Northcliffe

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2024 Fall Kick-Off

Northcliffe CHURCH

Northcliffe Church exists to lead people to love God personally, live life purposefully, and serve others passionately. At Northcliffe, this mission gives life to everything we do. Every activity, every sermon, every group led, and every class taught comes down to at least one of these three emphases: **Love, Live, Serve.**

Thank you for being part of our 2024 Fall Kick-Off. As we begin this year, we know it will be like no other. Together, we are setting our sights on the year to come and expectantly looking to God to direct us, as a church, into all He has planned for us this year. We are excited to see how God will grow your love for Him through engaging with His word and worshiping Him. We are keen to see where you will purposefully engage your life of faith in the ministry of Northcliffe Church as we reach our community with the gospel. We are eager to see how God will change you as you serve alongside others.

These are big aspirations, but we know that God is faithful to His calling in our lives to do big things when we trust Him and make Him the focus of our lives. This year, we have opportunities for kids, students, and adults to participate in life-changing endeavors. In this booklet, you will see some of those opportunities and more to come. Prayerfully consider how God is leading you and your family to be engaged in what He is doing at Northcliffe.

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Worship and Production Ministry

The purpose of the Worship Ministry is to use music and song to provide an environment for people to glorify God and experience life transformation. Every week, people come together at Northcliffe to enter into His presence through thanksgiving, praise, and worship. Accomplishing this requires a large group of people who use their gifts and talents to serve God and minister to the hearts of His people. We would love to have you get involved. If you sing, play an instrument, or would like to be a part of our Production Team, we invite you to consider joining our Northcliffe Worship Ministry. We would love to have you serve with us as we worship God together.

Worship – Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM & 10:30 AMWe believe that every believer in Jesus Christ should be involved in worship. In fact, the worship of God should be a part of our everyday lives. Psalm 34:1-3 says:

I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
the humble shall hear of it and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together.

At Northcliffe, we offer a choir-led service at 9:00 AM with familiar hymns of the faith led by our Celebration Choir and Praise Team. At 10:30 AM, we have our band-led service led by the Northcliffe Band and Vocal Team. This service contains contemporary worship songs along with media elements.

Ways to get involved

Celebration Choir: Rehearses on Thursday 6:30-8:00 PM Northcliffe Band: Rehearses on Wednesday 6:30-8:00 PM *Audition/Interview Required

Production Team Ministry Opportunities

Audio: Front of House, Video Director, Media Operator, Lighting Operator, Camera Operator. Training is provided.

Contacts for involvement:

Ron Threadgill, Worship Pastor ron@northcliffe.church

Nathan Stauffer, Contemporary Worship Leader nathan@northcliffe.church

Steve Camargo, Production Director production@northcliffe.church







Our Family Ministry is the collaborative effort of our Adult Groups Ministry, Kids Ministry, and Student Ministry to help grow and disciple families to live more like Jesus. We believe that the family is where discipleship begins. Accordingly, our family ministry focuses on developing relationships through biblical teaching, discipleship, events, and resources to help your family navigate the ever-changing culture.

Family Ministry Events:

Your family is so important to us, and we want to continue to serve your family as you grow in your walk with Christ. We are excited to announce that we will host four family-specific events this year. We will be hosting two events designed to help your family connect with other families in our church while having some fun and two conferences led by our staff - one conference to support your marriage and the other to help us all navigate some of the challenges we face as parents.

Save the dates below:

Parenting Conference: Parenting in a Digital Age Saturday, November 16, 2024 (\$30)

One of the challenges that we face every day is the balance of digital devices in the lives of our children and families. Join us for some candid conversations about technology, family, and faith.

Jolly Fest: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

We invite you and your family to join us at our Family Ministry Event, Jolly Fest! The event will include music, engaging games for all ages, food, an inflatable slide, and more. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun and bonding with your loved ones, and it's free of charge. Be on the lookout for registration to open!

