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Join us through the rest of January as we learn how we can conquer our internal struggles with God's help.

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WINNING YOUR SOUL'S STRUGGLES



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"THE GAME PLAN" Men's Conference

Women's **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

CORE CLASSES - Get around the bases in '12

What to Expect

We're glad you're here and we hope your experience with us will be meaningful and memorable. Our worship service should last about 70 - 75 minutes. So relax, grab some coffee, and meet some of the great people who call NorthPointe home. Thanks for joining us today!

Families with Children Kids are important to us; that's why we created NP Kids to be a fun, safe environment with nurturing workers and great facilities. If you need help finding the appropriate class, ask a greeter or stop by the Resource Center for help. If you choose to keep your child with you, please sit near the exits so you can slip out if your child creates a disturbance. You can take your child to their class at any time, or view the service in the Holding Zone located in the lobby.

Fresh Start with God If you're seeking to learn more about Christ or renewing your faith, stop by the booth on the patio to pick up your free Fresh Start with God packet.

Connection Cards Filling out your Connection Card is one of the easiest ways to let us know who you are & how we can support you. Use it to get connected to studies, classes, and groups you see in the bulletin. Let us know how we can pray for you, or sign up for the next set of Core Classes. Just fill it out & drop it in the offering basket at the end of service and we'll be in touch shortly.

The Lounge If you've made a commitment to Jesus Christ today, or would like to talk with someone about it, join us in The Lounge after each service – we'd like to pray with you and connect you with helpful information. The entrance is located at the southwest corner of the Worship Center.

Listen Online If you've missed a service & want to get caught up with a recent message visit northpointe.org where you can listen online & download message notes.

Resource Center Copies of our messages are available for you to purchase on CD at the counter in the lobby. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are also available.

Worship Times:

Sunday at 9:30am, 11:15am & 5:30pm

Celebrate Recovery
Wednesday at 6:30pm

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Giving & Attendance Summary

	Year to Date
Budget Needs	\$57,000
Giving	\$24,000
Difference	<\$33,000>

Last Weekend's Attendance: 1,390

**Your yearend giving is appreciated. Your gifts allowed NorthPointe to meet our 2011 budget. Praise the Lord!*

Getting Into the Word One of the most valuable spiritual habits you can develop is to read scripture on a daily basis. We encourage you to make a commitment to read through the scriptures in 2012. We have 2 reading plans to choose from:
1. One Year Chronological Plan (Circle **C**)
2. Through the Bible Scripture Plan (Circle **T**)
Choose a plan that works for you & then circle the appropriate letter on your connection card & your copy will be available for \$1 (to offset printing costs) the following week at the Resource Center. You can also go to northpointe.org/bible to download a copy.

Toby Lawless Sports Camp NPCC has joined together with Toby Lawless School to make a positive difference by hosting a monthly Sports Camp. The next camp will be on **Saturday, 1/21** from 10am – 12pm at the school. Circle **L** on your connection card and we'll get in touch with more details.

Are You Ready To Be Baptized? If you've made the decision to believe in Christ & want to follow His example and be baptized, stop by the Baptism Info table on the patio. We'll make sure you have all the information you need to "take the plunge!"

The NorthPointe Poverello House Ministry We provide an opportunity for volunteers to make about 1,200 sandwiches on the 4th Saturday of every month from 8am to 10:30am. We also pray over & serve a warm breakfast. Circle **P** on your connection card and we'll contact you with all the details.

Pregnancy Care Center Volunteer Orientation Learn how to use your passion for LIFE with the talents and gifts God has equipped you with to serve women, babies and families in our community. Our next training is **Thursday, 1/19** at 9:30am. To attend, call Carol or Janice at 237.0789.

Big Heart Ministry Monthly Meeting We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm in The Outlet. If you have a heart for helping others in need, then we'd love to have you join us as we plan for this year's outreaches. Circle **B** on your connection card for more information.



"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten and always feel like you've always felt." -Anonymous

2012 Could be Different for You!

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered program here at NorthPointe that happens every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Childcare is provided. Newcomers are especially important to us and we are praying for the night you make it out to your first Celebrate Recovery meeting. We offer an orientation (CR 101) after every Wednesday service to help get you acquainted with our program and give you an opportunity to ask questions. During the orientation, you'll learn about the guidelines we use at Celebrate Recovery to ensure a safe place for you to seek healing from your hurts, habits & hang-ups. God bless you! We look forward to celebrating your recovery with you soon!

