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Worship Pastor

Sunday morning in church, I talked a little about the arrival of fall and cooler temperatures. Yes, I am aware that we do not experience drastic seasonal changes as people further north do (as I write this, it is currently 92°). Regardless, fall is here, and with it, subtle as they may be, a change in colors, some cooler temperatures, and an opportunity for reflection and gratitude. The Christmas season is the culmination of my favorite time of the year. It starts with that first September cool front (which is inevitably followed by weeks of 90's again), and grows gradually throughout the rest of the year.

As we see the changes around us, let us take a look inward and be honest with the Lord. Are there areas where He is calling us to change or grow? This season is a great time to seek His guidance through prayer, scripture study, and doing real life with other believers. Micah 6:8 has long been my favorite bible scripture, and this past week it has shown up several times - in a conversation, a podcast, and an episode of The Chosen. I want to share it with you.

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

There are a number of things happening this season that can help us all in seeking how God wants to shape and grow us. Here are just a few ways we can do all of the above:

- Upward Football: Every Saturday through November 9 there are hundreds of kids and their families here for flag football. Come volunteer, or just be here to walk around and love on people. There are also practices Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6-8 pm on the Upward Field - another great opportunity to interact with people in our community or just walk around and pray.
- Annual Fall Festival - October 31st: Again, hundreds of people on our campus. We still need over fifty volunteers to help man multiple booths for this fun, community event. We'll be on the Upward field this year, so come be a part of intentionally engaging our community. You can sign up on the events page of our website.
- Northside Thanksgiving Banquet - November 24: Don't miss out on this great time of fellowship and fun with your church family. Sign up is available on our website and also at the Connect Center on Sunday mornings. We need everyone who plans to attend to RSVP by November 3.
- 1st Thursday Prayer & Praise: Please consider coming to our nights of prayer. It is a time where we gather and do simply what the title says - we praise our God with a few worship songs and then we pray. You are not required to pray publicly. We simply offer a time for people to humbly bow and bring their requests before our holy God. Pastor Darrell challenged us a few weeks ago - until the church rediscovers prayer, we will not see God move. Let's be a people of prayer!

I look forward to being challenged alongside each of you as we seek ways to plug into what God is doing and watch Him shape and mold us more into the image of His son, Jesus Christ.

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## AT A GLANCE

Sunday	9:30a	Bible Study
October 20	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kids' Worship (after the music)
	4:00p	2:7 Student Choir
	5:00p	GBA Annual Meeting

Tuesday	6:00p	Circle of Hope
October 22		

Wednesday	5:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal
October 23	6:00p	Budget Discussion/ Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday	9:30a	Ladies' Bible Study
October 24		

Sunday	9:30a	Bible Study
October 27	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 29		

Wednesday	5:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal
October 30	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday	9:30a	Ladies' Bible Study
October 31	6:00p	Fall Festival

Friday	11:30a	Women of Grace Lunch
November 1	6:00p	Date Night

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

## ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



### FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND CANDY DONATIONS

Fall Festival is quickly approaching 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!



### CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING BANQUET

Join us November 24, 2024 for the Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal at 5PM. This will be a time for us all to come together and fellowship. The turkey will be provided, and sides will be assigned by Sunday Morning Bible Study classes. We need everyone who plans to attend to RSVP by November 3. You can RSVP online at [nbcvictoria.org/events](http://nbcvictoria.org/events), at a connect center, or call the church office for assistance. Don't miss this time of Northside family fellowship!



### BABY AND CHILD 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).



### DATE NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

The next Date Night is Friday, 11/1/24. 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).



### GBA ANNUAL MEETING AT NORTHSIDE

The GBA Annual Meeting will be held at Northside on October 20, 2024. At 5pm there will be a fellowship meal, and at 6pm the service will begin. Childcare will be available from 5:45 through the service. If you need childcare, please register at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page by Wednesday, 10/16/24.



