



November
& December
2008
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January
2009

LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

"...I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND
THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."
JOHN 10:10

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Dear Northeast Friends,

“Everyone dies but not everyone lives.” Wow. What a quote from the book and our current series One Month to Live. Are you living? Truly living as if you had only one month to live – the Abundant Life? I hope so. I know that I’ve been challenged personally during that last few weeks to genuinely look at my life and focus on what I care about most and become the person God intended. In short, live life with no regrets. If you haven’t yet started this book, it’s not too late. Pick one up today at the Connect booth.

You’re going to love our next sermon series! We will be taking a look at Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch Who Stole Christmas and some other favorite Christmas Classic characters and how their stories relate to us, how we deal with the holidays, and what the Bible says about story lines like this.

Lastly, it’s been such an awesome year at Northeast. We kicked off 2008 with the **unleash** campaign where you pledged over \$10,000,000 toward our new 2,000 seat auditorium, renovations, and Clifton campus. Over 1,200 people committed to take their next step in living the Abundant Life during the Next Step series in September (that number is continuing to grow!). And we’ve witnessed God work in the lives of so many of our members! Yea God!

I encourage each of you in 2009 to take another step in living the life that God wants for you!

Bob Cherry
Senior Pastor



**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE TIMES:**

1:30 PM • 3:00 PM

4:30 PM • 6:00 PM

OUR MISSION:
“To team with God in helping
people discover and experience
THE ABUNDANT LIFE”

YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is quickly approaching and we wanted to make you aware of a few things that may be helpful as you consider your November and December offering. Your year end contributions are very important to our overall budget. In fact, historically around 20% of our operating budget offering for the year occurs in December alone. So far this year overall giving to our operating budget is running behind prior year by 10-15%, due in part to the uncertainty created by the economy and also to more giving directed to the **unleash** Campaign. We are very grateful that through mid-November giving to the **unleash** campaign is on track, and we have received almost \$2.2 million towards our overall pledges. In light of that, we ask you to consider the importance of directing your end of year giving to the general operating budget at this time.

As in the past, any gift received at the church campus, church offices, or by mail if post marked by 12/31 will be included in 2008 for tax purposes. You can also make your contribution online at www.necchurch.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

unleash building update



VIEW FROM BROWNSBORO ROAD



VIEW FROM THE SOUTH

- Updated architectural drawings
- Groundbreaking scheduled for March 2009 for 2000 seat auditorium
- \$2,193,000 received from \$10,000,000 unleash pledges so far!



VIEW FROM THE WEST



ATTEND STARTING POINT

- Attend Spiritual Practices Class
- Attend a Core Class
- Participate in Maturing Experiences

Come to a Connection Event

Join a Life Group

Team Lead a Life Group

Serve at Church

Serve in the Community

Serve in the World

YOUR



OF ABUNDANT LIFE 2.0

Take your next step.

At Northeast, we really want everyone to engage in what we call Abundant Life 2.0! The best way to do this is by taking your next best step. Do you feel it is time to volunteer in the children's area? Do you feel you would like to learn more about your spiritual gifts? Are you ready to lead a Life Group? Is it time for you to investigate making Jesus the leader of your life? Please take some time to look through this issue of 10:10 as well as our website and prayerfully consider what area or areas of ministry God is leading you to engage in.

If you just aren't sure where to begin, please e-mail katie.haller@necchurch.org or call at 212.5246.

STARTING POINT - Your direct pipeline to Northeast membership and the Abundant Life 2.0 process. If you have been around Northeast for a few months (or maybe even a few years) and are ready to get more engaged, our Starting Point class is a great first step. Starting Point is offered in two formats. Starting Point for the Curious and Starting Point for Transfers. If you are not sure which option is right for you, visit the Starting Point booth in the foyer or visit www.necchurch.org.

STARTING POINT FOR TRANSFERS:
(1-WEEK CLASS) - SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

STARTING POINT FOR THE CURIOUS
(3-WEEK CLASS) BEGINNING SUN, JANUARY 25

Both classes are 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Lower Level at Northeast. If you have questions, please contact Randy Gordon at 212.5250 or you may e-mail him at randy.gordon@necchurch.org.