•Marriage Conference: February 21-22, 2025 (\$50)

We are looking forward to our second annual Northcliffe Marriage Conference. Our marriages are a gift of the closest human relationship that we have. We share the joy of celebrating life's biggest victories and also the struggles in life's defeats while helping each other grow in our faith. Join us for an opportunity to invest in the life of your marriage as we learn together to grow in Christ, love and serve our families well, and be the complete partner to our spouse.

Spring Picnic: March 9, 2025

Join us for a delightful Spring Picnic on the Northcliffe campus! All members of the Northcliffe family are invited to gather for a wonderful time of fellowship following the second service on Sunday, March 9, 2025. We are excited to spend this special day with you and create beautiful memories together. Stay tuned for more information and upcoming details!

Thank you,

Pastor Ben Ellis Pastor Tim Blankenship Kids Director Erica Hart

Family is where discipleship begins.







In Northcliffe Kids, we exist to lead each child to Love God personally, Live life purposefully, and Serve others passionately. Our prayer is that we create an environment that will be Kingdom Expanding, Heart Transforming, and World Changing. Every week, children ages Nursery-5th Grade experience age appropriate, safe environments where the Bible is taught in a relevant way!

Erica Hart Kids Ministry Director erica@northcliffe.church Amanda Joplin Kids Ministry Assistant amanda@northcliffe.church

Awana:

Awana begins on August 7th! This kid's program helps the church and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. The program runs on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. throughout the school year. Scan to register!



Child Dedications: September 8, January 19, May 11

We have Child Dedications coming up on Sunday, September 8th. If you want your family to participate, please scan the QR code to register! This is such a special time as the church comes alongside your family in partnership to support you as you raise your child in the church.



Fall Festival: October 19

Our annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th! We love hosting this family-friendly event for the 1300+ people who attend from the community. This year, we will collect canned goods during the event to help stock our Food Pantry! Be on the lookout for more information!





Northcliffe STUDENTS



Northcliffe Student Ministry exists to lead students to Love God personally, Live life purposely, and Serve others passionately! Our student ministry is made up of 6th-12th grade students from multiple counties. We have many opportunities to help students grow in their relationship with God and others. We provide Life Groups (small groups), student worship services, concerts, camps, retreats, mission trips, and many other events throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding our Student Ministry, contact Pastor Tim Blankenship at **tim@northcliffe.church** or call the church office at 352-683-5882.

STUDENT PROGRAMS:

Student Life Groups

Life Groups allow the students to dig deeper into God's Word in a small classroom setting. Each group explores what it means to be a child of God while sharing life together. Life Groups meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Family Life Center.

IMPACT

Every Wednesday night during the school year, students gather to worship at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. This time of worship is structured to meet the specific needs of our city's teenagers.

Deeper - High School Home Group
 Deeper is a home group for High School students on
 Sundays from 6-8 p.m. It is designed to dig deeper
 into the Bible to help teenagers navigate challenges
 and struggles in today's world. It's a perfect opportunity
 for students to engage in fellowship and community with
 their peers.

What makes our student ministry excellent is the extraordinary team of adults who have a heart for discipling teenagers. Serving in student ministry is more than playing games or organizing events; it is about making an eternal difference in a student's life. Student ministry could not happen without a team of adult volunteers who want to partner with parents and walk through life with our students.

Some ways to get plugged into serving in the student ministry:

- First Impression Team
- Hospitality Team
- IMPACT team (band, audio/visual tech, game master)
- Life Group Leader
- Invitation Team

Check out the "Say Yes" Wall in the lobby to learn about the opportunities to serve at Northcliffe Students.

STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS:

- Fall IMPACT Kickoff August 7, 2024
- Crash Nights (throughout the school year)
- Tailgating at football games on August 30 and October 4, 2024, Springstead High
- Student Serve Days
- See You At The Pole September 25, 2024
- Student Retreat November 8-9, 2024
- Student Life Summer Camp July 21-25, 2025



Northcliffe groups



We believe that life change happens in Small Groups, where we can ask questions, seek answers together, pray alongside one another, and lovingly challenge each other when necessary.

