



STEPHEN SUMMERS
Worship Pastor

Well, it is my turn in the rotation for the Northside newsletter article. I told Pastor Cody that I was struggling with what to write about. He suggested, “Hey, choir is starting back up. Write about that!”. I told him that I thought I had written about that last year around this season and that I wanted to be original.

As I am typing this I’m remembering back to our One Day pastors’ meeting that we had a few weeks back. We talked a lot about Northside’s strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. One specific thing we spent a good amount of time talking about was that of community. In a church as large as Northside, one can attend every Sunday and still feel disconnected from the majority of the body. Even as one of the pastors, I still feel like there are people I just don’t know. If you see me at H-E-B, stop me and introduce yourself. There are so many times I see people that look familiar but I’m not sure from where.

Getting back to the idea of community in our church...as we looked at the year calendar, we tried to view each season as an opportunity for community. Northside kicked off our fall season of Sunday morning bible studies last week, and this Sunday, the Journey Group season begins. Darrell pointed out in his sermon a few weeks ago - there is only so deep we can go in our personal relationships with Christ, as well as experience connection with the body of Christ, with only Sunday church attendance. There are many opportunities to plug into smaller group bible studies and smaller Triad group involvement.

As for the calendar, we are planning more opportunities for our church members (and any visitors we bring along) to experience fellowship and unity with one another. We will continue with our Fall Festival on October 31, which is a great time to volunteer with fellow church members to show love to our community. November 24, we will have a church-wide Thanksgiving Banquet. Also, there will be some other Sunday night fellowship events following our Journey Group times.

There is a good descriptor of community in Acts 2:42-47:
“And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

I look forward to getting to know more of you as we all strive to do life with one another as those early followers of Christ did.

For His Sake,

Stephen

AT A GLANCE

Sunday September 8	9:30a 10:45a 10:45a 5:00p 5:00p 5:00p 5:00p 6:30p	Bible Study Worship Service Kids’ Worship (after the music) Praiz Kidz Jr. & Praiz Kidz Summit Student Bible Study Journey Groups Sunday Evening Worship Quarterly Church Conference
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Tuesday September 10	6:00p 6:00p	Celebrate Recovery Circle of Hope
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Wednesday September 11	5:00p 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 7:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal Connect Student Midweek Awana Worship Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday September 12	9:30a	Ladie Bible Study
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Friday September 13	6:00p	Women’s Night
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Sunday September 15	9:30a 10:45a 10:45a 5:00p 5:00p 5:00p 5:00p 6:30p	Bible Study Worship Service Kids’ Worship (after the music) Praiz Kidz Jr. & Praiz Kidz Summit Student Bible Study Journey Groups Sunday Evening Worship Quarterly Church Conference
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Tuesday September 17	6:00p 6:00p 6:00p	Celebrate Recovery Circle of Hope AHG/TrailLife
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Wednesday September 18	5:00p 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 7:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal Connect Student Midweek Awana Worship Choir Rehearsal
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STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Night of Prayer and Praise is tomorrow, 9/4/24. We will gather in the Worship Center at 6pm every first Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Join us as we focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.



JOURNEY GROUPS

Journey Groups start back this week! Take a look at the list below and see where you want to be involved. Thursdays:

> Jonah-Navigating a Life Interrupted (Ladies Group) in D249 (starts 9/5) at 9:30am.

Sunday Nights @ 5pm (Starts 9/8/24):

> Faith: A Bible Study on James (Ladies Group) in BLDG D.

> The Apostle's Creed (Men's Group) in BLDG D.

