

# THE FLAME

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## Round up the Flock



**Sunday, September 11  
6:00 PM**

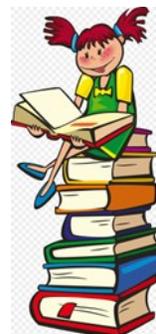
**In the Pavilion**

**Hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixin's. Water provided.  
Please bring a side dish, lawn chair, friends & family.  
Lots and Lots of friends!**



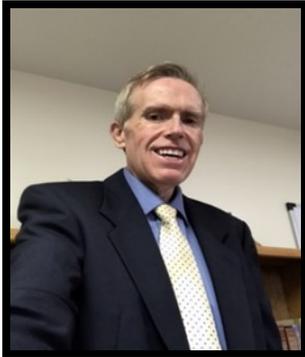
Construction of the Pavilion gives us the opportunity to reach out to the community in new and exciting ways. Please join us as we dedicate this new construction to the glory of God.

**Sunday, September 25th, 11:30 AM**





## He Cared for the Likes of Us



Pastor  
Leon Veazey

It was estimated by some that in August of 1912, over a million people filled the streets of London for the funeral procession of William Booth. It is estimated that 40,000 attended his funeral at the Olympia Exhibition Hall in West London, including prostitutes, criminals, and the outcasts of society. Also present, but arriving late and standing obscurely at the back of the building, was Queen Mary, Consort of King George V.

William Booth was the founder of what evolved into The Salvation Army. He had been a Methodist preacher under appointment in London but was too restless to serve within the walls of the local church. Booth left the church and served as a street evangelist for a couple of years with his wife Catherine. He observed how that in the streets of London if a cab horse was injured or sick, people would huddle around it and aid it to lodging, nurture, and healing so that it could be back up and about its vocation. Booth lamented that the same care wasn't given to humans who fell prey to life circumstances, often including poor choices and behavioral patterns of their own that kept them at the bottom of life.

General Booth and his wife Catherine, along with their daughter Evangeline, devoted their lives with great passion to the ministry of the gospel in both word and deed. When he died, dignitaries from all over the world sent messages of recognition of the great impact that his ministry had on a world-wide scale.

Queen Mary, trying to remain obscure at the funeral of the iconic Booth, ended up observing a very simply dressed woman who waited eagerly for the passing of the casket so she could lay three roses upon it and weep as it passed. The queen, unable to avoid her curiosity, asked the woman what the reason for her extreme emotion was. She explained that she had been a prostitute in the streets of East London, and that the ministry of William Booth had reached her and changed her life. He once told her that when she gets to heaven, Mary Magdalene will have a special seat to offer her, right next to hers. The woman replied to the Queen, that she was so emotional because, "He cared for the likes of us."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is simply that, "He cared for the likes of us!" Perhaps you first met Jesus in the kindness and mercy of an ordinary human being. Maybe someone else will encounter Jesus today in one of us. Whenever we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, render aid to the sick, and welcome the marginalized, we are truly following and serving Christ! (Matthew 25:31-45) We are invited by Christ to be his hands and feet in serving collectively to "do the most good." When asked why she served so relentlessly as The Sal-

vation Army's fourth General, Evangeline Booth (William's youngest daughter) replied, "the greatest reward is doing the most good for the most people in the most need." Our reward is the service we render. It really is a joy and an honor to serve in the Name of Christ!

*(Blood and Fire, Tsar and Commissar, The Salvation Army in Russia 1907-1923; Aitken, Tom; 2007, Paternoster Publishers, Milton Keynes, Great Britain; Pg 141.*

ARTICLE: **Salvation Army Marks 100th Anniversary of the Death of Founder William Booth;** Kevin Sims; August 17, 2012;

([https://disaster.salvationarmyusa.org/news/21/08/17/salvation\\_army\\_marks\\_100th\\_anniversary\\_of\\_the\\_death\\_of\\_founder\\_william\\_booth](https://disaster.salvationarmyusa.org/news/21/08/17/salvation_army_marks_100th_anniversary_of_the_death_of_founder_william_booth))



A tree stands so patiently,  
Not asking, "What can I be?  
What can I be?"  
For a tree is a tree as a tree can be,  
That's its purpose in life is to be a tree.  
Without a doubt, it knows it's worth,  
Roots delving deep into the Earth,  
Branches stretching strong and proud,  
Pointing at the passing clouds.  
All of Nature loves the tree,  
In its beautiful simplicity.  
And without speaking, it teaches me,  
To be happy with just being me.  
~Anon.