Most of our Small Groups happen on Sunday mornings. You can check out those groups by looking through our Small Groups brochure, just dropping in to join them for a morning Bible study, or you can check them out online at **northcliffe.church/adults.**

We host small groups on Sunday mornings and various times throughout the week, including Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our Midweek Bible studies are more content-driven, tackling specific books of the Bible or special topics related to the Christian life. We will keep you updated as topics in these classes change so that you can step into the areas of Bible study that would most edify and encourage your walk with Christ.



If you have any questions regarding the Small Group Ministry at Northcliffe please contact Pastor Ben at 352-683-5882 or email him at **ben@northcliffe.church**.

Sunday Morning Small Groups:

Meeting at 9:00 AM:

Married With Children Led by Clayton & Kelley Peeples

Disciple Makers Led by Chris Chambers & John Reddy

College and Career Led by Jason & Leslie Gordon

Fresh Hope Led by Harry & Cherie Downing

Vine and Branches Led by Jim & Kathy Dawkins Meeting at 10:30 AM:

A Closer Walk Led by Keith & Judy Carlson

Seeking Him Led by Stan & Gail Barnes

Willing WorkersLed by Jerry Bauman
& Dick Beaudoin

Kingdom Heirs Led by Elaine Wooten

Friendly GroupLed by Wayne Collins

Son Seekers Led by David Barker

Women of Grace Led by Pat Welch

Home Groups:

We are excited that God is faithfully growing the Group Ministry at Northcliffe. We know that the next grand adventure that God will lead us through, as we continue to develop disciples, is to start reworking how some of our groups meet. Acts 2 tells us that the early church developed the habit of "attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes." If you would like to be a part of this developing branch of the Group Ministry of Northcliffe by hosting or leading a small group in your home, please contact Pastor Ben.

Some of our Exciting Mid-Week Groups:

Mom's Bible Study: Open Your Bible

by Raechel Myers & Amanda Bible Williams Led by Cheryl Uroda Beginning Tuesday, August 13, 9:30 AM in the Adult Center First Floor Cost is \$15

Ladies Bible Study: Building a Resilient Life

by Rebekah Lyons Led by Marcia Waugh Beginning Tuesday, September 10, 10:00 AM in Building A, Room 7 Cost: Choose between one of the following: Study Guide \$15 | Full Length Book \$20 | Both \$35

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study: The Book of Ruth

by Bianca Juarez Olthoff led by Melony Jones Currently Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall Cost is \$15

Pastor Jerry's Morning Bible Study: Jonah: A Story about a Big God

Beginning Wednesday, August 7, 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center Cost: None

Grief Series: Hope Beyond Today

Led By Fran Welch and Dick Beaudoin Beginning Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 PM in the Adult Center First Floor Cost: \$12.00

Adult Bible Studies: 1, 2, 3, John

Led by Pastor Ben Ellis Beginning Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 PM Adult Center First Floor Cost: None

The Discipleship **Pathway**

At Northcliffe, we are committed to following God in every corner of our lives. The Discipleship Pathway is designed to help us understand our faith and find ways to participate in the life of Northcliffe. The Discipleship Pathway starts with understanding our

shared faith, identifying how God has prepared you for His plans, leading other disciples, and connecting with the mission of the local church. The Discipleship Pathway consists of four areas that our elders will lead people through as they discover our shared beliefs and how God has placed them to serve His Kingdom.

Starting Point: We share a faith that is rooted in the truth that is revealed in

God's word. These are the foundational truths of the faith. When we talk about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. this is where it all starts.

Identifying your Call:

God has called, created, and crafted vou for a specific purpose in the life of His church and His mission. Here we are going to explore what that calling is and how you fit into what God is doina.



Leading the Way:

We grow in our calling 🕇 by learning to follow God and leading others

towards Him. Here we are going to discover amazing ways to draw close to God and tools to point others towards Him.



