



WEDNESDAYS @ NORTH SHORE

**It's a new name but the same
night and time - 6:30 to 8**

**It's a new approach but the
same focus - serving our
community for Christ**

**There's a place for you whether you are a
newborn or an ol' timer**

Wednesdays @ North Shore kicks off January 11th with Registration (so babies and kids match up with parents) beginning at 6:10. The youth then gather in the sanctuary to begin the night. That's new!!

The babies through Pre-Kindergarten go to the Nursery - a place for fun and care - while their parents are participating in their activities. That's new!!

The **DISCOVERY CLUB** has a new night as kids (Kindergarten thru 5th grade) are greeted by their Coordinator **Allisen Shawver** and staff.

ELEVATE Junior High Youth meets every other week starting January 11th and also heads for the sanctuary after Registration. Leader **Mike Casale** will take it from there. (Senior High continues to meet on Friday nights - see Page 7)

ADULTS will check in and go to one of the Small Groups. The first offering is called BASICS and led by **Bill Verschay**. A second group will begin Jan. 18th with Interim **Pastor Greg Williamson**.

Now folks, you're going to want to be involved in making this happen - and you can be a "92" which means committing to only 9 weeks over the school year and 2 special events (11 Wednesdays of 52 weeks.) Contact **Kevin Murphy** or Church office for more details. Be a new part of a new deal. ♦

There's a new face coming to the NS platform

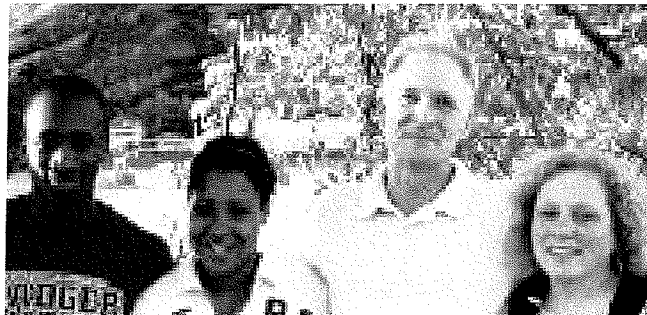
While the Pastoral Search Committee continues its work and the entire church fellowship continues praying for God's leading His man to be our pastor, we will be blessed by the presence of Interim Pastor Greg Williamson beginning January 8th.

Pastor Greg and Leta, his wife of 35 years, live and farm in Porterfield, WI and are part of our sister church Faith Baptist in Peshtigo where he served as Adult Ministry Pastor. They have eight children with Ezra and Kasiah still living at home.

He says, "I have a passion for discipleship and have been active in helping people along on their spiritual journeys. I have worked with small groups, adult ministries, assimilation, foundational discipleship classes and a variety of evangelistic endeavors. I feel I am someone people trust and are comfortable approaching.

"During my time at NS I hope to encourage both individuals and the church as the Body of Christ in discipleship, devotion and service to Jesus our Lord. On Sunday mornings I'll be going through a passage by passage look at the book of Ephesians."

We welcome the Williamson's
to North Shore!



Things I Have Learned by John Piper (edited)

The Pastor's Lamp

Since my father died, I have been looking through his papers. I found a small sheet with the following counsels, "Things I Have Learned." He didn't make most of these up. Some of them go back to his college days when absorbing the pithy wisdom of Bob Jones Senior. They have again confirmed the obvious: I owe my father more than I can ever remember. The comment after each one is mine.

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Things I Have Learned

1. The right road always leads to the right place; therefore, get on the right road and go as far as you can on it.

My father was totally persuaded that wrong means do not lead to right ends. Or, more positively, he was persuaded that living in the right way — that is, doing the right things — are means that inevitably lead to where God wants us to be. This is why he told me, when I asked about God's leading in my life, "Son, keep the room clean where you are, and in God's time, the door to the next room will open."

