

NCC Connection 8/28/25

Good morning, Church Family,

Have you ever thought about the issue of legalism through the lens of depending on the Holy Spirit to help us do what we can't do ourselves, and then trusting the results that God brings? This past Sunday we were reminded from Galatians 6:11-18 that we need to resist attempting to look good outwardly. If we are going to boast, we should boast in the cross of Christ. That is where we can find peace and mercy in our lives. Will it be easy? No, but when we search for and pursue God's purpose for us as individuals and as a church family, we can bask in that peace and mercy that only He can provide.

Here are a few things going on this week:

- We had ten people attend the Membership Class this past Tuesday. Pray for these individuals as they consider becoming members of our church.
- Have you noticed the beautiful planters as you enter the front doors of the church? Thanks to Shelia Spath for sharing her creative touch with arranging these and keeping them watered! See picture below.
- It was a joy to see four students share their testimonies and be baptized at Branched Oak Lake this past Wednesday at the Axis kickoff event. Thanks to Pastor Jamin and all of the Axis volunteers who work to build relationships and to sow God's Word into the hearts of the teens of our church and community. Eternal work is being done! See pictures below.
- This Sunday we welcome Robert Hayden to our pulpit.

Please pray for Ben and Melissa DeWaard and their family as they are adjusting to being displaced from their home after the recent storm. Let's pray specifically that the process of working through the insurance claim will go smoothly and without any delays.

A new Life Group season is getting ready to kick off. Now is a great time to get plugged into a Life Group. Visit the NCC website regarding when the various groups will be meeting. Additional information will be shared Sunday morning.

Reminders: The Anchor Crew Kick-Off event will be Tuesday September 2nd. Anchor Crew will begin its regular schedule Wednesday September 10th.

See the pictures below from the recent Ladies' Night.

Blessings on your week!

Dustin, Dan S., Lonnie, and Dan J.

See the preaching schedule through early October below:

August 31 Robert Hayden

September -- Kerry Dinkins

September 7 "Who Needs a Doctor." Luke 5:27-32

September 14 "Christianity is a Team Sport" Romans 12:4-8

September 21 "The Hall of Faith – Part 1" Hebrews 11:1-13

September 28 "The Hall of Faith – Part 2" Hebrews 11:14-34

October 5 Missions Sunday