*Music gives a  
soul to the  
universe, wings  
to the mind,  
flight to the  
imagination  
and life to  
everything.  
~ Plato.*

## Music Notes

by Joycelynn Davidson

Chancel Choir will be back in the loft this Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be good to have them back leading the congregation in joyful sound. The first rehearsal will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. I have asked Marta Sullivan to fill in for me again and thank her for her gracious consent. Then she went above and beyond and asked if she could get a handbell group together. You may be receiving a call soon if you haven't already.

Coming soon: Meet the Composer is on the calendar for February 17 – 19, 2023. Seems like a long way off but time flies. I need everyone to help spread the word and

save the date. More information to come.

Personal update:

I am home recovering from major surgery that left me extremely weak. My doctor compared it to open heart surgery. My strength is getting better day by day. The large soft tissue mass has been removed and my prayer is that was the last of the lymphoma. I had a PT scan last week and eagerly await the results. Thank you all for your continued prayers, cards, and calls. You are an amazing congregation. I love you all and miss being among you. Hope to see you soon.



*Who can find a virtuous  
and capable wife? She is  
more precious than rubies.*

Proverbs 31:10-12

### UWF

**Tuesday, September 6th,  
Albright UMCMethodist Church  
6:30 PM  
Francis & Lois Bartley talk about  
being missionaries  
in Estonia**

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**Friday the 9th and 23rd. at 1:00  
PM the Ladies will  
prepare sandwiches for the  
Mid-high youth**

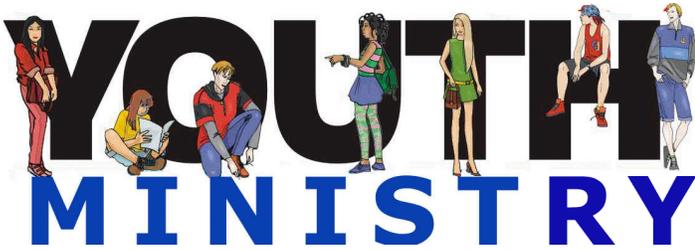
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**District Meeting  
Sunday, September 18th  
The District meeting is in  
Hennessey. Plan on leaving  
the church at 12:00 PM.**

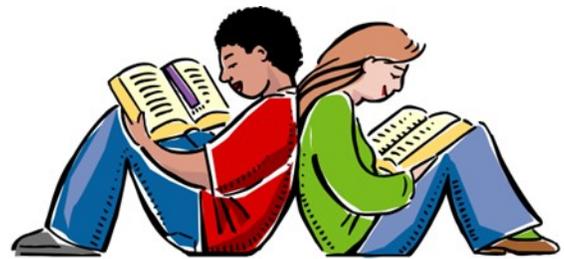
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**Wednesday Night Live  
September 18th  
UWF will be responsible for  
the dinner that night.**





# YOUTH MINISTRY



Hey Youth and Parents!

I can't believe School has started! It seems like just yesterday we were kicking off the summer.

Anyway, this month we will be starting a new lesson series called "REAL". This month we will be talking about Friendship, so bring your friend to W.O.W. on Wednesdays from 4pm - 5:30pm for Food, Fellowship, and lots of Fun.

Also this month we have our monthly youth breakfast fundraiser on September 18th at 8:45 am. Don't forget to follow the youth group on Instagram to see all the fun stuff we do! Instagram: Fumc\_pc\_youth

Can't wait to see everyone!

