

THE compass point



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Thanksgiving season is upon us. Of all the big family holidays, Thanksgiving is my favorite. I'm not sure when it became my favorite, but at some point I realized it has all the good without much stress. I get to see my family, I get to eat a lot of food, I get a little time off from work, and I get a few good naps. I get all of these benefits without the stress of purchasing gifts, decorating, or fighting ridiculous crowds around town.

Thanksgiving serves as an opportunity to be reminded of our call to be thankful people. We are reminded of this in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Did you catch that? Give thanks in ALL circumstances. I do not know about you, but there are some circumstances for which I do not want to give thanks. A flat tire, a leaking radiator, illness, the death of a loved one...these are just some that I can think of from my own life in the last few months.

It goes further than just looking to give thanks. We are commanded in Philippians 2:14-15 to, "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." We are additionally told in Numbers 11:1, "The people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp." It seems that complaining is more than an unfortunate attitude, it actually amounts to sin.

Take this season to get in the habit of giving thanks. Our lives should be filled with praise, gratitude, and optimism. I am not trying to sound like one of "those" preachers, but this is truly the call of God, to give thanks in all circumstances. Now, if you will excuse me, I need to go repent.

Honored to be your pastor,

DARRELL

AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 24 9:30a Bible Study
10:45a Worship Service
10:45a Kids' Worship (after the music)
5:00p Thanksgiving Banquet

Tuesday November 26 6:00p Circle of Hope

Wednesday November 27 No Wednesday Evening Activities

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Sunday December 1 9:30a Bible Study
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 December 3 6:00p AHG/TrailLife
6:00p Circle of Hope

Wednesday December 4 5:00p Midweek Fellowship Meal
6:00p Connect
6:00p Student Midweek
6:00p Awana
7:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday December 5 6:00p Prayer & Praise Service

Friday December 6 6:00p Date Night

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



CHRIST HAS COME

Join us December 15 at 6pm as the Northside Worship Ministry presents, "Christ has Come". This will be an evening of multi-generational worship. Mark your calendars and join us!



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note the upcoming events and schedule changes at Northside this holiday season.

November 27- Office closed @ 12pm

November 28 & 29- Office Closed

December 15- Christ Has Come @ 6pm

Worship Ministry Christmas Program

December 22- Churchwide Christmas Breakfast @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:45AM

December 24- Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm

December 29- No Sunday Morning Bible Study; Worship @ 10:45AM



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, which 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.



CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING BANQUET

Don't forget the Churchwide Thanksgiving Banquet is this Sunday, 11/24/24, at 5pm (if you have RSVP). If you registered for the Churchwide Thanksgiving Banquet and are unable to attend, please let us know if your plans changed. We have had over 360 Northsiders registered and have opened a waiting list. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, call the church office at 361-578-1568.



PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE

Night of Prayer and Praise is Thursday, 12/5/24. We will gather in the Chapel (Bldg C) at 6pm every first Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Join us as we focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.



WOMEN OF GRACE CHRISTMAS PARTY RSVP

All widows are invited to join us on 12/7/24 at 12pm for an afternoon of singing, food, games, and a gingerbread house-building contest. If you would like to attend, please sign up by November 24th at the Connect Center or by calling the church office to RSVP.

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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 11/20/24

-Soup & Grilled Chese

No Wednesday Night Activities 11/27/24

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

On December 22, we will gather together for the Churchwide Christmas Breakfast at 9:30 am. There will not be Sunday Morning Bible Study this day. Regular Worship Service will follow at 10:45 am.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: This year, we collected 250 OCC boxes at Northside! Thank you to everyone who packed a box, donated to shipping costs, or helped load the trailer on Sunday. Now, the last step is to pray for the children receiving these boxes. Pray that their hearts will be open to the gospel!

KIDS' CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for Kids' Church on 12/1 and 12/29. 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 only once per quarter.

Check out the online sign-up at nbcvictoria.org/events.

DATE NIGHT

Date Night is Friday, 12/6/24. Childcare is offered at the church from 6-10pm. Please register your children at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page by Wednesday, December 4.

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

NEW FACES AT NORTHSIDE

We welcome these new members to the community of Northside.



Romey and Jessika Mendez

THE RECORD SPEAKS

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Received November 10	
Budget Receipts	23,643.39
Designated & Other:	2,277.13
Total Weekly Receipts:	25,920.52

Received November 17	
Budget Receipts	15,315.56
Designated & Other:	4,632.58
Total Weekly Receipts:	20,028.14

Year-to-Date Need:	86,942.31
Year-to-Date Received:	79,018.02

BIBLE STUDY

November 10	293	November 10	439
November 17	280	November 17	439

WORSHIP

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November 17	280	November 17	439

GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN
LOVE FOR US IN THIS:

**WHILE
WE WERE
STILL
SINNERS,
CHRIST
DIED
FOR US**

ROMANS
5:8 NIV



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

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NORTHSIDE STAFF

JOURNEY ▾ TOGETHER

OPEN TO ALL LADIES IN THE
CROSSROADS AREA.

REGISTER TODAY!

WOMEN'S RETREAT
FEB 21-22, 2025

FOCUS & THRIVE
2025

Northside
WOMEN

IN FOCUS