



NORTHPOINT  
CHURCH

## IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on YouTube at **9:00 a.m.**, and **in-person**, inside the Worship Center at **10:45 a.m.**

## PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted as soon as possible this week.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **General Prayer Requests** — [prayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:prayer@northpointcorona.org) — for requests that will be emailed to the congregation's Prayer Chain
- **Confidential Prayer Requests** — [confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org) — for private requests that will be directed to the Leadership Team
- **Need Prayer Today?** — You can pray with someone at the end of this service — prayer team members will be waiting in front of the stage

## CONNECT WITH US

• **Contact Our Leadership Team:** Do you need to contact one of our elders, pastors, directors, or support staff, or do you want to find out more about them? You can accomplish both by visiting [northpointcorona.org/about/leadership-2](http://northpointcorona.org/about/leadership-2), or by opening the camera on your phone to scan this QR code:



• **Find Out What's Happening at NP:** Just about every Thursday, we send out **NP News**, our all-church newsletter email. In it, there's typically a short note from Pastor Tony, a calendar of upcoming events, a preview of our next Sunday service order, and all you need to know about what's happening at Northpoint. Subscribe to **NP News** by opening the camera on your phone to scan this QR code:

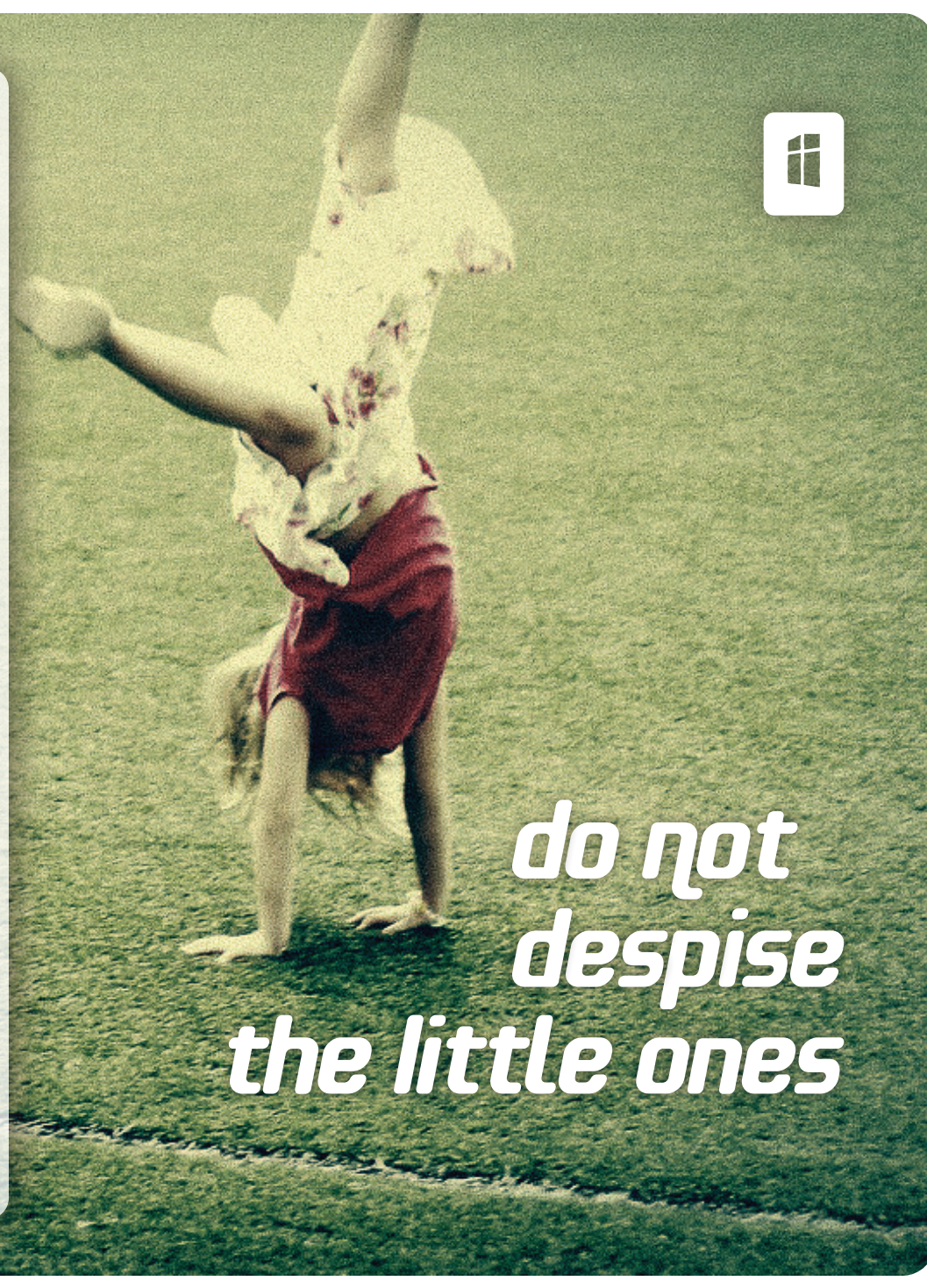


• **Connect with Us on Social Media** through **Instagram** at [@northpointchurch\\_corona](https://www.instagram.com/northpointchurch_corona).

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despise  
the little ones*



## WELCOME!

We're honored you've decided to spend the morning with us. Please know that we're here to assist you in any way we can with your quest to grow closer to God. Below, you'll find what we'll be doing during today's service. On the right panel, you can get an idea of what happens around Northpoint each week and things we're looking forward to.

## WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

Today, we'll start by reading a short passage from the Bible to focus our attention on God. We'll sing songs of praise to Him. We'll pray to Him. We'll give to God's work with a money offering. (If you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to give.) We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. We'll symbolically celebrate Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with Communion. Then, before being dismissed, we'll sing a closing song.

## TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll take a break from our sermon series through the *Old Testament* books of *1 and 2 Kings*, *For the Sake of My Servant David*, for a special message titled *Do Not Despire the Little Ones*, from *Matthew 18:1-14*. There, we'll focus on God's love for children and our commitment to lead them faithfully to the Lord.

## SERVICE ORDER



JULY 12, 2026

▲ = When we're **standing** (as you are able)

|                                                               |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Call to Worship</b>                                        | Tri Nguyen, Worship Leader                        |
| <i>Psalm 103:8-13</i>                                         |                                                   |
| ▲ <b>Congregational Singing</b>                               | Worship Team + Congregation                       |
| <i>God Saves + Every Move I Make</i>                          |                                                   |
| <b>Welcome + Announcements</b>                                | Analiene Alfonsi + Carolee Jefferson + Dani Tiqui |
| <b>VBS 2026 Recap</b>                                         | Analiene Alfonsi + Carolee Jefferson + Dani Tiqui |
