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Senior Pastor

As I write, it is December 1st. Children the world over will begin a countdown starting today: 25, 24, 23, 22..., you get the idea. They will wait with great anticipation for the morning of December 25th. On that morning they will see if Santa delivered on the request they made for Christmas. Will they get that favorite toy? Will they finally get that long awaited cell phone? Will they get that new puppy? Some will be excited, and some will be disappointed (though hopefully only a little).

The anticipation related to Christmas that we learned as children is a good thing. It teaches us two things: what it must have been like to look for the long-awaited Messiah and that we need to look with excitement

toward the second coming of Christ. As we grow older, the anticipation of gifts and wishes tends to fade. Our anticipation takes on a new focus. We anticipate our children coming home. We anticipate family being together. We anticipate the coming together to celebrate. We anticipate seeing our children, our nieces and nephews, and maybe even our grandchildren opening their gifts. We look forward to different things than before.

As we find ourselves in this season of anticipation, let's be careful not to make it all about meals, gifts, and gatherings. Let's take time to anticipate what God might do in the year ahead. Let's anticipate what God is doing in our lives. Let's anticipate the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let's also make sure that this anticipation is more than a feeling of hopefulness. Let's allow this to be a season of preparation. We must be prepared spiritually for what God is going to do. We must be focused on where God is leading us. And we must be prepared for the return of Christ. We know that scripture tells us that, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10). I would much rather bow the knee now, voluntarily, as opposed to bowing it later in forced submission.

So, in this season of anticipation, enjoy all that comes our way: family, friends, gifts, and gatherings. But also, do not forget to be focused on the things of greatest value: our Lord, His work, and His will. Let us live our lives with great expectation.

DARRELL

AT A GLANCE

Sunday
December 5 9:30a Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:45a Worship Service
10:45a Kid's Church
5:00p Discipleship Groups
5:00p Summit Huddle
5:00p Praiz Kidz/Praiz Kidz, Jr.
5:00p Sunday Evening Worship
5:00p Ecclesia

Tuesday
December 7 6:00p Celebrate Recovery
6:00p Circle of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday
December 8 6:00p Wednesday Night Connect
6:00p Student Midweek
6:00p AWANA
7:00p Worship Choir rehearsal

Thursday
December 9 6:00p NBS Christmas Program
6:15p Trail Life

Friday
December 10 6:00p Women's Night

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Sunday
December 12 9:30a Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:45a Worship Service
10:45a Kid's Church
5:00p Discipleship Groups
5:00p Summit Huddle
5:00p Sunday Evening Worship
5:00p Ecclesia
6:00p Come Behold - Scenes of a Savior

Tuesday
December 14 6:00p Celebrate Recovery
6:00p Circle of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday
December 15 6:00p Wednesday Night Connect
6:00p Student Midweek
6:00p AWANA
7:00p Worship Choir rehearsal

Thursday
December 16 6:15p Trail Life/AHG

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

December 19 you can visit with fellow Northsiders at the Churchwide Christmas Breakfast. There is no Sunday Bible study on December 19. The breakfast begins at 9:30am in Bldg D. This is a family worship day. There will be no nursery for the breakfast or worship service on this Sunday.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Here are some "extras" to add to your December calendar.

- Dec. 3 - Date Night/Hype
- Dec. 4 - Summit Guys
- Dec. 9 - Northside Baptist School Christmas Program
- Dec. 10 - Women's Night
- Dec. 12 - Come Behold - Scenes of a Savior (Worship Choir Christmas concert)
- Dec. 19 - Churchwide Christmas Breakfast (No Sunday School)
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 26 - No Sunday morning Bible study/no evening activities



WOMEN'S NIGHT

Join other women at Northside on Friday, December 10, from 6:00 - 8:00pm for a night of fellowship and diving into the word. Bring your favorite snack to share if you are able. Register for childcare on the events page of our website by December 8.