Blessings to All,

Lindsey McGee

Youth Ministry Director

*Books are like mirrors: if a fool looks in, you cannot expect a genius to look out. ~J.K. Rowling*

*So many books, so little time. ~Frank Zappa*

*Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. — Charles W. Eliot*

*Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled 'This could change your life.' ~Helen Exley*

*The only important thing in a book is the meaning that it has for you. ~W. Somerset Maugham*

*A room without books is like a body without a soul. ~Marcus Tullius Cicero*

*Books train your imagination to think big. ~Taylor Swift*

*In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you. ~Mortimer J. Adler*



	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
		<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
		<b>TYT</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
		<b>Wednesday Night Live</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
	<b>Third Sunday</b>	<b>Youth Breakfast Fundraiser</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>





### Caring Fund

The Caring/Assistance Fund is back in operation and we need your help! During the last two months we have helped 15 people who needed assistance. We purchased a bus ticket for a man who was down on his luck and needed to go "home." We have assisted three clients with getting their utilities turned back on; they had all the other funding they needed, we were their last stop financially. We've bought gasoline for two people to get to work. We've provided lodging for two people and served seven people with our *Food 4 Friends* pantry. But the Caring Fund is limited in resources. Our congregation is very good at donating to NERA and we appreciate that because we send people with a utility need to them for their assistance. We have a fully stocked pantry to help with food for assistance in emergency situations. We could use funds to help fund people who are referred to us by our partner agencies. Please prayerfully consider helping to replenish this fund. You can donate through PayPal or in the offering plate. Please mark your donation "caring fund." The more funds we generate, the more people we can help in the name of First United Methodist Church. Thank you.



### 'WHO AM I...'

If you guessed Suzi Lenhart last month, give yourself a big gold star. These are the clues for September:

I'm retired, yet work/volunteer part-time. One of my two children and I have masters degrees, but not from the same university. I was born in Ponca City and have lived in Kay County most of my life. I'm "loyal and true".



### Wanted

**Do you like to take pictures?**

**We need a camera bug; someone who is willing to take pictures when we have special events or services.**

**These pictures are used in our Flame and tell the story of how great our fellowship can be.**

**You don't need any fancy equipment. Pictures taken on your phone work great!**



Wednesday Night Live (previously P&P) has a new format.

Dinner 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Singing 6:00 - 6:10 PM

Program 6:10 - 7:00 PM

The following is a list of titles and speakers through the month of October:

09/07 "Knowing Your Why", Pastor Leon

09/14 "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord, all ye lands", Ponca Indian Methodist Church Fundraiser, Pastor Jimmie White

09/21 "You've Got Personality, Does God?" Kim Walling, Pastor Leon

09/28 "You've Got Personality, ..." (cont'd) Kim Walling, Pastor Leon

10/05 "Fit for Life", Pastor Leon

10/14 "Can I Get a Volunteer?" Dolly Roland

10/19 "How to Have God's Love Flow Through You (video & Discussion, Dr. Gary Smalley) Kim Walling, Pastor Leon

0/26 "The 4 Gs - Grief and God's Grace to Get Us Through It" Sue Lunsford

Meals will be announced at a later date.





**PRAYER CORNER**

Father, thank You. Thank You for the new beginnings You provide in every moment.

My body is filled with praise and thanksgiving for the love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness You give. Even when I fail, You are there waiting to pick me up and guide me back on the path You have ready for me.

You have placed wonderful people in my life to help me follow You. Thank You for those special people. *I will praise You in the storms and I will praise You in the joys.* (Philippians 4:4)

Thank You, God, for new beginnings. Amen.



**SEPTEMBER HAIKU**

Back to school we go;  
Striving to gain approval,  
Basking in God's LOVE.  
~Wayne Moore



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

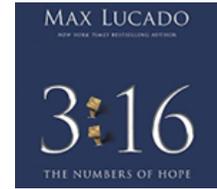
The women's Bible study will begin on Thursday, September 29th at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. The fall Bible study is *Elijah, Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer. If you are available on Thursday mornings, we hope you will plan to attend. Please notify the office or Betsy Carter if you would like to be a part of this Bible study.



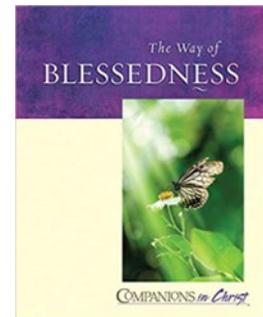
**MEN'S COFFEE GROUP**

Even if you don't drink coffee, you should plan on meeting each Tuesday at 8:30 AM beginning Tuesday, September 6th, at the Country Kitchen on Highland.

**SMALL GROUPS TO MEET**



Beginning Tuesday, September 6th, Mark Doyle will lead a small group in the Max Lucado study of *John 3:16*. The group will meet at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Center.