2. There is only one thing to do about anything; that is the right thing. Do right.

This is what one might say to a person perplexed by a difficult situation whose outcome is unknown. The person might say, "I just don't know what to do about this." It is not useless to be told: Do the right thing. That may not tell you exactly which good thing to do, but it does clear the air and rule out a few dozen bad ideas.

3. Happiness is not found by looking for it. You stumble over happiness on the road to duty.

My, my, my. How was John Piper born from this? I would never say this. The main reason is that the Bible commands us to pursue our joy repeatedly. "*Rejoice in the Lord, and again I say rejoice.*" "*Delight yourself in the Lord.*" I think what he meant was: 1) Joy is always *in something*. Joy itself is not the *something*. So we seek joy *in Christ*. Not just joy in general. 2) When duty is hard and we do not feel joy in doing it, we should still do it, and pray that in the doing it the joy would be given. But what we need to make plain is that duty cannot be contrasted with joy, because joy is a biblical duty.

4. The door to success swings on the hinges of opposition.

Remarkably, this saying implies that opposition is not just a natural accompaniment or antecedent of success, but that it is a means by which the door opens. One can think of many biblical examples. The opposition of Joseph's brothers opened the door to his leadership in Egypt. The taxing of the empire opened the door to getting the Messiah born in Bethlehem, not Nazareth, and thus fulfilling prophecy. The betrayal of Judas opened the door to the salvation of the world.

5. God in the right place in my life fixes every other relationship of life (Matthew 6:33).

I wonder if this was tucked away in my mind so that unknown to me it controlled my analogy of the solar system to our many-faceted lives. If God is the blazing center of the solar system of our lives, then all the planets will be held in their proper orbit. But if not, everything goes awry.

6. It is never right to get the right thing in the wrong way — like good grades, wealth, power, position. Don't sacrifice your principles.

Again, he hammers away at don't use bad means for good ends. Be a principled, not a pragmatic, person. O how we need to hear this today. Churches need to be principled, not endlessly adapting to culture. Persons need to make a promise and keep it no matter how much it hurts.

7. It is a sin to do less than your best. It is wrong to do [merely] well.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). But be careful. Sometimes the "best" is a B+ sermon and spending time with your child. In other words, "best" always involves more decisions than the one you are making at the moment. That one means many other things are being left undone. So "best" is always the whole thing, not just the detail of the moment.

North Shore BEACON

ADULTS

- ◆ Sunday mornings at 9 - Adult Bible Fellowship in the room behind the sanctuary (Mt. Carmel).
- ◆ Prayer Time after Sunday worship. Gather at the front of the sanctuary to pray for North Shore and specific needs of our church family.
- ◆ Wednesdays @ NS 6:30 starting Jan. 11th - "BASICS small group with **Bill Verschay**, Leader
- ◆ Wednesdays @ NS 6:30 starting Jan. 18th - small group with **Pastor Greg Williamson**, Leader

MEN

- ◆ Thursday mornings 10:30 Menominee County Men's Bible Study. Bring your Bible and a copy of "The Daily Bread" (available in the church foyer). Contact **Marshall Erdman** for more information.
- ◆ Saturday morning, 7:30 Jan. 14th Men's Prayer Breakfast

WOMEN

- ◆ Sundays 9 am in lower level classroom Study of Esther with **Helen Larsen**, Leader, beginning January 8th
- ◆ MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) and MOPS Next (Mothers of school aged) meets Tuesday, January 10th and 24th from 8:45 to 11. MOPPETS (kids, too)

CHILDREN

- ◆ Sunday School for all ages 9 am.
- ◆ Nursery for ages 0-3 during Worship
- ◆ Children's Worship for ages 3-8 (dismissal during Worship Service)
- ◆ Wednesdays @ North Shore for all ages



Gary and Micki Chaney show their love for the Lord by serving Him and North Shore in many ways. Now they are "official" members and were welcomed into the fellowship December 11th, 2011. We all are blessed by their presence!! ◆

Choose and support LIFE Sanctity of Life Rally is Sunday, January 22nd, 1 p.m.