| <b>Time of Recognition</b>                                    | Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor                       |
| <i>Honoring Terilyn Brown, Northpoint Children's Director</i> |                                                   |
| ▲ <b>Congregational Singing</b>                               | Worship Team + Congregation                       |
| <i>Searching for the Savior</i>                               |                                                   |
| ▲ <b>Offertory</b>                                            | Worship Team + Congregation                       |
| <i>Victory in Jesus</i>                                       |                                                   |
| <b>Today's Message</b>                                        | Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor                       |
| <i>Do Not Despire the Little Ones - Matthew 18:1-14</i>       |                                                   |
| <b>Communion</b>                                              | Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor                       |
| ▲ <b>Closing Song</b>                                         | Worship Team + Congregation                       |
| <i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>                                  |                                                   |
| <b>Benediction</b>                                            | Tri Nguyen, Worship Leader                        |
| <i>Romans 15:5-7</i>                                          |                                                   |

## WHAT TO DO NOW? SCAN HERE!



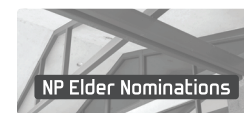
We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Connect with NP by scanning the QR code to fill out an online **Guest Card** or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **Sunday school**, and our quarterly **Get to Know You Lunches** and **membership classes**.

## THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT \*

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| <b>Today</b>    | In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on YouTube<br>Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room Upstairs<br>NP KIDS' 1st Service Program, Birth-6th Grade, (Dismissed from service during Announcements)<br>Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room<br>Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons<br>Living the Truth, <i>A Study of Romans</i> , (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Heritage Hall |
| <b>Monday</b>   | Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Commons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | JH & SH Hot Summer Nights Gathering, 6:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Off Campus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Revolve (Young Adults), 7:00 p.m., Upstairs, Youth Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Friday</b>   | Pieces of Love Quilting Group, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Commons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Saturday</b> | Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Heritage Hall<br>Pieces of Love Quilting Group, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Music Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

\* For the latest each week, contact [bbrown@northpointcorona.org](mailto:bbrown@northpointcorona.org) to receive the NP all-church email, **NP News**.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT \*



The **Northpoint Elder Nominating Committee**, with the unanimous support of the Elders, are pleased to announce the nomination of two **Elder Candidates: Mark Blincoe** and **Joel Willson**. The Northpoint family will be asked to affirm them at the upcoming **Congregational Meeting** on **July 26**. For more about Mark and Joel, and for details where you can meet the two, see the today's special program insert.