Bill Elliott will lead a small group in the study of *The Way of Blessedness*. They will begin on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Great things are happening, come and see!

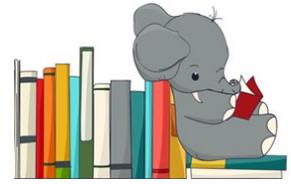
**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Edwina Wynn	09/07	Dianne Clark	09/22	Linda Smith	09/28
Sarah Davidson Trehar	09/12	Grace Davis	09/22	'Doc' Bill Slater	09/30
David Parks	09/12	Krista Lawler	09/22	Connie Sheffield	09/30
Will Harbeson	09/15	Connor McQueen	09/22		
David Swanson	09/16	Linda Heitz	09/23		
Ethan Fields	09/17	Emma Hollingsworth	09/23		
Joe Locker	09/18	Mary Howell	09/23		
Wanda Westmoreland	09/18	Riley McQueen	09/25		
Sharon Millemon	09/21	Todd Harbeson	09/27		





# SEPTEMBER



2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 6:00 Knitgiving	2	3
4 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Communion Food Sack Sunday 5:00 TYT	5 <b>Office Closed</b> 	6 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 M Doyle Group 6:30 UWF at Albright UMC 7:00 Finance Committee	7 10:00 MDO 4:00 WOW 5:30 WNL 7:00 Lay Leadership Committee	8	9 1:30 UWF sandwiches for children	10
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00 Round Up 5:00 TYT	12 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 MDO 10:00 B. Elliott Group	13 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 M Doyle Group 6:00 Board of Trustees	14 10:00 MDO 4:00 WOW 5:30 WNL 7:00 Choir	15 6:00 Knitgiving	16	17
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I love autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.

~Lee Maynard



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Mother's Day Out  
 Enrollment has grown  
 to 27 preschoolers.

**Something's missing!  
 YOU!**

The Lay Leadership committee is currently working on committees for 2023.

Don't wait to be called,  
 If you are interested in serving, call Pastor Leon or the office and let us know!

Mother's Day Out  
 Monday & Wednesday  
 10:00 - 3:00 PM



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# September 2022

## Daily Back-to-School



## Prayers for YOUTH

- Our Sons/Daughters, Grandsons/Granddaughters  
& all the ones we love.

**1**

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Adonai,

Thank You, Father, for entrusting me with this opportunity to cover (name) in prayer. Please bless him, Lord. Give me insight each day into what to pray about concerning him. Amen!

**2**

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.  
~ Psalm 19:14

My God, my Lord,

Please infuse (name) with a good **ATTITUDE**. May the words of her mouth and the meditation of her heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord. Amen!

**3**

The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid? ~ Psalm 27:1

Lord of Peace,

May (name) be **BOLD**, not fearful of anyone, as he knows You are his light and salvation, the stronghold of his life. Amen!

**4**

... People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."  
~ 1 Samuel 16:7

All Powerful God,

May (name) find her **CONFIDENCE**, self-esteem, and security in knowing who she is in You, not in her outward appearance or social acceptance. Amen!

**5**

This is my command--be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9

Blessed Father,

May (name) be strong and **COURAGEOUS**. May he not be afraid or discouraged, for You, LORD, are with him wherever he goes. Amen!

**6**

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ~ 2 Timothy 2:15

Glorious Lord,

May (name) be a **DILIGENT** student who is disciplined and focused in her studies as she strives for excellence. Amen!

**7**

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.  
~ Proverbs 16:16

Merciful Father, Please instill a deep appreciation for **EDUCATION** and knowledge in (name), understanding it is more valuable than material things. May he firmly take hold of Your instructions and guard them, for they are the keys to life. Amen!

**8**

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,  
~ Colossians 3:23

Almighty King,

Please grant (name) **ENTHUSIASM** for her daily tasks, so whatever she has to do, she works heartily for You, not men. Amen!

**9**

Do not fear the king of Babylon anymore,' says the LORD. 'For I am with you and will save you and rescue you from his power. ~ Jeremiah 42:1

Omniscient God,

We live in such uncertain times, and the news is so unsettling. Please quiet (name)'s heart and remove all **FEAR** from him. May he understand You are with him at all times. Amen!