Living on Mission:

God has called us to be on mission as individuals and as

the church. This is more than just participating this is investing ourselves in taking part in the leadership of the mission God has called us to.





The Care Ministry exists to help provide compassionate care to people in their times of need. Below are some ways we meet needs and show love at Northcliffe.

The Food Pantry: We offer free groceries to people in our church and community on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Food Pantry Center.

The Food Kitchen: We provide a free sit-down lunch to those in need every Thursday from 11:00 AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Threads of Love: This ministry makes quilts and other items to be given to people in hospitals, assisted living facilities, hospices, and those restricted to their homes. They also do special projects like quilts for cancer centers and blankets for pregnancy crisis centers. This group meets on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to Noon in Room A-7.

Widow Care Calls: Each month, we call our known widows to see how they are doing, how we can pray for them, and to remind them that God loves them, and we do, too!

Pastoral Care: Our part-time Pastor of Care visits members and regular attendees each week in area hospitals, rehabs, assisted living facilities, and hospices. He also assists with funerals and counseling and oversees our care ministries.

If you have an interest in one of these ministries, contact **info@northcliffe.church**, and mention which ministry you would like to receive more information about.

Prayer Request Ministry

At Northcliffe Church, we believe that prayer is a powerful resource that the Lord has given us to connect with Him about our hurts, needs, and concerns. We want you to know that, as a church, we desire to pray alongside you in times of need and great joy.

You can share your prayer requests with us at Northcliffe Church in three ways. First, on Sunday mornings, prayer request cards are in the Worship Center. Second, we have a prayer request phone team. Just call the church office (352-683-5882) and share your prayer request. Your request will be shared only with our Prayer Team, who will confidentially lift your needs before our loving and compassionate God. And finally, you can email your prayer request to the church at **prayer@northcliffe.church**

If you are interested in becoming part of our Prayer Team please contact us at **info@northcliffe.church** and we will connect you with Pastor Jerry who leads the Prayer Request Ministry.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:13-16



Korthcliffe MISSIONS



Upcoming Mission Trips & Spiritual Development Opportunities

LOCAL & DOMESTIC MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Local Ministry to Explorer K8:

Seeking individuals to plan support for 1750 students and 210 teachers and staff during the year, and seeking volunteer mentors to donate 1 hour/week to the same class every week, starting with kindergarten and 1st grade, this coming semester.

Disaster Relief - October 21-25. 2024

Estimated Cost Per Person: \$100

Group size: 10-15

Trip Project: Construction/debris removal

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Keith Muller (keith@northcliffe.church).

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Uganda, Africa (Terebinth Ministries) June 19-29, 2025

Estimated Cost Per Person: \$3,500-\$3,700

Group size: 5-15

Trip Project: Evangelism, service projects, VBS, prison ministry, and

orphan ministry.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Jason Gordon (jasongordon76@msn.com).

Nicaragua (Chosen Children Ministries) July 26-August 2, 2025

Estimated Cost Per Person: \$1600

Group size: 10-15

Trip Project: Construction and VBS

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Liz Locke (Liz.Locke@uss.salvationarmy.org).

Kenya, Africa (Compassion International) June 19 – 29, 2025

Estimated Cost Per Person: \$2500-\$3000

Group size: 5-15

Trip Project: visit with and minister to sponsored children.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Shauvon Powell (rpowellfam@aol.com).

Student Mission Trip (World Changers) - Summer 2025

Estimated Cost Per Person: \$300 - \$400

Group size: 5-25

Trip Project: Construction

If your student is interested in this opportunity, please contact Tim Blankenship (Tim@northcliffe.church).

Compassion Letter Writing:

We are seeking sign-ups for quarterly letter-writing, sharing details about our sponsored children in Kenya and the Dominican Republic, learning about their cultures more, and praying for each one and their family individually.

The next meetings are on Mondays, October 14, January 13, and April 7.

Financial assistance is available to all Northcliffe members in good standing. Please email missions@northcliffe.church for more information on financial assistance.