Attention all men! Join us for a **special Men's Breakfast THIS Saturday, July 18**, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in Heritage Hall, where, in addition to the typical great time of food and fellowship, you'll have a chance to get to know our elder candidates, **Mark Blincoe** and **Joel Willson**, better with a **Q&A Forum**. See insert for more about Mark and Joel.



**Pieces of Love** quilting ministry will be is meeting **THIS Friday, July 17**, and again **THIS Saturday, July 18**, in the Commons, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come share the love and comfort of Christ with the world by making and then giving away quilts. They'll be happy to teach quilting skills!



If you've been considering baptism, you're to invited to our **Northpoint Baptism Class NEXT Sunday, July 19**, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Tower Room. Lunch will be provided; sign up at the Information Center in the Foyer to help us get an accurate head count.



Join us for a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, **July 26**, at 4:00 p.m. We'll review the NP budget and the financial report, vote to affirm new members and new elders **Mark Blincoe** and **Joel Willson**.

\* For more ways to connect with the Northpoint family, see the back of this program.

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comes with the redemption of Anakin Skywalker in *Return of the Jedi*. As for my favorite vacation spot, I love to travel pretty much anywhere. However, I am most relaxed when I travel to Disney World in Orlando.



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### ***Opportunities to meet Joel Willson and Mark Blincoe***

*If you would like to get to know our elder candidates a little bit better, we'll have these formal opportunities:*

- **TODAY, July 12** - Mark will be spending time in our Adult Discipleship Groups. See today's Program for times and locations.
- **Saturday, July 18** - Mark and Joel will participate in a **Q&A Session** at the **Men's Breakfast**. See today's Program for details.
- **Sunday, July 19** - Joel will be spending time in our Adult Discipleship Groups. See today's Program for times and locations.
- **Sunday, July 26** - Join us at our upcoming **Congregational Meeting** where we'll vote to affirm Joel and Mark as Northpoint elders. See today's Program for details.

# Elder Snapshots

## *From the Leadership Team*

*On Sunday, **July 26**, the Northpoint family will **vote to affirm two additional elders** at our Congregational Meeting. We hope that during the time leading up to the meeting, you will prayerfully consider these men and seek the Lord's will for our church. To help you get to know them better, we have provided an elder snapshot in which our candidates were asked a few questions and graciously provided their answers:*



**JOEL Willson**

### ***What is your spiritual gift, and why do you aspire to serve as an elder at Northpoint Church (see 1 Timothy 3)?***

I feel that the Lord has given me the gift of discernment, teaching, and encouragement. I have had the opportunity to serve in youth ministry, missions, small groups, tech team, children's ministry, and prayer and care ministries. Through these ministries, I feel I have grown spiritually and developed deeper relationships with other church members. If I am confirmed as an elder, I believe that I will be able to continue to cultivate relationships that encourage spiritual growth for myself and other Northpoint members.

### ***What is your favorite thing about Northpoint Church?***

I really appreciate that Northpoint focuses on having a deeper relationship with God through the study and application of God's Word, which allows God to transform my heart and actions. I am also drawn to the relationships I have with others who share their desire to seek God

even when they are going through pain, through various challenges of life and personal struggles. I love that Northpoint continues to find ways to make the gospel truth known to as many people in as many places as we are able. I love that, while seeking the truth, it is done with love. I feel at home here.

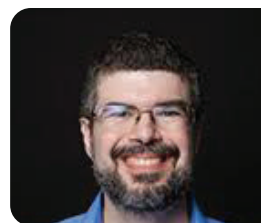
***What is your favorite food, book, movie, and vacation spot?***

I really enjoy good barbecue. Baby back ribs, tri-tip, beef ribs, and brisket are among my favorites. I also like Mediterranean, Indian, and Mexican food.