"The Best Place to be on Wednesday Night!"



Did you know that our Good News packets contain a New Testament, a booklet by Billy Graham, and an audio CD by Pastor Steve where he explains how to begin a personal relationship with Jesus and be assured of eternal life. These packets are available at any time at the Resource Counter and after every service at our Fresh Start With God booths in the lobby or on the patio. These free packets are filled with the truth about our Savior and provide hope to all who read them. Your worship giving keeps these available to any and all who would like one and they make an eternal impact!

NorthPointe member Mark Kelm leads the ministry that staffs these booths to put the Good News of Jesus into the hands of everyone who asks. He says he has been blessed time and again by the stories he hears of people who have taken packets for themselves or to share with someone else and the change it has made in their lives. He tells of one NorthPointer who took a packet for his father and discovered that just a few weeks before his dad passed away he had given his life to Christ! What a blessing for that man and his family! Thank you, NorthPointe for your commitment to sharing God's Word with so many!



Fresh Start with God Help get information into the hands of people who want to know about Jesus. If you have the heart to serve, can stand at a booth & hand out a free info packet, you're qualified! Circle **S** on your Connection Card & we'll be in touch.

Known (Orphan Care) It's that time of year again to donate your out-grown, out-played, out-used baby/child items for foster & adopted children in our community. We'll take clothing, toys, cribs, strollers, car seats, etc. for ages infant to teen. Bring your items to our table at each service on **Sunday, 1/22 & Sunday, 1/29**. If you can help take items to storage, circle **K** on your connection card – we could use your help!

Foundations Join us each Friday at 7pm in Room 7 for *Foundations*, the Biblical basis for Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Life*. This class teaches us how to filter our everyday life experiences through the truth of God's Word. It's a comprehensive tool for learning the essential truths of the Christian faith in a simple, systematic and life-changing way. Broken up into 11 2-week studies, you can join in at any time; our study of The Church will begin on **Friday, 1/13**. For more info or a complete schedule, circle **A** on your connection card.

Up Coming Core Classes

Core Class 101: Sharing Community In Christ This class is designed to help you grow in your faith and is a great way to learn about NorthPointe. Join Pastor Steve Williams **Saturday, 1/14** from 4 - 7pm in the warehouse as he teaches you about our mission, strategies, style and plan. It's a great place to start if you're new to NorthPointe or are ready to take that next step.

Core Class 301: S.H.A.P.E. Make plans to join us **Saturday, 1/14** from 4 - 7pm in The Outlet as Pastor Shane Ham & Shawn Meyer, Minister to Volunteers, take a closer look at your **S**piritual gifts, **H**earth-felt passions, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality type & **E**xperiences in life to discover how God has uniquely shaped you.

Dinner is provided. To reserve your spot, check the appropriate box on the back of your connection card. Childcare is only available for these classes by reservation. Deadline for childcare reservation is Tuesday, 1/10 by calling the office at 276.2300.



NORTHPOINTE MEN

The Game Plan Every man needs a Game Plan! Sexual sin has affected countless lives, marriages, & ministries. It's an ongoing problem among Christians, thousands of whom are tempted daily. So what's your Game Plan? Author and speaker Joe Dallas will present a message based on his book, *The Game Plan*. This free event is not just for men who struggle with sexual sin in their own lives; it's for all Christian men who are concerned about the destructive impact sexual sin has on society & on our calling to become Men of God. Joe Dallas will raise awareness of these important issues, equip us to attain & maintain sexual integrity in our own lives, & teach us how to help others who struggle in this area. Save the date for this powerful Men's Conference on **Saturday, 2/11**.

Men's Breakfast Our first Men's Breakfast of 2012 is **Saturday, 1/14** at 7:15am in the Worship Center. Enjoy a great breakfast & powerful message from Dean Eller, the President & CEO of the Central CA Blood Center. Tickets are \$5 and are available from the guys in black aprons.

NorthPointe Works We're a ministry of support, reaching out to those of you who are recently or long-term unemployed, under-employed, or are having difficulty finding the job God has designed for you. We're committed to walking alongside you as you seek to discern how God wants to bless you. We'll connect you to a network of resources to empower your search and will encourage you as you navigate the path ahead. We meet the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month from 6:30 - 8:30pm in Room 6.