KNOWING GOD



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
I TIMOTHY 3:16-17

*At Northeast, we talk a lot about living the **ABUNDANT LIFE**. We believe this involves Knowing God, Connecting with One Another and Serving Others. What do we mean when we use the words Knowing God? This is developing a closer relationship with God. We have tried to simplify this by breaking it down into three groups: Spiritual Practices, Core Classes and Maturing Experiences. Below is a brief description of each.*

Spiritual Practices are actually simple behaviors that all Christians should practice regularly as part of their Christian faith. These habits help us focus our attention on God and on being His disciples. We will find ourselves understanding God and his purposes more fully so that we are more attuned to His presence and His plan for us. To practice these spiritual disciplines is to go beyond acquiring knowledge about God and to start living the Christian Life, an Abundant Life. The next class will be in January, 2009.

Attend a Core Class (Center/Heart/Foundation) -

Core Classes at Northeast are building blocks to begin the foundations of your faith. They are teachings on the values that are at the heart of what Northeast believes. They will include teachings on Spiritual Gifts, Stewardship, Evangelism and Worship. These classes will be offered on a rotating basis. They are great for new and growing believers. Even if you've been around for a while, but haven't been able to study in these various areas, now is a great time to jump in. Next set of classes will start in January/February, 2009.

Participate in a Maturing Experience - As we continue to mature in our walk with Christ, we still need to draw close to Him in a variety of different ways. Sometimes we can do this in a classroom setting, others times we need to get out and experience other avenues to draw close to Him, to stay refreshed in our relationship. We will always offer a variety of classes for men and women; with various topics including marriage and parenting. We will also offer offsite retreats that will take you out of your everyday routine. Watch for upcoming seminars, simulcasts, maybe even a concert. We want to always be offering new and create ways for you to Know God in a deeper, more personal relationship. Watch for men's and women's classes starting in January, 2009. Also, pick up the Know brochure to find conference, seminar, and event information. You will also find information on JourneyCare and JourneyEnrichment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, come to the Know booth, visit us online at www.necchurch.org, or contact Laura Wingfield at laura.wingfield@necchurch.org or 212.5247, or Rosemarie Arsenault at rosemarie.arsenault@necchurch.org or 212.5248.



CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

starting

CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER TODAY - COME TO A CONNECTION EVENT!



This past summer and fall, hundreds of people have made some new friends at a variety of different Connecting Events. Connecting Events are fun social activities where you can connect with others with similar interests and life situations. They are an easy and enjoyable way to take a first step at Northeast by simply hanging out with some people like you or by getting involved in an activity you enjoy doing anyway!

Troy and Karalee are fairly new to Northeast. They attended an Adoptive Families Connection Event and made some friends for life and are now active with this group!

Tracy discovered new friendships after attending a summer Singles Connection Event. There is a rumor that a serious connection was made at



our Singles Connection Event in August and a January wedding is in the works!!

More Connection Events are being planned!

BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS - Ethnic Food Potluck- February (date to be announced soon)

Be sure to check out the bulletin and Connect page at www.necchurch.org for updates about other upcoming Connection Events!

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Connection Events or if you have an idea for one, please contact Diedre Wade at 212.5240 or diedre.wade@necchurch.org.

growing

Let us help you Join a Life Group where you can grow in a community of friends -

Real Friends. . . Real Faith. . . Real Fun. . . Real Life!

Life Groups gather weekly or every other week to be the "body of Christ" in action! They study God's Word together, pray for each other, share meals together, serve others together, and more. The key word is together. Life Groups do life together so that they may experience the Abundant Life together! If you'd like to join a Life Group, contact Diedre Wade at 212.5240 or diedre.wade@necchurch.org.

Is it time for you to step up and lead others (see Hebrews 5:11–6:1)? You don't have to lead alone! You can Team-Lead a Life Group. If you are interested in investigating the possibility of starting and team-leading a Life Group, contact Connect Minister Mike Mack at 212.5241 or mike.mack@necchurch.org. Let's grab a cup of coffee and talk!

maturing

SERVING

OTHERS



NOVEMBER

1-30: WINTER CLOTHING

DRIVE - Donate winter clothing items for Wayside Christian Mission; kids' underwear for Breckinridge Franklin Elementary School; & kids' coats for other area children.

Additional volunteer needs: *2 Life Groups/4 Families: Sort items. Contact Andrea Culliton at 212.5237

1-30: FOOD DRIVE

Donate food items to support Mom's Closet & Resource Center & Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM).

