

North Bay Community Church
3170 McMullen Booth Road
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Fellowship Events

Come and enjoy our special Fall Chili Supper and Sing-Along on Saturday, November 16th in the hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. With dinner at 5 p.m. Prizes have been donated by Jim and Edyth Wahl for our raffle ticket winners. Scott and Kendall will be leading the singing along with Cathy at the piano. Bring guests and celebrate this thanksgiving time of year with our church fellowship!!

Remember to sign up if you are interested in decorating our church for Christmas on the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, November 30th at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served for your pleasure when the sanctuary is decorated. The more that sign up the less time it will take! Please help if you can. Cathy will entertain with holiday music on the piano. Thank you!

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's Christmas Dinner Party time!!! Get ready to sign up soon for the special holiday event on Saturday, December 14th in the hall at 4:30 p.m. With dinner at 5 p.m. This year the committee is planning to have a catering service for part of the dinner and a sign-up sheet at the last Sunday in November for you to mark down your choice of side dish or dessert. There will be entertainment and holiday gifts to be awarded. Please plan on bringing guests and celebrating our Savior's birth with your church family. Thank you and have a blessed and Merry Christmas!!
Cathy Good



Community Missions

Don't forget that our Thanksgiving Food Drive is Sunday, November 10. This year the need is even bigger with all the destruction from the hurricanes.

Beginning November 17 there will be angels in the Gathering Place. It's time to help the Salvation Army in their mission to make sure all families have a Merry Christmas. Each year we have a toy and seniors gift drive. These gifts help fill the wishes of children and seniors at Christmas. Take an angel and bring in 1 or more toys for ages infant to 12, boys or girls. There are also tags with a senior man or woman on them along with a list of wished items. DO NOT WRAP the gifts. You can bring in the gifts on Sunday Nov. 24 with Dec. 8 being the last day. Let's make sure all children and seniors have a smile on their face on Christmas morning.
Bonnie Spears

World Missions

We are very excited to announce that at this time we have given out 100 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be filled with love !!

Remember to pray for the child who will receive your box of love. Pray that they will come to know Jesus.

There are still OCC boxes available if you have not picked one up!!

Thank you to all participating in this precious project...

Special thank you to the dedicated team who showed up to fold boxes !!!!

We are excited to see the final count !!
Jane Wentworth



North Bay Community Church, November 2024



Tides



By Pastor John

"Giving is not just about what we give, but about reflecting God's love through generosity—blessing others while growing in gratitude and faith."

Imagine two people holding water in their hands. One person clenches their fist tightly, trying to keep as much water as possible, but the harder they squeeze, the more it slips away. The other person keeps their hand open, and while some water runs off, their hand is always ready to receive more.

In the same way, giving with an open hand allows God's blessings to flow through us. Proverbs 11:24 says, "One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty." When we give generously, we position ourselves to receive even greater blessings—spiritually and practically.

A closed hand can't give or receive, but an open hand reflects trust in God's provision. When we give freely, we create space for God's blessings to flow both to us and through us.

The Blessings of Giving

The Bible teaches that giving is more than an obligation—it is an opportunity to experience God's blessings. When we give with joyful and generous hearts, we not only help others but also grow spiritually and reflect God's character. The act of giving blesses both the giver and the recipient, creating a ripple effect of grace and gratitude in the lives of all involved.

1. Giving Reflects God's Generosity:

God is the ultimate giver. John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son." Every act of generosity mirrors God's love and provision in our lives. As we give, we participate in God's mission to bless others, becoming channels of His love and resources. Acts 20:35 reminds us of Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Giving allows us to reflect God's heart and grow in gratitude for His blessings.

2. Giving Brings Joy and Fulfillment:

The Bible teaches that giving generously leads to joy. 2 Corinthians 9:7 encourages believers to give "not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." When we give willingly, it cultivates joy in our hearts, reminding us that the true reward of giving lies in the act itself—not just in what we receive in return. Giving also shifts our focus from ourselves to others, fostering contentment and fulfillment as we see the impact our generosity has on those in need.