**10**

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. ~ Proverbs 18:24

Precious Lord,

I pray for godly **FRIENDSHIPS** for (name). Please send the right friends to her; reliable, loyal friends who would stick close like family. Amen!

**11**

For God loves a cheerful giver.  
~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

Awesome Lord,

May (name) learn to be **GENEROUS**. May he freely share his possessions with no fear of lack, for You Lord, love a cheerful giver. Amen!

**12**

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ~ 3 John 2

Gracious God,

Please protect (name). May she remain vigilant, taking all necessary precautions to enjoy good **HEALTH** as she matures physically and spiritually. Amen!

**13**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves... ~ Philippians 2:3-4

Savior Father,

Please prompt (name) not to act out of selfish ambition or empty pride. May he be **HUMBLE**, cheerfully considering others more important than himself. Amen!

**14**

"So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.  
~ Genesis 1:27

God of All Hope,

Please infuse (name) with a strong sense of self-worth and **IDENTITY**. May she know herself as a child of the Almighty God, created in His image. Amen!

**15**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice! ~ Philippians 4:4

Blessed God,

Please cultivate a joyful spirit in (name). May he exude **JOY**, rejoicing in the Lord always! Amen!

**16**

A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings disaster on himself.  
~ Proverbs 11:17

Glorious Father,  
Unkindness has become so prevalent in our society. Please give (name) a KIND heart, courteous even to those who are mean to her. Amen!

**17**

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.  
~ Proverbs 12:15

Omnipotent Lord,  
Please open (name)'s ears, so he seeks wisdom and LISTENS to his teachers and coaches. Amen!

**18**

... if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -think about such things. ~ Philippians 4:8

Dear God,  
Please transform (name)'s MIND so she focuses on true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper things. May she recognize Your blessings and praise You. Amen!

**19**

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:19

Heavenly Father,  
May You always be (name)'s first call when he is in NEED. May he trust You can, and will meet his needs from Your glorious riches. Amen!

**20**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ~ Ephesians 6:1

Lord God,  
Please help (name) cultivate the spirit of OBEDIENCE. May she obey her parents, elders, and all those placed in authority over her. Amen!

**21**

... pray without ceasing...  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17

All-Powerful God,  
Please teach (name) how to PRAY. May he learn to pray continually; about anything and everything, not just when he is in need or trouble. Amen!

**22**

Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back. ~ Proverbs 29:11

Righteous Father,  
May (name) not be a fool who gives full vent to her anger. May she be wise, QUIETLY remaining in control.  
Amen!

**23**

Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. ~ Romans 12:10

Holy Lord,  
Stir (name) to love the people in his community and eagerly show RESPECT and honor to others.  
Amen!

**24**

...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel ...  
~ 2 Corinthians 4:4

Lord Jesus,  
I pray the light of Your SALVATION shine in (name)'s heart. May she understand and crave more of the message about the glory of Christ. Amen!

**25**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ... acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight....  
~ Proverbs 3:5-6

Eternal King, Please help (name) resist the TEMPTATION to lean on his own understanding as he goes through her day. May he submit to Your direction, trusting You to make his path straight. Amen!

**26**

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image ... ~ Genesis 1:26

Lord All-Powerful,  
Help (name) banish envy & the desire to be like someone else. May she embrace how UNIQUE she is & celebrate the good & perfect gift of being made in Your image. Amen!

**27**

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith virtue.... ~ 2 Peter 1:5-7

Blessed Father,  
May (name) strive diligently to add the following VIRTUES to his faith - goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. Amen!

**28**

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.  
~ James 3:17

Glorious Lord,  
As (name) interacts with people, please grant her WISDOM that is pure, peaceful, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy, good fruits, impartial and sincere. Amen!

**29**

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. ~ Proverbs 3:9

Merciful Father,  
May (name) live a life of EXCELLENCE, honoring You Lord with all he does, and with the best part of everything, You bless him with. Amen!

**30**

Don't let anyone look down on you ..., but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct in love, in faith and in purity. ~ 1 Timothy 4:12

Almighty King,  
May (name) be mindful that though she is still a YOUTH, she is tasked with setting an example for other believers through her speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.  
Amen!

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