Additional volunteer needs: *2 Life Groups/4 Families: Sort items Contact Andrea Culliton at 212.5237

15-30: NURSING HOME MINISTRY TOILETRY DRIVE

Donate toiletry items for area nursing homes. Residents are excited & dependent upon these items! Come by the Serve booth for a list of needed items. Contact Trish Martin at 426.8711

21: LIGHT UP SUMMIT

(6:30 - 9:00 pm) - Each year the Summit kicks off the holiday season having a special night of lighting up their area with Christmas lights along with activities. NECC will be performing the music at this event again this year. *Volunteer needs:* *1 Life Group/2 families: Pass out hot chocolate

*1 Life Group/2 families: Pass out invitations

*1 Life Group/2 families: Help with prize sign-up

Contact Tom Black at 212.2249

17-24: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION CENTER

- This year NECC will be a regional collection center (held in our gym). Sign-ups begin Nov. 1st at Serve booth or Contact Nancy Gray at 426.3548

28-30: GIFT WRAPPING AT THE SUMMIT

Volunteer to wrap gifts as a free service to our community this season! Contact Andrea Culliton at 212.5237

DECEMBER

1-3: NURSING HOME MINISTRY TOILETRY DRIVE

Donate toiletry items for Meadowview Nursing Home. Residents are excited & dependent on these donated items. Volunteers are also need at the nursing home to decorate for Christmas. For more information contact Trish Martin at 426.8711

4-5: WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA 2008

- Women please consider hosting a table (decorating a table, providing drinks & snack); and men please consider serving beverages at this event. Tickets on sale Nov. 15th. Contact Rosemarie Arsenault at 212.5248

1-14: CLOTHES DRIVE

Donate winter clothing items for Wayside Christian Mission; kids' underwear for Breckinridge Franklin Elementary School; & kids' coats for other area children. *Additional volunteer needs:* *2 Life Groups/4 Families: Sort items Contact Andrea Culliton at 212.5237

1-14: FOOD DRIVE

- Donate food items to support Mom's Closet & Resource Center & Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM). *Additional*

volunteer needs: *2 Life Groups/4 Families: Sort items. Contact Andrea Culliton at 212.5237

1-24: GIFT WRAPPING AT THE SUMMIT

- Volunteer for a shift of wrapping gifts at the Summit shopping area as an outreach to our community during the holiday season. Contact Andrea Culliton at 212.5237

6-7: MOM'S CLOSET CHRISTMAS ANGEL

- Sponsor a Mom's Closet family and shop/donate the children's Christmas gifts. Contact Kim Jacobs at 245.9899

8-30: BENEVOLENCE - ADOPT A FAMILY

Please consider adopting a family for the holiday season, as NECC receives numerous families in need of Thanksgiving & Christmas help for them & their families. Contact Jacque Reynolds at 212.5220

11-14: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - MISSIONS TRIP

Help deliver shoeboxes to Charlotte, North Carolina. Cost is \$250 + meals. Contact Ronnie Cordrey at 212.5242

21: MEMORIAL SERVICE (5pm)

Serve others as they commemorate loved ones lost during a special service. Contact Tom Black at 212.5249

24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

(1:30 pm, 3pm, 4:30 pm & 6pm) Serve by helping us welcome others during 1 of our 4 Christmas services. Contact Tom Black at 212.5249

For additional information, visit the Serve booth in the foyer, www.necchurch.org or you may contact Ronnie Cordrey at 212.5242 or ronnie.cordrey@necchurch.org.



THANK YOU TO THE 475 VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE AN IMPACT IN THE CLIFTON AREA FOR SERVEFEST 2008!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL
JANUARY 9 - 11, 2009

i'm having the
BEST
WEEKEND
ever

We're going to spend 2 ½ days at Country Lake Christian Camp in Indiana for some awesome times of friendship, faith, and fun! At the Winter Retreat you'll get a chance to hang out with old and new friends, get loud and crazy during worship sessions, have a blast during recreation, and learn more about what it means to follow Jesus!

\$95 - \$50 HOLDS YOUR SPOT!



Jay Close,
Pastoral Care Minister

If you or a loved one has been in the hospital or on our prayer list recently, you have probably either met or heard from one of our newest staff members, *Pastoral Care Minister Jay Close*.

Jay was hired to primarily offer pastoral counsel with church members and others who need short-term help. Jay is a pastor and a licensed therapist. Family, spiritual, life problems and other challenges can be brought to Jay for help. Longer term counseling will be referred to the church's North Springs Counseling Center. Jay works closely with the counseling center staff.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Jay encourages the Minister On Call phone ministry and the Journey Care Visitation Team. Persons who are members, regular attendees or otherwise related to Northeast Christian Church may be visited by a pastor or a trained volunteer.