Women's Bible Study Get to know both the man & the book of James in Beth Moore's 8 session Bible Study. James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. And in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, & prayer. Join us either Tuesday Evenings in the Worship Center at 7pm or Friday Mornings in The Outlet at 9:30am. The cost is \$20 & childcare is available only on Tuesday evening & is \$40 per child for the study. Stop by our Women's Ministry table starting **Sunday, 1/8** to register!

Girls' Night Out

Grab a friend & join us for our Girls' Night Out Game Night on **Friday, 1/27** from 7 – 9pm in the warehouse! Imagine: laughter, games, dessert, meeting new friends, dessert, coffee and more dessert... what more could you ask for? This will be a fantastic night of fun & games so don't miss out on this laid back evening! Sign up at the Women's Ministry table **Sunday, 1/15** and bring your favorite dessert to share! This is a FREE event so make sure you bring your friends!

Last Weekend to Purchase your Health & Wellness Seminar Tickets

Join us on **Saturday, 1/14** for a ½ day seminar to give you time to remember that God designed your body to handle a lot, but only if you care for it! Margie Jessen, a local nurse practitioner and expert in women's health issues will give us information on great ways to eat healthier, manage stress, lose weight, & most importantly, the 10 things women need to know about their health! There will be information booths & health screenings. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Women's Ministry table.

For Women Only with Joe Dallas The world you live in promotes sex as the answer to just about everything. It's everywhere- movies, TV, internet, magazines, billboards. The world is a visual minefield for the men in our lives and the boys we are raising. Come to this free event on **Friday, 2/10** from 7 - 9pm to hear from author & speaker Joe Dallas on how to understand your guys' secret desires, fears and his daily battles that you know nothing about. This evening will be filled with eye-opening revelations you need to not only understand the man in your life, but to support and love him in the way he needs to be loved. You will discover how to love your man for who he really is- not who you think he is. To register, circle **J** on your connection card or go to northpointe.org/women.

DivorceCare Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. DivorceCare is a 13-week DVD series and support group to help you understand what's happening and begin the healing process. Groups are beginning **Monday, 1/23** from 6:30 – 8:30pm in Room 2 (yellow building). Just come to the first meeting, or circle **D** on your connection card if you'd like to be contacted. Childcare is available for a fee & by reservation only. To reserve childcare call the office at 276.2300

Door of Hope This is a confidential 12-week Bible study and support group for women based on Jan Frank's book of the same name. It's designed to provide a time for survivors of childhood sexual abuse to identify & work through their issues while allowing Jesus to do His healing work. A new group will begin **Tuesday, 1/17** in Northwest Fresno. It might be frightening for you to make the first contact but say a quick prayer, take a deep breath, and get in touch...Jesus is waiting to open your door of hope. Leave a confidential message for Nancy at 905.8504. "He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him." Daniel 2:22



the wherehouse

Junior High: Sunday at 9:30am
High School: Sunday at 11:15am

exile

College Age: Thursday at 7:30pm

Parables: Buried Treasure. A wedding party. Gardening. A rebellious child. Through parables, Jesus used the power of story & imagery to communicate powerful truths about God and His Kingdom. Join us in the wherehouse (JH - College) as we re-tell these powerful stories in new language & unpack their relevance for our lives.

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Birth - 6th Grade
Sunday at 9:30,
11:15am & 5:30pm
npkids.org

Winter Camp Is Filling Up! March 2nd thru 4th, our 5th & 6th graders will be headed to Sugar Pine for a great weekend of fun...BUT we've got a limited number of spots this year, and they are getting full, so head on over to The Outlet today to get your child signed up before it's too late! Your kids will have a great time hanging out with friends, having fun in the snow and learning COOL things about God. The total cost is \$130 and all we need is a \$40 deposit to secure your child's spot. So head on over to The Outlet today to sign up, or circle **W** on your connection card and we'll be in touch with you!

KidsCore is Back! We hope that all our KidsCore kids have had a great Christmas Vacation & are looking forward to getting back to our Tuesday night fun! We'll get started this **Tuesday, 1/10** at 7pm!

First Steps Class Our next First Steps Class is **Tuesday, 1/24**. This class for kids up through 6th grade is designed to help them understand what it means to be a Christian & why baptism is an important step to take when they choose to follow Jesus. This class is required for any child desiring to be baptized, & we'd love for parents to come too! If your child would like to participate, circle **F** on your connection card.