Join others willing to show their belief that life is sacred by meeting at the Menominee County Courthouse front steps, 10th Street and 10th Avenue for a brief time of prayer and message by a local pastor. All are welcome to visit Holy Spirit Church across the street for indoor fellowship, prayer, exhibits and refreshments. This annual event is sponsored by Bay Area Pregnancy Services, Inc. and LifeCore. ◆



March for Life

Washington D.C.

Pray for those attending the 39th March for Life in Washington D.C. on Monday, January 23rd. This march is a massive peaceful protest by concerned citizens opposed to abortion made legal by the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. Hundreds of thousands gather in our nation's capitol to show their respect for all life and have our lawmakers witness it. ◆

2012 Offering envelopes are in the mailboxes to make systematic giving easier. If you would like envelopes, please contact Sue in the office. ◆

Ladies, you're invited to a baby shower honoring Bethany Kleikamp Saturday morning January 21, 9:30

Bethany and Carl are expecting Joshua Joseph (he'll be "JJ") and they are registered at Wal-Mart. Idea: instead of a card, attach a book to begin his storytimes.

Come to show your love and encouragement - and have a good time, too.

Your RSVP to the church office by Jan 16th is

Lynn's Secret Punch
 1 can frozen juice
 (flavor/color your choice)
 3 cans of water.
 1 large can of
 pineapple juice.
 1 2 liter ginger ale.
 Add scoops of sherbet
 (flavor/color your choice)
 Enjoy and remember the
 Advent Luncheon

NSBaptist.org is now NShoreChurch.org

North Shore Church has a new website, a new domain and a new webmaster: **Kevin Murphy**. And how we thank former webmaster **Ken Marineau** for all his work in getting us into modern times!! To be more consistent with the name of the church, we have modified the church domain to NShoreChurch.org. This means email and our website will now be utilizing this naming convention. However, those are actually just minor changes, the more significant change is the content of the website.

Go now to <http://NShoreChurch.org> and see what the new site has to offer with five basic sections:

First, the HOME page providing basic information including church address and phone number, time of Sunday Worship and Sunday School, along with brief information about other programs. It's also a quick easy way for someone to send an email to appropriate leaders in the church. Now, you don't have to remember the person's name or email, just check a box and send a note.

Next, the ABOUT US page. This consolidated some of our previous webpage content and presents three basic types of information "about us". 1) the missions we support, 2) our Declaration of Faith, and 3) the History of the Church. Note, the history section is in need of updating as it ends at the hiring of a former youth pastor.

Then comes the PROGRAMS page that provides a snapshot of the programs the church sponsors above and beyond the worship service. There is information about MOPS, Youth Groups, and the new Wednesdays @ North Shore. It is intended to allow the "new to North Shore" person an easy way to read about what we do here.

Next is the CALENDAR for current information. It is intended to be the ultimate reference tool for the congregation to find what programs, committee meetings, events, special services are happening. Further, it provides contact information including emails so if you have questions you know who to talk to, and can quickly get in touch with them.

Last we have the LIBRARY providing a convenient place to access reference materials, links to suggested websites, a place to pull up copies of printed materials such as The Beacon and other newsletters, and also a place where weekly sermons can be downloaded and listened to.

As a final note, all emails have been moved to the nshorechurch.org domain. Office@nsbaptist.org is



**BABY: God's
very special
gift to us**

**BOTTLE: Empty
container
providing
nourishment
for babies**

**BOOMERANG: Going
out and returning**

Once again **Baby Bottle Boomerang** means we have the opportunity to aid Bay Area Pregnancy Services (BAPS) in their work with women in crisis pregnancy situations - right in our own neighborhoods. BAPS provides counseling, information for life, and needed baby items.

Beginning Sunday, January 21st, the North Shore Missions Committee will offer you empty baby bottles. You are invited to fill yours with change (or bills or check) and bring it back to the Welcome Center....then take another bottle and fill 'er up again! You'll be surprised how quickly loose change adds up.

