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Each year there are a couple of new “start points” that come around. One of those, of course, is the New Year. Another of those is this time of year, as the kids go back to school, and we begin again. I always enjoy these times because it gives me an opportunity to evaluate, adjust, and set out with new goals in mind. For me, those goals are usually spiritual, physical, and intellectual. I strive to develop spiritual disciplines, eat better, exercise more, read more, and slow down and reflect more.

These things are not only true of me as an individual, but the staff does the same for the church. A couple of weeks ago we met for what we call our Staff OneDay. During these OneDays, we pray, we talk, we push each other a bit, but most of all we try to determine where God is leading us. One of the things that came up this time around is the fact that we lack one central vision to really rally around. As we talked and prayed, we realized we already had that one thing, it just needs developed further.

A few years ago, during the COVID years (yes, I know it is still with us), we had a series of town hall meetings as a church. We worked through a process that led us to develop the following purpose statement: Northside Baptist Church exists to develop disciples who intentionally engage their communities for Christ. We also agreed upon a shortened version that simply stated: Intentionally Engage. It is here that we as a staff, feel led to really focus in. What does it mean for a church to Intentionally Engage its community? What sorts of organized endeavors can we commit to in order to accomplish such a thing?

We are still working to fully develop this, but look for some opportunities in the near future. I want to encourage you to begin praying now as to how God would have you be involved. Begin asking yourself, what level of sacrifice am I comfortable with? You can also ask yourself, what are gifts, talents, and resources that I already have? And of course, how would God have me to engage?

Our church is large enough that we could make a real difference in our community and beyond. We simply need to know where God is leading and what He would have us to be involved in. Join us as we seek and pray through these questions.

Honored to be your pastor,



AT A GLANCE

<i>Sunday</i> <i>Aug 20</i>	9:30a	Bible Study
	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kid's Church
	5:00p	Sunday Evening Worship
	5:00p	Ecclesia
	5:00p	Journey Groups
	5:00p	Student Huddle
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>Aug 22</i>	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Ladies
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Aug 23</i>	5:00p	Wednesday Night Meal
	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i> <i>Aug 24</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Ladies
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<i>Sunday</i> <i>Aug 27</i>	9:30a	Bible Study
	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kid's Church
	5:00p	Sunday Evening Worship
	5:00p	Ecclesia
	5:00p	Journey Groups
	5:00p	Student Huddle
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>Aug 29</i>	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Ladies
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Aug 30</i>	5:00p	Wednesday Night Meal
	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i> <i>Aug 31</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Ladies
<i>Friday</i> <i>Sept 1</i>	11:30a	Widows Lunch
	6:00p	Date Night
	7:00p	Hype

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



JOURNEY GROUPS

Sunday, August 20, Journey Groups will start back up at 5pm!

Sunday Nights: *Calm My Anxious Heart* (Ladies Group) in D-141-142, *Experiencing God* (Men's Group) in D241, and Bible Study (Mixed 20s & 30s) at Tomaseks.

Tuesdays: The Book of Proverbs (Ladies/Young mothers) off campus (starts 9/12), *The Love Stories of the Bible Speak* Circle of Hope (Ladies Group) in A-108.

Thursdays: *Luke: Gut Level Compassion* (Ladies Group) in D249 (starts 8/24).

See all the details at nbcvictoria.org under GroupLife on the Engage tab.

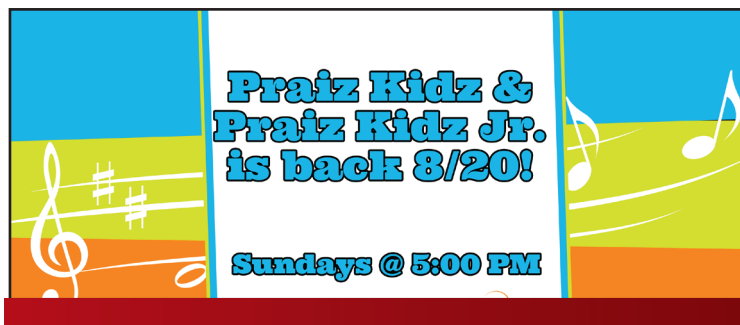


WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Starting today Wednesday, August 16, we will be offering a church wide Wednesday Night meal in Building D from 5:00-6:00pm. This will be a time for all ages to fellowship together weekly. The suggested donation is \$5 per plate with a cap at \$20 per family. Cash or check only will be accepted at this time.

Menu for 8/16:

- Chicken Strips
- Mac & Cheese, Corn, Roll
- Cookie



PRAIZ KIDZ & PRAIZ KIDZ JR.

Mark your calendars for Praiz Kidz (1st-5th) and Praiz Kidz Jr. (3 yr. old by September-Kinder) starting back on August 20. We hope your kids will join us for a time of music, games, and learning the importance of worship.



CONNECT

Join us every Wednesday night as we connect with God and each other at 6:00 PM. We will have a time of fellowship and bible study in Building D. Pastor Darrell will be starting a study on Job this week. See you there!



QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Quarterly Church Conference will be held Sunday, August 27, at 6:00pm. Join us in the Chapel in Bldg C for information about the finances of the church plus other church business.