Aside from reading Scripture, I don't usually spend a lot of time reading for pleasure. When I do, I enjoy books that explore the deeper side of who God is, such as *Knowing God*, *Mere Christianity*, and I am currently attempting to read *Your God is Too Small*.

I enjoy the escapism of a good comedy; some of Mel Brooks' movies would be included. The movie *The Third Man* appeals to my love of humor and history.

My wife, Tina, and I especially enjoy California's central coast. It seems a world away with awesome views and a different shoreline than what we usually see. If you can catch it on a sunny day, it's spectacular.



**MARK Blincoe**

***What is your spiritual gift, and why do you aspire to serve as an elder at Northpoint Church (see 1 Timothy 3)?***

I believe that my spiritual gift is teaching, and to a certain extent the gift of knowledge, as there can be no teaching without knowledge. To me, teaching is more than conveying information. It is a way of building up a person's understanding and conduct in accordance with God's Will. I accept the nomination for elder out of my desire to serve God and his church. I do not seek this role for the sake of status and authority. I aspire to be a shepherd to other believers and to bring the Gospel to those who do not understand this message. God has already given me many opportunities to fulfill this desire through teaching opportunities and one-on-one mentoring. I do believe that God is leading me towards eldership out of his desire to expand my usefulness to the church and to facilitate the work of others whom God has gifted to advance the Gospel at Northpoint and our community.

***What is your favorite thing about Northpoint Church?***

It is difficult to pick one favorite thing about our church! I will point to James 1:22 and James 2:18 for inspiration, as I see our church as vibrant "doers" of the word and not just "hearers." I am continually impressed at how many of our congregants are invested in far more ministries than I would expect in a church our size. Thus, the active vibrancy of our faith is my favorite thing about Northpoint.

***What is your favorite food, book, movie, and vacation spot?***

I'm not sure I can pick a single food as my favorite, though I am rather partial to Mexican food (especially Chimichangas). My favorite book is Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. I like the way Tolkien interweaves Christian themes in the world of Middle Earth. I grew up as a *Star Wars* kid. *Empire Strikes Back* is my favorite of the films. However, the payoff



## ***Do Not Despise the Little Ones***

Matthew 18:1-14

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

**Overview:** In answer to the question, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus responds by calling a child to Himself and putting him in the midst of the disciples. Instead of affirming their pursuit of greatness by means of personal accomplishments and recognition, Jesus warns them that such pursuits can lead to their missing the kingdom of heaven altogether. Greatness, as defined by Jesus, is childlike humility before God and man. Jesus then encourages the disciples to receive such children and, in so doing, they are offering a ministry to Jesus as well; but those who cause little ones to sin will face severe judgment. The reason for such tender care of the little ones is more than earthly practicality—such little ones are under the watchful care of angels and are so deeply loved by the Lord that their salvation is paramount. As we continue to invest in children’s ministry at Northpoint, let us be mindful of their value to God and relish our responsibility to lead them to the Lord by example and with intentionality.

**01. Supporting children’s ministry at Northpoint is not a babysitting program or a gimmick to get parents to come to church. It is a vital ministry that affirms the value of every child and contributes to their walk with the Lord.**

**02. Serving in children’s ministry at Northpoint is not a step below or a stepping-stone to other ministries. It is an opportunity to develop in others what God desires to see in us and to protect little ones from harm.**

1. What prompted Jesus to bring the child within His midst in order to teach a lesson on humility? Before this episode, how would you have answered the question, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” What difference can this lesson on humility make in your life today?

2. Is Jesus teaching us in this passage that children are innocent and without sin? What biblical passages remind us that all have sinned? How does the doctrine of original sin point to the need for all people to be born again?

3. What does it mean for one to “turn and become like children” with regard to salvation? What do we turn from and what do we turn to in order to enter the kingdom of heaven? How is our greatness after our conversion measured by what Christ has done for us and is doing through us?

4. Note the serious nature of judgment that follows for those who lead little ones to sin. Why are sins against children so heinous? What is the role of angels with respect to children? How do verses 10-14 reveal the heart of God toward wayward children? Is your heart the same for them?

5. In what ways can you begin to support children’s ministry at Northpoint? Ask the Lord to increase our awareness of and passion for children to know the Lord as we continue to serve together.

**For Further Reading: Ray and Jani Ortlund, *To the Tenth Generation: God’s Heart for Your Family, Far into the Future* (Broadman & Holman, 2024)**

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