JOURNEY CARE

Journey Care provides encouragement to individuals and support groups. Those who care for groups or individuals are trained to provide wise counsel that reveals the love of Christ. (See opposite page)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer requests are added to the church prayer list by the website or by calling the church office. Our services and ministries are always seeking to follow God's direction and to receive His blessing. Everything we do should be bathed in prayer. Will you join us? We are always looking for prayer warriors to serve!

Contact Jay at 212.5209 or jay.close@necchurch.org.

Are you hurting...grieving... or just wanting to be all God created you to be?

Journey CARE

A MINISTRY OF NORTHEAST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JourneyCare is a weekly program of groups connecting people with others walking the same path of life. These groups provide encouragement and direction through support, biblically based studies and accountability. JourneyCare is committed to offering the opportunity for learning Godly, healthy ways to deal with the stresses of life and growing to be all that God created us to be.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the challenges after a divorce alone. DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. This class meets on Thursday nights 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, January 15 - March 26, - \$12.

BOUNDARIES

When to say yes - when to say no - to take control of your life. Boundaries are personal property lines that define who you are and who you are not, and influence all areas of your life. Discover firsthand how sound boundaries give you the freedom to walk as the loving, giving, fulfilled individual God created you to be. This class meets on Thursday nights 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, January 15 - March 26, - \$12.

RECOVERING FROM THE LOSSES OF LIFE

We've all had life experiences that have knocked the props out from under us! This study offers encouragement and insightful principles from God's Word to help you through the grieving process. You can find help in healing from profound losses such as the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a broken relationship or the loss of a dream. This class meets on Thursday nights 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, January 15 - March 26, - \$15.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

This is for women who have or care for a family member who has a chronic illness or disability. Offers practical ideas and resources to offer hope for working through issues. This class meets on Wednesdays at the North Springs Counseling office starting January 21 for 12 weeks. Cost is \$10.

HOW TO BE A PEOPLE HELPER

Learn what works to help people get through problems. Become more sensitive to the feelings of others. Learn practical ways to help your friends, family and coworkers. This class meets on Sundays at 10:30 am, January 18 - March 1, \$10.

REGISTER ONLINE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LORA MERCURIO AT LORA.MERCURIO@NECCHURCH.ORG & 212.0432 OR JAY CLOSE AT JAY.CLOSE@NECCHURCH.ORG & 212.5209.

A TIME OF REMEMBERING

If the grief is still real, it doesn't matter how long ago the loss was. This service is for those who have lost a loved one in the last year or longer. Experience a time of quiet, a time of memory, a time for sharing your loss with others while supporting others in their loss.

The Memorial Service will combine music, time for contemplation, scripture reading, photos of loved ones, candle lighting, and spoken word for a time of worship and remembrance. December 21, 2008, 5:00 pm - Northeast Christian Church Auditorium. Led by Northeast staff members Jay Close Pastoral Care Minister, Joe Arnold Director of Counseling, other North Spring staff, Journey Care team members, and other staff & volunteers. Pick up an information sheet at Guest Services.

Our satellite campus in Clifton at 131 Vernon Ave,
Louisville, KY 40206 - check out our new website!

CLIFTON

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

www.cliftonchristianchurch.org



CHECK-OUT CLIFTON'S NEW INTERIOR!



OCTOBERFEST 2008
Over 350 people from the Clifton community attended!

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NORTHEAST CARS MINISTRY

Having a dependable vehicle is crucial to get to and from work, take the kids to school, recreational and church functions, run errands, go to doctor's appointments, visit a family member in the hospital...and on and on.

For some, when that car needs repair, or in the worst of cases, stops running, paying for that car repair or buying another vehicle is out of the question because of dire financial situations.

The mission of the Cars Ministry at Northeast Christian Church is to help needy families within our community stay on the road in a safe, running vehicle. Demonstrating God's love to these families can be the catalyst for life change. Leon Small, a member of Northeast who is a vital part of this ministry was recently featured in the *Oldham Era* about his daily "helping hand."

Volunteers prepare vehicles to be given away through mechanical inspection and minor repairs. There is a waiting list for those needing a vehicle. Most of the people who are helped are single moms.

The Cars Ministry is continually searching for used vehicles as the community needs far outweigh the supply. Vehicle donations to Northeast are considered a charitable contribution and donors receive the full "fair market value" tax deduction when the vehicle is provided to a qualified individual or family.

If you or someone you know would like to donate a vehicle and impact someone's life or make a donation, please contact Jacque Reynolds, Northeast Benevolence Director at 212.5220. Please help us spread the word and help get people back on their feet again!

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