> Difference Makers (Mixed 20s & 30s) in BLDG D



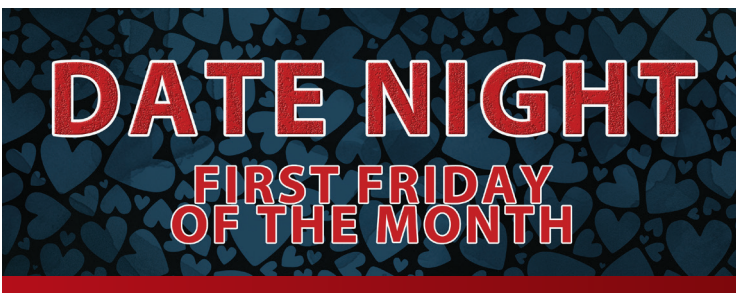
WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night is Friday, September 13, at 6pm. We will continue in our study on Creating a Culture of Discipleship with the Call to Discipleship. The food theme for September is international. As always, bring a dish only if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, September 11, at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. Join us!



MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

We are collecting for the Mary Hill Davis offering for Texas Missions from now through September 30. All money given goes directly to Texas missions. Northside's goal is \$5,000 and we have collected \$1,060 so far. Please designate your gift as MHD when you give in person or online. Sunday, 9/8, starts the intentional Week of Prayer for Texas Missions. Prayer guides are available at a connect center.



DATE NIGHT

Date Night is this Friday, 9/6/24. Childcare is offered at the church from 6-10pm. Please register your children at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page by today, September 4.



PRAIZ KIDZ & PRAIZ KIDS JR.

Praiz Kidz (1st-5th) and Praiz Kidz Jr. (3 yr. old by September-Kinder) starts this Sunday, September 8. We hope your kids will join us for a time of music, games, and learning the importance of worship.

...SHORTLINES...

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Wednesday night meals are in full swing. The suggested donation is \$5 per plate with a cap at \$20 per family. Join us in the fellowship hall from 5-6pm as we fellowship together with a meal prepared by our new team.

Menu for 9/4/25:

- Enchilada Casserole
- Rice

-Beans

Menu for 9/11/24:

- Chicken Spaghetti

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's that time of the year to begin preparing for OCC! You can grab a list of appropriate items to include in boxes at the connect center. Instead of bringing separate items, we are asking those who participate to fill their boxes at home. Now is a great time to begin stocking up on items like paper, writing and coloring utensils, erasers, and other fun items! If you cannot fill a shoebox but would like to help, you can still donate to shipping costs.

KIDS' CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

We need two adults help in Kids' Church each week. There is no preparation necessary, just helping watch the kids. The goal is to have enough volunteers in a rotation so that each individual is needed only once per quarter. Check out the online sign-up at nbcvictoria.org/events.

WOMEN OF GRACE LUNCH & PAINT PARTY POSTPONED

The Women of Grace lunch and paint party originally scheduled for 9/6/24 has been postponed to 10/4. The cost of the bags has been covered, so there is no charge. If you did not originally sign up, there is still time to sign up for this free activity. Contact Amy Wakefield at 361-550-2039 if you would like to add your name to the list for next month.

PRAY FOR OUR PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

As we begin the process of searching for our two open pastor positions, please be in prayer for our personnel committee. They will be putting in a lot of hard work and hours into this process. These are the members on that committee: Carla Ragasdale, Mattea Sciba, Mike Rivet, Richard Ratliff, Hank Sheeran, and Joanne Olson.

LET US KNOW: If you or a loved one are in the hospital and need a visit, let us know. We can't know unless someone tells us.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS FOR: The family of Merle Sparks on her death and the family of Joy Hoad on her death. We join together as a family of faith and prayer as we celebrate Christ's gift of eternal life.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Received August 25	
Budget Receipts	11,947.5
Designated & Other:	1,372.64
Total Weekly Receipts:	13,320.15

Received September 1	
Budget Receipts	25,323.55
Designated & Other:	7,140.90
Total Weekly Receipts:	32,464.45

Year-to-Date Need:	1,328,461.64
Year-to-Date Received:	1,200,986.83

BIBLE STUDY

August 25	202
September 1	234

WORSHIP

August 25	410
September 1	342





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

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