3. Giving Invites God's Blessings: God promises that when we give faithfully, He will supply all our needs. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap." While the blessings may not always come in material form, God rewards generous hearts with peace, joy, and spiritual abundance.

Finally... The blessings of giving extend beyond material rewards. Through giving, we reflect God's generosity, experience joy, and open the door for His blessings in our lives. Giving allows us to participate in God's work, bringing hope to others while building spiritual treasure that lasts for eternity. As we give with open hearts, we grow in gratitude and faith, trusting that God will always provide.

Monday Manna

Monday, Nov. 11

A new study on Genesis will begin.
Contact Julie Chamberlain.



5 Reasons Why Choirs Are Important in Christian Worship

1. Unity Among The Congregants

One of the primary reasons that choirs are so important to Christian worship is that they help to create a sense of unity among the congregants. When a choir sings, they are not just performing for themselves but leading the congregation in worship. This creates a sense of community and shared purpose and helps create an environment where people feel comfortable expressing their faith and connecting with one another.

2. Elevate The Worship Experience

Choirs also provide a powerful means of expressing the emotion and passion often associated with Christian worship. Music has a unique ability to stir the soul, and when combined with powerful lyrics, it can help elevate the worship experience to a higher level. The harmonies, rhythms, and melodies created by a choir can help create a sense of awe and wonder that is often associated with encounters with the divine.

3. Facilitating A Connection Between The Congregation and God

Another important role of choirs in Christian worship is facilitating a connection between the congregation and God. Singing in a choir is itself an act of worship, and it can help create a sense of intimacy and closeness with God. When a choir sings, they express their faith through music, which can help create a

bridge between the physical and the spiritual worlds. This can be an incredibly powerful experience for congregants and help deepen their relationship with God.

4. Create Order and Structure Within The Service

In addition to these spiritual benefits, choirs also have practical benefits for Christian worship. For example, they can help to set the tone for the service and create a sense of anticipation and expectation among the congregation. They can also help to create a sense of order and structure within the service, and can provide a framework for the sermon or message that follows. In this way, choirs can help to create a more cohesive and meaningful worship experience for all involved.

5. Church Choirs Create Church Leaders

Finally, studies have shown that the two groups in a church body who give the most to that parish are Sunday School teachers and choir members. Both groups invest hours in preparation for their Sunday assignments. Taking on these roles requires an acknowledgement that they are leaders within the church, and their hours of study and practice prove their dedication to the parish. When vacancies come within the structured leadership of the church – Deacons, Elders, Boards and Committees – choir members are always high on the list of potential candidates because of their proven track record of giving of themselves and their time to the betterment of the church.

In conclusion, choirs are an incredibly important part of Christian worship, and they play a vital role in enhancing the spiritual experience of congregants. They provide a powerful means of creating a sense of community and shared purpose,

and they can help to express the emotion and passion that is often associated with encounters with the divine. They also facilitate a connection between the congregation and God, and can help to deepen the faith and relationship of all involved. With their ability to create order and structure within the service, choirs provide a practical benefit to worship and the overall health of the church. All of these benefits combine to make choirs a vital and important part of Christian worship.

Scott Kline

November Events

Craft Show 11/2 Saturday 9-3

Lifeline Screening 11/9 Saturday 9-4

Veteran's Sunday/Food Drive 11/10, 10:30

Fall Chili Supper/Sing-Along 11/16 Sat. 4:30

Thanksgiving Service 11/26 Tues., 11 AM

Hanging of the Greens 11/30 Sat., 10 AM

December Events

Blue Christmas Service 12/17 Tues., 11AM

Orchestra Christmas Concert 12/10, 3 PM

Fellowship Christmas Dinner 12/14, 4 PM

Choir Cantata 12/15 Sunday 10:30 AM

Council Mtg. 12/18 at 2PM

Christmas Eve Service