Learn more about the missions and outreach efforts of Northcliffe Church at northcliffe.church/missions

Where are you praying God will send you this year?







Northcliffe Maintenance Team Opportunities

The Facilities and Maintenance Teams have been given the opportunity to serve through maintaining the spaces that we use every week. There are a variety of opportunities to plug in and impact the weekly functioning of Northcliffe Church. Below are a few of the opportunities that we have available.

Exterior Grounds Team

Team Members are welcome to serve outside on our beautiful campus as their schedules permit Monday through Thursday, from 8 AM - 5 PM. Training will be provided, and an array of tasks are available depending on experience and work capacity. Team members should enjoy working outside. Our Exterior Grounds Team strives to create a distraction free environment for guests, regular attenders, and members to feel welcome as they come onto the Northcliffe campus.

Commitment: As Needed

Skills Needed: Enjoy working and spending time outdoors

On-Call Tradesmen

This team helps the Facilities Operations team when we need to make repairs or updates to the facilities. We are in need of folks from all trades, including plumbers, painters, carpenters, and electricians.

Commitment: As needed for ongoing maintenance, and special

projects

Skills Needed: Specialist in a trade.

Housekeeping Team

Housekeeping Team members are invited to assist with various housekeeping projects around campus. Housekeeping Team Members serve on campus anytime Monday through Thursday, from 8 AM- 4 PM. As a part of this ministry team, members are encouraged to pray for the people who will be entering the church. The Facilities Team strives to provide a clean welcoming environment that allows people to focus on worshiping God and learning more about Him.

Commitment: As Needed Skills Needed: Enjoys cleaning

Room Setup and Take-down Team

This team assists our Facilities Operations Team with classroom and event venue set-ups and tear downs, Monday through Thursday from 8 AM- 5 PM, or after hours depending on special events being hosted at the church. This team plays a vital role in the success of all ministry classes and special events and enables our ministry teams to reach our guests, regular attenders, and members. Activities include: assisting with setting up and rearranging chairs. tables, and sign holders, and ensuring resources are neat and clean as requested by our campus ministry teams.

Commitment: As Needed

Skills Needed: Ability to lift tables and chairs.

If you would like to know more about the opportunities listed above or have other questions for the Facilities and Maintenance Teams, please contact Mark Keene at mark@northcliffe.church or call at 352-683-5882





Lead Teams at Northcliffe

One of the often overlooked aspects of leadership at Northcliffe are our four volunteer Lead Teams. Without any of these teams, it would be a serious challenge for Northcliffe to function properly. Each of the following teams require that you have been a member of the church for one year. These teams are an amazing way to step in and take part in leading Northcliffe church to accomplish what God has laid before the church to do.

Nominating Team

The primary responsibility of the Nominating Team is to help fill the teams listed below with team members who can serve well in their respective areas. When Team members rotate off or step down from a particular team, the Nominating Team then works with members of the Northcliffe family to fill that role of service in the life of the church. To be a successful member of this team, it is helpful to be willing to understand the functions of the other teams and speak with people about serving in those capacities.

Personnel Team

The Personnel Team is responsible for recommending the hiring of new staff members other than the Lead Pastor. Additionally, the Personnel Team manages all employee salaries, benefits, and addresses all other personnel issues if/when they arise. A successful member of the Personnel Team will have a familiarity and willingness to engage with employees and seek to serve them as they serve the church.

Finance Team

The Finance Team of Northcliffe is responsible for the finances of the church and making information available to the church body as necessary. They work hard to help create a budget for the life of the church, and then help manage the ministry resources throughout the year, ensuring we are being good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Successful members of this team will be comfortable working with and creating budgets, be willing to serve as counters and collectors of the weekly offering, and have a heart for thinking through how to financially support the ministry of Northcliffe Church.

