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Student Pastor

Merry Christmas Northside Family and Friends!

Just five more days until Christmas. Jett, our youngest, reminded me today by walking by with a huge grin on his face saying, “five more days,” and holding up four fingers. I love seeing Christmas through his eyes. He loves all the lights and things Christmas brings. Coraleigh, our next youngest, gets a little more what Christmas is truly about, but you can see from time to time she misses why we celebrate. My oldest two, Joshua and Abigail,

get it. They started helping with one of our family traditions a few years ago, and they try to use scripture to point the younger two to the real meaning of Christmas. This has also been echoed in our new neighborhood. We have been driving around our new neighborhood and checking out all the lights. Some of these folks have a full on light show, and others have a grinch with a pile of half working lights at his feet. We talked about having a simple but powerful Nativity scene and this led to a conversation about how we must live out everyday what the celebration of Jesus’ birth is all about. We will have to love our neighbors well, care for them when they are sick, be willing to stop our busyness and be intentional to spend time with them. We will have to reflect Jesus in everything we do. This is a heavy and hard thing to do, but a task we should all be willing to do.

It is easy to get caught up in commercial Christmas and lose the true meaning of Christmas. It is also just as easy to celebrate the season and not live it out everyday. As believers, we need to celebrate Christmas and Easter everyday in how we live out our lives. I want to encourage us to live where our feet are in this season, but also celebrate a week from now when we are moving into a New Year, and maybe not a new us. This will make more sense December 31st. We need to celebrate Christmas during this season and the next.

We love serving alongside of you all, and seeing God working through our journeys. Keep it up, keep pushing and loving others as we journey together.



AT A GLANCE

Sunday	10:30a	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 24		No Evening Activites
Monday		Merry Christmas!
Dec 25		Office Closed
Tuesday		Office Closed
Dec 26		
Wednesday		No Evening Activities
Dec 27		
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Sunday	9:30a	Combined Bible Study GroupLife
Dec 31	10:45a	Preview Worship No Evening Activites
Monday		Happy New Year!
Jan 1		Office Closed
Tuesday	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
Jan 2	6:00p	AHG/Trail Life
	6:30p	Circle of Hope
Wednesday	5:00p	Wednesday Night Meal
Jan 3	6:00p	Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana
Thursday	6:00p	Prayer & Praise
Jan 4		
Friday	6:00p	Date Night
Jan 5		

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Annual Christmas Eve Service will be December 24 at 10:30 AM in the Worship Center. Help keep Christ in Christmas by worshiping with us in this special service. Nursery will be available for birth-PK4. There will be no evening activities on 12/24.



LOTTIE MOON

The Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions runs through December 31. All money collected goes directly for international missions. Northside's goal is \$22,000. Please designate your gift as "Lottie Moon" when you give in person and online at nbcvictoria.org. We have collected \$16,237.57 to date.



NEW YEAR GROUPLIFE PREVIEW

On December 31, during the 9:30 AM Bible Study time, we will all meet together in the Worship Center to preview the upcoming groups for the semester.



RAD WEEKEND

RAD Weekend is January 26-28, 2023. 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. Registration is open on the Events Page!



PRETEEN LOCK-IN

You don't want to miss the Pre-Teen Lock-In on January 12-13, 2024! Register today at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page.



GROUPS RETURN

Wednesday Night activities return on January 3 with the meal at 5:00pm and Awana and Connect at 6:00pm. The Northside regular Sunday schedule resumes on January 7. The 2:7 Student Choir begins at 4:00pm. Praiz Kidz returns at 5:00pm. The new semester of GroupLife also begins at 5:00pm. The Sunday Evening Worship service returns at 5:00pm in the chapel.

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

Night of Prayer and Praise is Thursday, 1/4/23. We will gather in the Worship Center at 6:00 PM 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, 1/5/23. Childcare is offered at the church from 6:00 - 10:00pm for \$10 per child. Childcare is free if you are attending a Northside fellowship. Please register at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page by Wednesday, January 3. There will be no Hype in January due to the Preteen Lock-In on 1/12-13/23.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holidays. We will also be closed January 1 for New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NORTHSIDE WEBSITE: Missed a Sunday and wish you had a bulletin with all the latest announcements? Accidentally deleted or threw away your newsletter? Need to relisten to Pastor Darrell's sermon? Never fear, on the Media tab of our website, nbcvictoria.org, you have access to past bulletins, newsletters, and sermons. Check it out!

NORTHSIDE SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our Facebook and Instagram page to stay up to date on all the events happening at Northside.
Facebook- www.facebook.com/nbcvictoria
Instagram- @nbcvictoria
Website- [www.nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org)

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.

SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR: The family of Dwayne Wilkinson on his death and Cody and Anna Lee on the death of his mom. 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 December 10	
Budget Receipts	23,062.82
Designated & Other:	3,254.50
Total Weekly Receipts:	26,317.32

Received December 17	
Budget Receipts:	22,467.52
Designated & Other:	9,106.49
Total Weekly Receipts:	31,574.01

Year-to-Date Need:	211,346.17
Year-to-Date Received:	166,623.94

BIBLE STUDY

December 10	283	December 10	449
December 17	N/A	December 17	386

WORSHIP

December 10	283	December 10	449
December 17	N/A	December 17	386





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

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