If you would like a year-end receipt, please complete the form and return with the bottle. Please make checks payable to Bay Area Pregnancy Services, Inc.

This campaign runs from January 21st to March 25th

Director Erika MolKentine invites us to visit the BAPS facilities at 2420 Hall Avenue (adjacent to the 41-64 intersection in Marinette) to be familiar first hand with what they offer, but please call ahead for open hours. 715 732-4305.

There is always a need for committed counselors to enable the office to be available even more. Training is provided - just contact Bay Area Pregnancy Services for information. ♦

now Office@NShoreChurch.org, Youth@nsbaptist.org is now Youth@NShoreChurch.org, etc... Further, there are some new emails that may be of convenience to you: Deacons@NShoreChurch.org, DClub@NShoreChurch.org, MOPS@NShoreChurch.org, and Beacon@NShoreChurch.org to name a few.

Kevin M. Murphy. Webmaster

The Beacon's Beam on Missions

Thanks so much for praying for Child Evangelism Fellowship.

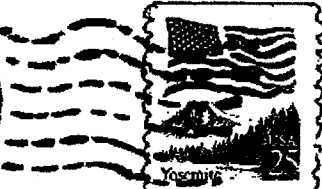
The 15* 5-day Clubs (plus 2 VBS's), had 239 children in attendance – 23 of them professing to receive Christ as Savior! And at the Dickinson Co Fair we told the Gospel to 248 folks. All in all it was a super summer. Thanks again for praying.

The After-School Good News Clubs have started. We ask you to be praying for the club in Norway. Trish G. and Pam A. are the teachers. They meet Monday's and at their first meeting twenty-five children attended!!!

Please pray that we clearly teach these children the truth of God - that they receive Christ as Savior and that they grow in Him.

Trish Gustafson

*One of these was hosted by **Peggy Ponta** and held on North Shore Church grounds.



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Since 1937



North Shore's unsung heroes - Ken and Andy Mortinson keeping our parking lot plowed. The "anonymous" shovelers who clear the doorways of snow. Rick LaPerriere who keeps our building clean and ready for action. **THANK YOU!** ♦



Carmen Chugg has a new home with new friends

by Peter Kurtz

As many of you will remember from the visit of Carmen Chugg to North Shore this past June, she was in a period of transition.

Carmen had worked as a missionary in the Mestre, Italy area for nearly 20 years. This autumn, her new assignment took her to Faenza, Italy. Things have gone very well for Carmen. Immediately she found an apartment "exactly as I had imagined it to be." Carmen has made new friends and has started a new outreach for kids with record numbers attending.

More recently, Carmen held a successful open house with her neighbors on November 7th. She prays that this fellowship will lead her to share the gospel with them soon.

In December Christmas Carolers from the Frontier School of the Bible (LaGrange, Wyoming) traveled in Italy to share the gospel. They gave concerts in Trieste, Mestre, Forli, Ravenna, Faenza and Umbertide at numerous venues (schools and various public places).

Praise God for the Carolers health and safety in their travels. Also, pray that "God would use them to draw people to Jesus and to desire a relationship with God that produces the joy the Carolers exhibit." ♦



ELEVATE YOUTH GROUPS FOR YOU!!

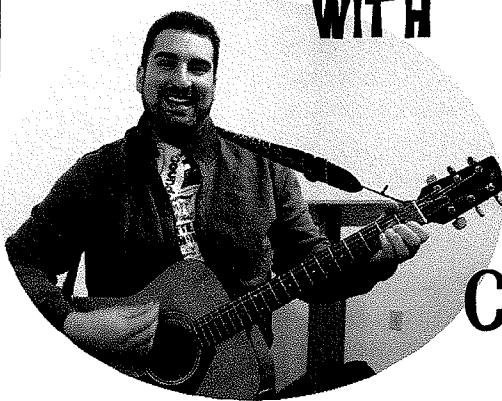
GUYS AND GALS ages 10 - 12

Wed. NIGHTS 6:30 - 8, Jan 11 & 25

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Friday NIGHTS 6:30 - 9:30

WITH



**MIKE
CASALE**

What's new for 2012?

