

Christmas Outside The Box: Injustice

Pastor Steve Poe

Luke 4:18-19 (NLT) “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”

Psalms 12:5 (NLT) The LORD replies, “I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do.”

Psalms 35:10 (NLT) With every bone in my body I will praise him: “LORD, who can compare with you? Who else rescues the helpless from the strong? Who else protects the helpless and poor from those who rob them?”

Isaiah 1:17 (NLT) Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.

Isaiah 59:15b-16 (NLT) The LORD looked and was displeased to find there was no justice. He was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So he himself stepped in to save them with his strong arm, and his justice sustained him.

Amos 5:11a, 12 (NLT) You trample the poor, stealing their grain through taxes and unfair rent. For I know the vast number of your sins and the depth of your rebellions. You oppress good people by taking bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Mark 7:6-8 (NLT) Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’ For you ignore God’s law and substitute your own tradition.”

Matthew 23:23 (NIV) “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

Micah 6:8 (NIV) He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

What is God saying to me through this message?

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To view a full staff listing, visit
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Service Time:
Sunday
10 a.m.

GUEST INFORMATION

We're Glad You're Here

Thanks for joining us today. We hope you feel comfortable and connected. You can be confident that we will give you as much time as you need to get to know us better. Our hope is that your experience here is meaningful.

Name Tags

With lots of people it is sometimes difficult to remember names. Please check the board near the entrance and pick up your nametag. If you don't find one, please complete an Info Card at the Information Center and drop it in the basket.

For Everyone's Benefit

If your child begins to cry or is disruptive, please be considerate of those around you and take them out of the service immediately. We offer a fully-staffed nursery available during each service. An area for nursing mothers or crying babies is available on the upper floor.

Communion

Communion is served during our worship experiences every other month.

Multi-Site Church

Northview Christian Life Church is a multi-site church. The message given at the West Lafayette campus has been pre-recorded from our Carmel campus. We are one church meeting in multiple locations.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Alpha Course *(New)*

Alpha is designed to help you explore life's purpose and ask the tough questions about the Christian faith in a non-threatening environment. Meets Tuesdays, Jan. 19-Mar. 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Register today. Enrollment is limited. Cost is \$40 payable at registration. Scholarships available. FMI contact Len and Sue Fulkerson at (765) 464.2041 or lensuef@verizon.net.

Administrative Assistant

Northview Christian Life Church West Lafayette is seeking a part-time, paid Administrative Assistant, 14-16 hours/week. Office hours anticipated are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and Internet, able to maintain confidentiality and have excellent office management and organizational skills as well as verbal/written communica-

tion skills including editing and proofreading. Send cover letter and resume with references to Len Fulkerson at lfulkers@gmail.com.

Church Directory

During the Sunday service, complete the yellow information card with your and/or your family's contact information. If you have a picture of you and/or your family that you would like to use, please send it to Thea Strand at theastrand@gmail.com. FMI contact Thea Strand at (765) 492.2666.

LIFE GROUPS

A Life Group consists of 12-16 people who meet regularly for the purpose of fellowship, Bible study, prayer and encouragement. FMI contact Rita Gick at (765) 385.5145 or rita.gick@nvcl.org.

See the calendar and volunteer opportunities for weekly dates and opportunities to serve.

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Check out new ways to serve in the community. Go to www.nvcl.org/wlgn.

YOUNG ADULT/STUDENT MINISTRY

Warehouse

Warehouse is on Sundays at 7 p.m. at Northview. Warehouse is open to all college students and young adults. This is a great time to meet new people, worship and have fun. FMI contact Jonell Smith at nvclthewarehouse@gmail.com or (630) 546.2401.

Area 56

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to Area 56, a weekly meeting to enjoy breakfast and a time to get to know other students at Northview. We will meet regularly each Sunday morning during service time. FMI contact Laurie Wall at laurie.wall@nvcl.org or (765) 838.0141.

SPARK

High School SPARK student group will not meet again until next year.

See the calendar and volunteer opportunities for weekly dates and opportunities to serve.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to serve at Northview

Area 56 Leaders

We are looking for one male and one female volunteer to work with Jr. high and high school youth during the Sunday morning service time. Contact Steve Hill at hillsa@purdue.edu or (317) 691.9573 or Laurie Wall at laurie.wall@nvcl.org or (765) 838.0141.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Serving kids is both fun and fulfilling. We have countless opportunities available, and can easily match your availability and talent to the area that is the best fit. From young to old, introverted to extroverted, whatever your schedule, we can help you use your talents to honor God and make a difference in the lives of children. Connector: Laurie Wall at laurie.wall@nvcl.org or (765) 838.0141.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 20

Area 56 at 10 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

LTH Food Pantry at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

No special events scheduled

Wednesday, Dec. 23

No special events scheduled

Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 25

No special events scheduled

Saturday, Dec. 26

No special events scheduled

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