Facilities Team

The Facilities Team is primarily responsible for handling the church's property and buildings owned by the church. They oversee and lead the maintenance of the church and organize days where we can serve the church by helping to give life to the property with which God has blessed us as a community of faith. This team partners closely with Northcliffe's Director of Operations, Jonathan King, and Facilities Manager, Mark Keene.

Serving on a Lead Team

If you would like to know more about serving on one of these volunteer lead teams please reach out to Pastor Ben Ellis or Pastor Ron Threadgill for more information about the application process.

You can reach Pastor Ben at **ben@northcliffe.church** or Pastor Ron at ron@northcliffe.church, or call the office at 352-683-5882.



The Say Yes Wall

The "Say Yes" Wall lists currently available opportunities and information on how you can get involved in the life of Northcliffe. Below you will find some of the opportunities. Stop by the wall, grab a card, and join what God is doing at Northcliffe. Turn in your card at the Connections Center or one of the offering boxes, and a ministry leader will contact you about getting plugged in! You can also sign up via the website: **northcliffe.church/serve**.

Kids:

- Check-in Helpers
- Kids Greeters
- Toddler Helpers
- ·Class Helpers
- Preschool Leaders
- ·Preschool Helpers
- Nursery Helpers
- •Kids' Worship Helpers

Groups:

- Connection Center Team
- Small Group Leaders
- •Home Group Hosts and Leaders
- Outdoor Greeters
- Parking Lot Greeters
- Guest Guides

Missions:

- •Compassion International Child Sponsorship
- Disaster Relief
- A New Generation
- ·Local Schools

Worship:

- Celebration Choir
- ·Camera Tech
- ·Media Tech
- Video Tech

Facilities:

- ·General Repairs
- Pressure Washing
- Painting
- Landscaping

Combined Calendar of Events

We know that schedules get busy, so we want to equip you to redeem your time by being aware of what is happening at Northcliffe. Here is a list of activities, events, and opportunities that we know will help you and your family invest in your relationships with God.

August 4: Fall Kick-Off

August 7: Midweek Activities Start (Awana, Impact, Groups)

August 11: Discipleship Pathway Begins

August 11: Communion

August 30: Student Tailgating at Springstead

August 31: Men's Breakfast

September 8: Child Dedication

September 25: See You At The Pole

September 21: Men's Breakfast

September 22: Church Conference

September 28: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing

September 29: Night of Worship

October 4: Student Tailgating at Springstead

October 11: Student Crash Night

October 19: Fall Festival

October 26: Men's Breakfast

November 10: Communion

November 16: Parenting Conference

November 17: Student Market Day

November 23: Men's Breakfast

November 27: No Midweek Programming

December 7: Women's Brunch

December 14-15: Northcliffe Christmas Program

December 18: Jolly Fest

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

December 23-January 4: Church Office is Closed

January 8: Midweek Programming Resumes (Awana, Impact, Groups)

January 18: Men's Breakfast

January 19: Child Dedication

January 17-20: Student Leadership University 101 (Orlando)

January 24: Student Crash Night

February 8: Men's Breakfast

February 9: Communion

February 9: VBS Informational Meeting

February 15: Student Serve Day

February 21-22: Marriage Conference

February 23: Church Conference

March 7: Student Crash Night

March 9: Family Ministry Spring Picnic

March 19: Spring Break, No Midweek Programming

March 29: Men's Breakfast

April 4: Student Crash Night

April 17: Church Office is Closed

April 18: Good Friday Service with Communion

April 20: Easter

April 26: Men's Breakfast

May 11: Mother's Day, Child Dedication

May 18: Senior Recognition Sunday

May 21 Awana Awards Night

May 24: Men's Breakfast

May 28: Student End of Year Event

June 1: Communion

June 8: VBS Huddle

June 9-13: VBS at Northcliffe

June 15: Father's Day

June 19-29: Uganda Mission Trip

July 3: Church Office is Closed

July 14-18: Student Leadership University 201 (Washington, DC)

July 23: Awana Training

July 21-25: Student Summer Life Camp

July 26-August 2: Nicaragua Mission Trip



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