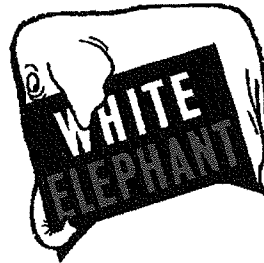
Junior High Youth
(kids 10-12) start
the new year off

1/11/12 at 6:30 pm. And on our off night they
are encouraged and welcome to join the
Discovery Club which meets every
Wednesday night at 6:30.

So come every week!!

Senior High Youth "Elevate" continues to
meet every Friday night at 6:30. We are going
on January 21st to see **NEWSBOYS** at Blesch
here in Menominee. We need those that are
going to talk to Michael and bring in \$25 for
the ticket.

We had our first official annual youth group
Christmas party in December and it was a big
success. We hosted at our house and we ate,
worshipped and had a white elephant gift
exchange. We're looking forward to
continuing growth in this New Year.



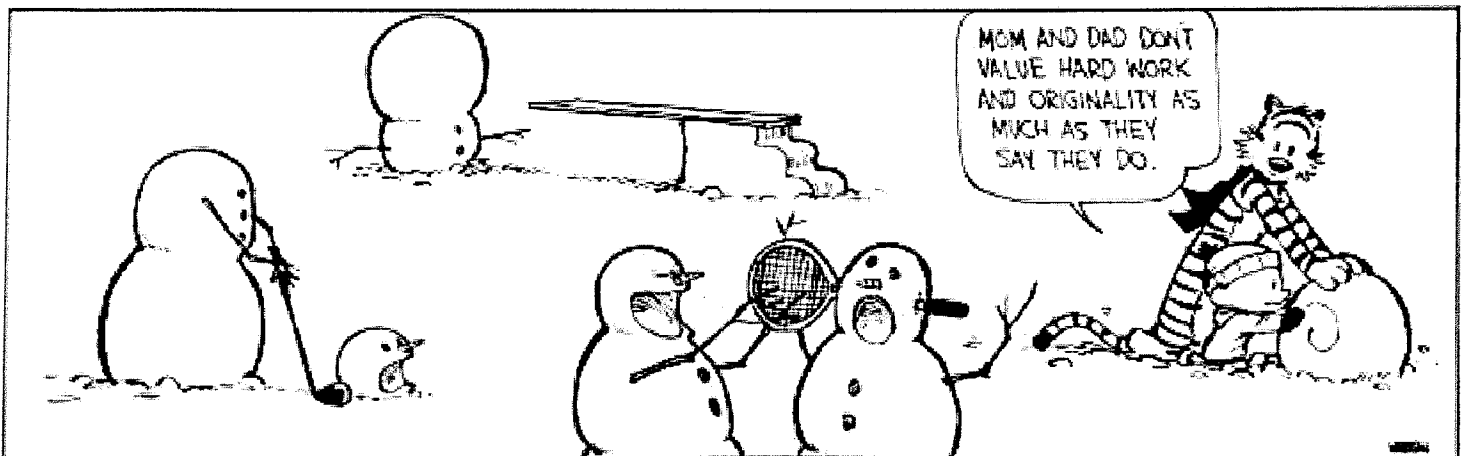
Mike Casale

WORLD NEWS GOD'S NOT DEAD!


2012 TOUR



NEWSBOYS



Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Serving the World January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's A New Year! 9:00 am ~ Sunday School (Preschool - Adult) 10:00 am ~ Worship Service, Speaker: Mike Casale	6:30 pm ~ Deacon Meeting	3	6:30-8:00 pm - - Adult Bible Study / Prayer	10:30 am ~ Menominee County Men's Bible Study	6:30 pm ~ - Youth Group (9th-12th Gr.)	7
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