DATE NIGHT AND HYPE

Date Night is back on Friday, September 1. Childcare is offered at the church from 6:00-10:00pm for \$10 per child. Childcare is free if you are attending a Northside fellowship. Please register at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page by Wednesday, August 30. Hype is for 3rd-5th graders from 7-9PM. 3rd-5th graders attending Date Night will go to Hype at 7:00PM.

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ANNIVERSARIES: Stephen Summers celebrates 1 year as the Worship Pastor at Northside on August 29.

UPWARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First need for volunteers is coming up starting this Sunday afternoon for evaluations. We need at least 8 people to run the Drills and 2 people to work the Registration Table. Evaluations are 8/20 @ 2:00 PM, 8/26 @ 9:00 AM, and 8/27 @ 2:00 PM. If you are available to help please arrive 15 minutes prior. If you have any questions contact Arona at 361-578-1568 or arona@nbcvictoria.org.

UPWARD FOOTBALL AND CHEER REGISTRATION OPEN
Registration for Upward Football and Cheer is coming to a close. Registration is \$125 and will close on August 27 or when teams are full. Register today at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach or referee during the Upward Football season, register today on the Events page.

LORD'S SUPPER

August 27 we will be observing the Lord's Supper. A benevolence offering will be collected at the end of the service. Those gifts can be given at the door as you exit. If you would prefer self-contained elements, they will be available at the Welcome Center in the foyer of the Worship Center.

WOMEN OF GRACE LUNCH

The next meeting for Women of Grace is Friday, September 1, at 11:30am in Building D. Please bring \$6.50 for your lunch. All widows are invited.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Due to Labor Day Holiday Weekend there will be no Sunday Evening services on 9/3/23. The church office will be closed on Monday, 9/4/23.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thursday, September 7, our first Thursday Night of Prayer and Praise will start back! We will gather in the Worship Center at 6pm. All are welcome. Join us as we focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.

WOMEN'S NIGHT

The next Women's Night is Friday, September 8, at 6:00pm. We will continue in our study on Prayers of the Bible with Prayers about Salvation. The meal theme for September is tailgate food. As always, bring a dish only if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, September 6, at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. Join us!

THE RECORD SPEAKS

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Received August 6

Budget Receipts	34,408.53
Designated & Other:	5,452.03
Total Weekly Receipts:	39,860.56

Received August 13

Budget Receipts:	16,124.43
Designated & Other:	2,097.66
Total Weekly Receipts:	18,222.09

Year-to-Date Need: 1,293,263.00

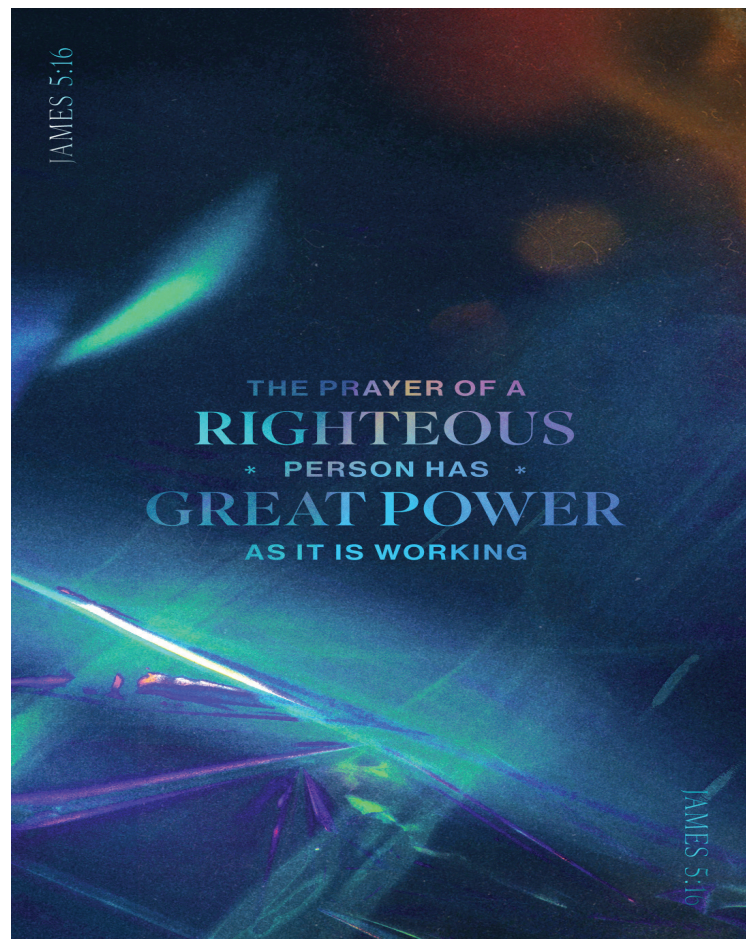
Year-to-Date Received: 1,157,671.84

BIBLE STUDY

August 6	273
August 13	218

WORSHIP

August 6	444
August 13	458



IN
FOCUS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Faith, Food, and Fellowship

5:00-6:00PM

STARTS AUGUST 16

SUGGESTED DONATION:
\$5 PER PLATE
\$20 CAP PER FAMILY



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Sundays
9:30am Bible Study Groups
10:45am Worship

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