video

Becky Batchelor

**Pathfinders:** Room 200

Lesson: “*An Overlook of the*

*Book of Discipline*” Bev Whitaker

**Contemporary Conversations:** Lounge

Lesson: “*How Can We Help?*” Vickie Linch,

Neal Lassinger and LaDonna Ebright

## Alpha Is Coming!!!

Alpha resumes with a **Dinner Party at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**. This offers you a “no obligation” look at the Alpha Course. . . and a nice dinner to boot! The course begins with the first session on September 9<sup>th</sup> and continues on Thursdays through November 11<sup>th</sup>. (There is one Saturday event, scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

So, what is Alpha anyway? It is a course designed to cover the basics of the Christian faith with an opportunity to ask any question you might have. The nightly schedule is:

6:00 p.m. Supper (\$6-\$7 catered)

6:30 p.m. A couple of hilarious jokes

6:35 p.m. Singing

6:45 p.m. Video Teaching by Nicky Gumbel, founder of Alpha

7:10 p.m. Dismiss to Small Groups for discussion

8:00 p.m. The session concludes

*Childcare will be available as needed.*

Hope you will sign up to attend the Dinner Party. You may call the Church Office at 452.2939 or email Dennis Stone at [dstone@northcrossumc.org](mailto:dstone@northcrossumc.org). Be sure to contact Dennis if you have any questions.

## Disciple Bible Study

Have you ever wanted to get an overview of the Bible? Does the Bible seem difficult to understand? Are you aware of the different types of literature that are contained in the Bible?

Disciple Bible Study now offers two short-term courses that may help answer some of your questions.

“**Introduction to the Old Testament**” is the story of God’s calling the people of Israel through the many voices of the Hebrew text—in poetry, history, and prophecy.

“**Introduction to the New Testament.**” The Gospel of Matthew forms the framework for encountering the coming of Jesus—his life, his mission, and his call to community and discipleship.

The Old Testament study will begin in the Fall semester; the New Testament study picks up in February of 2011. An **Orientation Session** highlighting the course and providing information on required resources will be held, Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. here at North Cross. For questions or to sign up for the Orientation Session, you may call the Church Office at 452.2939 or email Dennis Stone at [dstone@northcrossumc.org](mailto:dstone@northcrossumc.org).

**Transformed by Christ’s love to make disciples and serve others.**



**Duffers Open Golf Tournament**  
Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - Noon Tee Time  
Shoal Creek Golf Course  
\$55 fee due by September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Tom or Patsy Schmutz at 452.2939

**Game Night**  
**Saturday evening**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30—9:30 p.m.**

Cards and dominoes are provided, but you might like to bring your favorite board game. Challenge someone to a game of checkers, Chinese checkers or scrabble. Winners play winners or whatever!

Bring the kids (if they like to play board games), Grandpa and Grandma, yourself or whoever! All are welcome.

Bring a snack to share. Beverages are not provided. Please note that childcare is *not* provided.

**Wednesday Dinners –**  
**Not Your Average Fundraiser**

The youth have been hosting Wednesday evening meals for over 9 years. These meals began as a simple fundraiser for the youth. They have become so much more than a fundraiser. They have become a place for congregation members and visitors to meet new people, renew friendships, share in each other's lives, and give care and support to each other under the auspices of eating a meal.

For some, the dinners are a Wednesday “home away from home” or the place you HAVE to be each week. Yes, the Wednesday dinners are a great youth fundraiser. Last year we served an average of 60 persons each Wednesday. And we earned \$4,162.82! That was enough money to pay the full cost of a mission trip for 12 youth. The meals are pretty good too. We try and serve simple but tasty meals such as oven fried chicken, roast and potatoes, spaghetti, and baked ham.

The dinners will start up again on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> with an all-time favorite – Barbecue Pulled Pork and all the fixings. You may make your reservations by calling the church office at 816.452.2939 or you may ask to be placed on our “permanent” list (you only call in if you CAN'T participate). We look forward to seeing our faithful permanent guests and hope to see lots of new faces this September.

**Church Community Life**  
**(formerly Church Family Life)**

The Church Community Life Committee invites you to an Ice Cream Social and Concert, which will be held on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

We will have homemade ice cream. If you can make some, please call the church at 452.2939. Otherwise, bring cookies, cupcakes, or brownies. Due to parking lot construction, we will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are extending an invitation to St. James Lutheran Church, our neighbors across the street.

The Concert will feature Brian Hanson, a pianist with a sense of humor.

More information to follow next week, so check your North Cross Spirit for more news.

**Construction continues at North Cross**



**New windows brighten up the  
Preschool and  
Pathfinders' Classroom.**



**The drilling has started!**

## ***BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE***

### **Roger Arbuckle and Early North Cross Pastors**

*Roger Arbuckle and his family were among the earliest members of North Cross. As organist emeritus, Roger continues to serve our church. In celebration of our North Cross 60th anniversary, he and Marianne Horned discussed his associations with the earliest pastors at North Cross and share these memories with the North Cross family.*

#### **Rev. Roland Boone 1952—1959**

Rev. Boone invited Roger to accompany him on visits to families who were potential members of North Cross. He wanted him to help recruit families who had youth. But if there were teenage girls in the family, he would remind Roger before entering the home to “be respectful and treat ladies like pearls.”

Rev. Boone lived in a house obtained (rented?) for his family in the Crestview neighborhood just off North Oak. Roger and another youth, Billy Glick, painted the exterior of the house for Rev. Boone.

Before the church built on Vivion Road, they worshiped in a funeral home on Antioch Road that may have been the original site of White Chapel Funeral Home.

The first service in the new church building was held on Christmas Eve 1953, before it was even completed. They had to walk across 4' x 8' planks and sat on folding chairs. Roger's then 14-year old sister, Marilyn, sang “O Holy Night” at that Christmas service.

During this time, MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) was formed with about 6-8 members. Roger was selected to be the leader, and as a result, his name appeared on items inserted into the cornerstone of the church in 1957.

#### **Dr. Herbert C. White 1959-1962**

During this period, some North Cross members left and formed the Meadowbrook Methodist Church.

Roger remembers that Dr. White spoke with perfect grammar and that he seemed to attract members who appreciated that ability. He also remembers that his sermons were well organized and easy to follow. Roger's mom, June Arbuckle, played the organ during this time.

(To be continued next week)

## ***Person to person:***

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

#### **Hospitalized:** Leonard Cochran, NKC

- I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dennis Stone and to all of the church members who have been so kind with attention, cards, and phone calls during the last days of my wife, Marjorie, who passed away on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 *J. B. Albertson*

- **Traditional Worship Service Note:** Beginning Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the “Announcements, Joys, Prayer Concerns, and Prayer” will be offered at 8:20 a.m. and the organ prelude at 8:30 a.m.

✠ We offer our sympathy to Carl and Nancy West and family in the death of Nancy's mother, Jane Graham, in Lewis, Delaware, on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010; and to the family and friends of Roland Smith Beery, Jr., who died on August 5, 2010 in Kansas City, MO.

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