COME BEHOLD

The Worship Choir invites you to their Christmas performance - *Come Behold - Scenes of a Savior*. The concert is December 12 at 6:00pm in the worship center. Invite your friends to enjoy this celebration of the Christmas season.

WOMEN OF GRACE

Women of Grace (Widows) are having a breakfast at Northside on Friday, December 3, at 8:45. All widows are invited. Call the church office if you have any questions.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree ministry returns in December. We will collect monetary donations which are used to purchase gift cards for children who have a parent that is incarcerated. Mark your envelope "Angel Tree". You can also give online at nbcvictoria.org. The Angel Tree organization has chosen to give the gift cards. Northside will collect your donations and donate the money to the children on the Angel Tree website. Our goal is \$1,000. Excess money collected will go to our missions account.



LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

The Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions is underway. All money collected goes directly for international missions. Northside's goal is \$22,000. Mark your envelope "Lottie Moon" or donate online at nbcvictoria.org.

:::SHORTLINES:::

OH WHAT FUN!: Senior Adults - you are invited to tour the Cuero Christmas Lights on December 5 at 6:00pm. Meet in the Hub for a light snack, then board the bus to see the lights.

PRE-TEEN LOCK IN: The Pre-teen Lock In is January 14 - 15. The Lock In is for kids in the 3rd - 5th grade. The cost is \$20. Registration open on events page of our website.

DATE NIGHT: December Date Night is Friday, December 3. Childcare at the church from 6:00 - 10:00pm. Childcare is free if you are attending a Northside Fellowship. The cost is \$10 per child if not. Registration deadline is TODAY, December 1. Go to nbcvictoria.org to register your child.

HYPE: Kids in 3rd - 5th grade are invited to HYPE! Friday, December 3, from 7:00 - 9:00pm in Bldg. B. Bring a friend!

THE CHRISTMAS CODE: Pick up a copy of The Christmas Code at a Connect Center on Sunday. This is a book of daily devotionals that we will be reading as a congregation beginning today to help us celebrate the advent season. The December sermon series will be based on these devotionals.

RAD WEEKEND: Students in the 6th - 12th grade can go to the events page of our website to register for RAD Weekend. RAD is January 28-30 and the cost is \$35.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Sunday Morning Bible Studies will take a 3 week break. The Churchwide Christmas Breakfast is December 19. We will only have the worship service at 10:45am on December 26 and January 2.

12 HOURS OF CHAOS: Students 6th - 12th grade get ready for the chaos. Starting at 8:00pm December 31 through 8:00am January 1. Watch for registration.

OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be closed December 23 and 24 for Christmas.

VALET PARKING: We have a limited number of handicapped parking places. We are now offering valet parking on Sunday mornings if the spaces are full and it is difficult for you to walk a great distance. Pull up to the end door of the worship center in the main parking lot. You can claim your car after the service.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: If you are interested in helping in this area, contact the church office. First Impressions includes Parking Lot Team, Welcome Center, and Section Hosts. Call to volunteer or get more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS: The need for these meals has increased in the last couple of years. Volunteers are needed for the Monday meal deliveries. Please contact Jenn at 361-576-2189 or email her at jenn@mowvictoria.org

PICTURE UPDATE: Our membership software has the ability to run directories. Please update your picture either in the app or by sending a photo to office@nbcvictoria.org. You can drop off a picture and we will scan it and return it.

SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR: The family of Tom Hobdy on his death. We join together as a family of faith and pray as we celebrate Christ's gift of eternal life.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Received November 21

Budget Receipts	33,346.01
Designated & Other:	724.71
Total Weekly Receipts:	34,070.72

Received November 28

Budget Receipts:	22,911.99
Designated & Other:	417.43
Total Weekly Receipts:	23,329.42

Year-to-Date Need:	123,076.00
Year-to-Date Received:	103,331.91

BIBLE STUDY

WORSHIP

November 21	281	November 21	385
November 28	196	November 28	332

AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON,
AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME

Jesus

FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS



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FOCUS

Collecting through December

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Northside's Goal: \$22,000

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10:45am Worship

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