### WOMEN OF GRACE WIDOWS' LUNCH

The next lunch for Women of Grace is Friday, November 1, at 11:30am in Building D. All widows are invited. The menu is chili, cornbread, and cherry dumpcake. Also, for the rest of this year the cost of the meal has been covered. Call the church office if you have any questions.



## :::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. 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 10/16/25

-King Ranch Casserole

Menu for 10/23/25

-Enchilada Casserole

### SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DISASTER RELIEF

In the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we are collecting a special offering on Sunday, 10/20, for the disaster relief efforts of Texans on Missions (historically known as the Texas Baptist Men). Please designate your gift as Texans on Missions or T.O.M. when you give in person or online.

### 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).

### CALLED TO CHURCH CONFERENCE

There will be a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, October 23, at 6:00pm for discussion of the proposed budget for 2024-2025. Voting, without discussion, will be Sunday, October 27. The new budget takes effect November 1.

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS FOR:** Janyth Riedel on the death of her husband and the family of Randy Webb on his death. 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 October 6	
Budget Receipts	27,112.22
Designated & Other:	1,025.72
Total Weekly Receipts:	28,137.94

Received October 13	
Budget Receipts	26,417.80
Designated & Other:	5,778.90
Total Weekly Receipts:	32,196.70

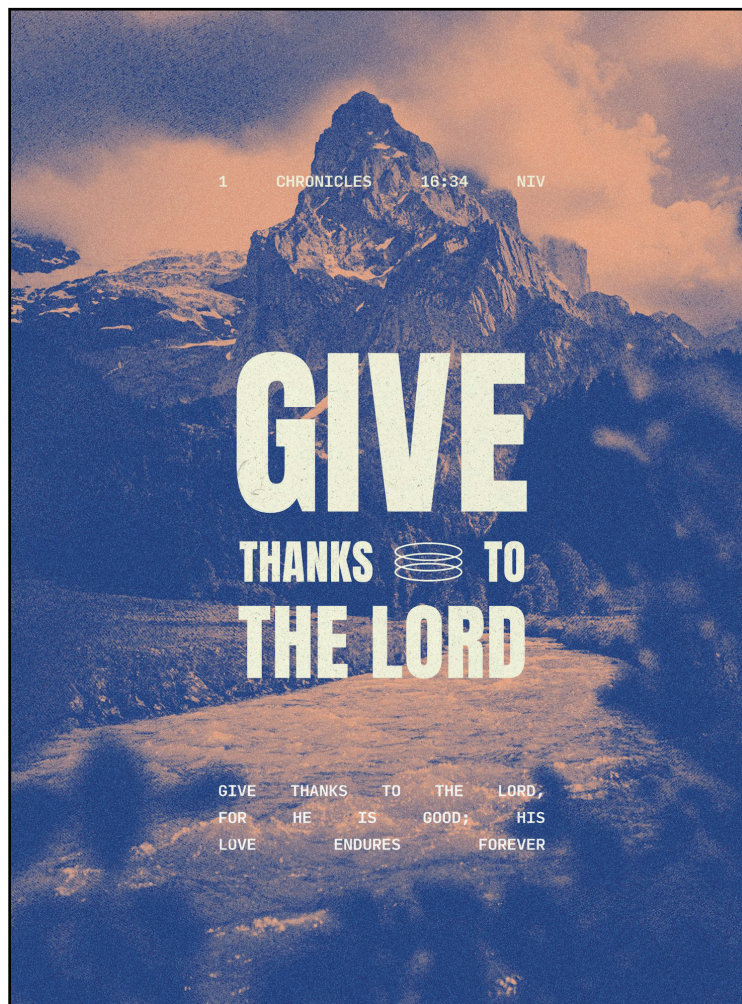
Year-to-Date Need:	1,509,615.50
Year-to-Date Received:	1,355,478.06

### BIBLE STUDY

October 6	284
October 13	277

### WORSHIP

October 6	440
October 13	402





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

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