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As we enter the month of December, I've been thinking a lot about the many traditions many of us follow this time of year. Most Christmas time traditions celebrate the common themes of giving, joy and togetherness. Many of us decorate trees and hang lights and wreaths. Radios and playlists include classic Christmas carols as well as newer songs celebrating the season. There are lights and decorations everywhere you look, and we can't forget to mention all of the holiday baking and treats that start appearing. Nativity scenes, be it in yards or on display in a window, have always been one of my favorites. There are so many more out there. Have you

heard of the Christmas pickle, Boxing Day, or had the pleasure of tasting a bûche de Noël?

One tradition that has been around for a long time is Advent. Though it has not always been celebrated in the Baptist church, it has, in recent years, been added to many of our church services.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming" or "arrival." The season of Advent was initially observed in the Western Church (Roman Catholic, Anglican, and some Protestant traditions) during the 4th or 5th century. It began as a period of fasting and penance in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Over time, Advent evolved into a season not just of penance but also of joyful anticipation for Christ's coming. The four weeks of Advent now symbolize the time of waiting, as Christians reflect both on the birth of Jesus (His first coming) and His anticipated return (the Second Coming).

As we move toward Christmas, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of shopping, decorating, and planning for family gatherings. While these traditions are an important part of the season, let us not forget the deeper meaning of Christmas. At its heart, Christmas is the story of God's love manifested in the birth of Jesus Christ, a humble child born in a manger to bring salvation and hope to us all.

We invite you to join us for our special Christmas services this year, where we will come together as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior. In addition to our normal Sunday schedule, let me point out a few other ways you can be a part.

December 15th @ 6pm - "Christ Has Come" - Northside's worship ministry program with a hot chocolate and cookie fellowship to follow.

December 22 @ 9am - Church-wide Christmas Breakfast.

December 24 @ 5pm - Christmas Eve service.

We hope you can be a part of these meaningful times of worship, prayer, and fellowship as we celebrate the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

For His sake,



AT A GLANCE

Sunday	9:30a	Bible Study
December 8	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
December 10		

Wednesday	5:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal
December 11	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
	6:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday	6:00p	Women's Night
December 12	6:00p	The Forge

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December 15	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kids' Worship (after the music)
	4:00p	2:7 Student Choir
	6:00p	Christ Has Come- Worship
		Ministry Christmas Program

Tuesday	6:00p	AHG/TrailLife
December 17	6:00p	Circle of Hope

Wednesday	5:00p	Midweek Fellowship Meal
December 18	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana

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. We will have hot chocolate, cookies, and a time of fellowship afterwards. Make plans to attend!



FOCUS AND THRIVE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Just a few more weeks to register 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.



WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night is Friday, December 13, at 6pm. The food theme for December is family favorites. As always, bring a dish only if you are able. This month we will be looking at discipleship in community, a Christmas worship time, and door prizes. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, December 11, at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. Please join us!



CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

On December 22, we will all come together for the Churchwide Christmas Breakfast at 9:30am; there will not be Sunday Morning Bible Study this day. Regular Worship Service will follow at 10:45am. Join us as we fellowship and celebrate the Christmas season together.



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.



THE FORGE

The Forge will meet this Friday, December 13 from 6-8pm for a time of fellowship and devotion. BYOMeat of choice to put on the grill and everything else will be provided. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, December 11, at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. See you out at the barn (parking lot by the Upward fields)!

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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 12/11/24

-Taco Night

Menu for 12/18/24

-Pizza Night (Double Dave's)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

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 25- No Wednesday Evening Activities

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

January 1- No Wednesday Evening Activities

WORSHIP GUIDE AND NEWSLETTER UPDATE

We have changed the format of our Sunday worship guide to hopefully be better stewards of the gifts God has given Northside. In January, we will also be changing our Newsletter format. Every week members will receive an email with a copy of the Worship Guide attached and any other important announcements highlighted. We hope these changes will allow for better communication and use of our resources. If you need to update your email address with us, please call the church office at 361-578-1568.

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.

RAD WEEKEND

RAD Weekend is January 24-26, 2024 for 6th-12th graders.

Registration is open on the website! If you would be interested in being a host home, co-host, or helping that weekend, contact Cody at codymoore@nbcvictoria.org or 361-578-1568.

KIDS' CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for Kids' Church on 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.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Received November 24

Budget Receipts 23,573.46

Designated & Other: 101,140.14

Total Weekly Receipts: 124,713.30

Received December 1

Budget Receipts 30,036.10

Designated & Other: 2,491.86

Total Weekly Receipts: 32,527.96

Year-to-Date Need:

144,903.85

Year-to-Date Received:

132,627.58

BIBLE STUDY

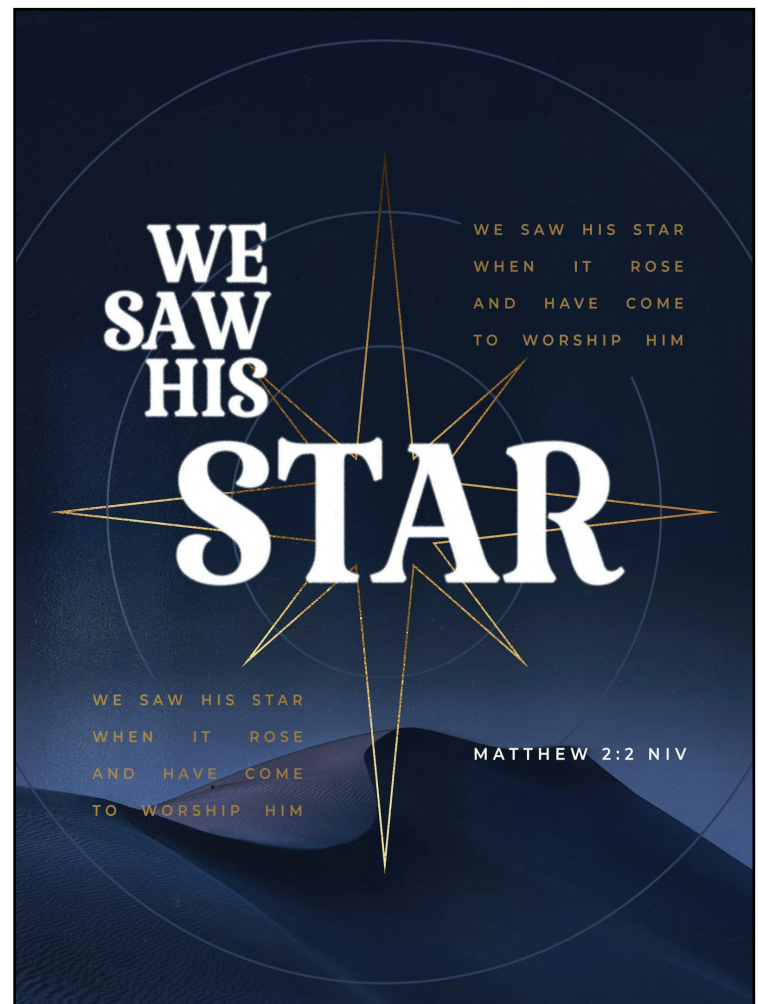
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