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In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul gives instructions as to the order and the function of the church. He says, “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ.” Paul mentions either four or five offices of the church, depending on how you interpret this passage.

He says first of all that God gave us apostles. Those apostles were primarily the disciples that took on a new charge after the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Theirs was to pass on to us what Christ had taught them as well as the things God continued to reveal to them. It is my understanding that the office of apostle ceased with the death of the apostle John.

Next, he mentions prophets. In the Old Testament, we recognize these men as the authors of our major and minor prophets. We see a few others that are scattered about the Old Testament narrative. These men passed on the word of God as He revealed it to them. The last of these prophets would have been John the Baptist, who announced the ministry of Christ.

Paul also mentions evangelists. When we hear the term evangelists, we likely think of some man that rolls into town on Sunday, preaches hard for four days to a week, and then is gone again. However, when we see evangelist in the scripture, it is more likely that we are talking about what we would understand as a missionary. Someone who travels to a place for the specific purpose of sharing the gospel. It is my understanding that this calling continues to this day.

Finally, Paul speaks of the preachers/teachers. These are men who are called to care for the local body of believers. Their ministry will be multifaceted but really there is one main goal. The goal of all of these callings is to equip the church for the purpose of carrying out the ministry. Catch what is said, it is the people, not the hired guns, that are to do the work of the ministry.

In recent days, we have made a conscious effort to move the direction of the people owning the ministry. As part of that effort, we have empowered our committees to move forward with their various roles and responsibilities. With that, I want to give a word of caution: often, once the train starts moving, people want to jump on board. Not only do they want to jump on board, but often they try to steer the train. While we want our membership to engage (please engage and be a part), we must allow our committees to lead. Ambition is a great thing, but so is proper structure and order. If you have thoughts and ideas, relate those to the proper committee or to the pastoral staff and we will get them addressed.

Thank you all for your heart and desire to serve as part of the Northside team. I know that God will honor that and bless us as we move along. Let’s just make sure that we are moving along in an orderly fashion.

Honored to be your pastor,

 DARRELL

## AT A GLANCE

Sunday	9:30a	Bible Study
October 6	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kids' Worship (after the music)
	4:00p	2:7 Student Choir
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz Jr. & Praiz Kidz
	5:00p	Summit Student Bible Study
	5:00p	Journey Groups
	5:00p	Sunday Evening Worship

Tuesday	6:00p	Circle of Hope
October 8		

Wednesday	5:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal
October 9	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday	9:30a	Ladies' Bible Study
October 10		

Friday	6:00p	Women's Night
October 11	6:00p	The Forge (Men's Event)

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Sunday	9:30a	Bible Study
October 13	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kids' Worship (after the music)
	4:00p	2:7 Student Choir
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz Jr. & Praiz Kidz
	5:00p	Summit Student Bible Study
	5:00p	Journey Groups
	5:00p	Sunday Evening Worship

Tuesday	6:00p	Circle of Hope
October 15	6:00p	AHG/TrailLife

Wednesday	5:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal
October 16	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday	9:30a	Ladies' Bible Study
October 17		

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

## ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

Night of Prayer and Praise is this Thursday, 10/3/24. 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.



### DATE NIGHT

Date Night is Friday, 10/4/24. Childcare is offered at the church from 6-10pm. Please register your children at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page by today, October 2.

We are looking for a few more sets of volunteers for Date Night this fall to watch the elementary-age kids. We will have all the games and activities set up, you will just have to show up and facilitate. Depending on how many register, we may look for additional help from our youth. If you would like to volunteer, contact Hannah at [hannah@nbcvictoria.org](mailto:hannah@nbcvictoria.org).



### WOMEN'S NIGHT

Our next Women's Night is Friday, October 11, at 6pm. This month will look different! We are going to have a skype lesson with Kathy Howard, the speaker for the Women's Retreat! The food theme for October is Tailgate. As always, bring a dish only if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, October 9, at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page. Please join us!



### THE FORGE: MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Starting October 11, every 2nd Friday of the month The Forge will meet from 6-8pm for a time of fellowship and devotion. We will have grills going with hamburgers available, but you can also BYOMeat to put on the grill. After we eat and fellowship, we will have a devotional shared by one of the men of Northside. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, October 9, at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page. See you there!



### FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND CANDY DONATIONS

Fall Festival is coming up quickly on October 31. We need your help to intentionally engage our community by volunteering to serve at a booth. Sign up online at [nbcvictoria.org/events](http://nbcvictoria.org/events) to see which booths are still available. Bring your pre-wrapped candy to a Connect Center or the church office by October 27. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors today!



### KIDS' CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for Kids' Church. We need two adult helpers 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 once per quarter. Check out the online sign-up at [nbcvictoria.org/events](http://nbcvictoria.org/events).



## :::SHORTLINES:::

### FOCUS AND THRIVE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration is open for the Focus and Thrive Women's Retreat! The retreat will be February 21-22, 2025, here at Northside Baptist Church. This event is open to all women in the Crossroads area. The cost is \$45, and this includes 3 meals, a shirt, and other event goodies. Registration closes and full payment is due by December 31, 2024. Register today at [nbcvictoria.org/events](http://nbcvictoria.org/events).

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Have you started preparing for your OCC boxes? You can grab a list of appropriate items to include in boxes and cardboard boxes at the connect center. Instead of bringing separate items, we are asking those who participate to fill their boxes at home. Start making your plans now, and begin finding the perfect items for your boxes. If you cannot fill a shoebox but would like to help, you can donate to shipping costs.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Let us help take care of dinner on Wednesday nights! 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.

Menu for 10/2/25:

-Pizza Night (Double Dave's)

Menu for 10/9/25:

-Taco Night

### CHILD AND BABY DEDICATION

There will be a Baby and Child Dedication on November 10 during the morning worship service. If you would like to participate, please register on the Events Page of our website by November 6. We will need a picture of your child; email it to [hannah@nbcvictoria.org](mailto:hannah@nbcvictoria.org).

### 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 Ragsdale, Mattea Sciba, Mike Rivet, Richard Ratliff, Hank Sheeran, and Joanne Olson.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS FOR: Leslie Escalante on the death of her father. We join together as a family of faith and prayer as we celebrate Christ's gift of eternal life.

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.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS

### MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Received September 22	
Budget Receipts	16,720.13
Designated & Other:	3,135.37
Total Weekly Receipts:	19,855.50

Received September 29	
Budget Receipts	28,663.29
Designated & Other:	5,463.10
Total Weekly Receipts:	35,156.10

Year-to-Date Need:	1,449,230.88
Year-to-Date Received:	1,301,948.04

### BIBLE STUDY

September 22	271
September 29	267

### WORSHIP

September 22	590
September 29	433

THROUGH EVERYTHING GOD MADE,  
THEY CAN CLEARLY SEE HIS INVISIBLE  
QUALITIES—

HIS ETERNAL  
POWER AND  
DIVINE NATURE.

SO THEY HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR NOT  
KNOWING GOD.

ROMANS 1:20



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

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NORTHSIDE  
STAFF

Journey together

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**OCTOBER 31ST**  
**6PM-8PM**  
**\*CANDY \*GAMES \*FOOD**  
**\*INFLATABLES \*PETTING ZOO**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

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