

# THE compass point

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I love the second chapter of the gospel of Luke. It is one of those things that just puts me right in the spirit of Christmas. Hearing the words, “and there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field...,” be it December or June, just takes me right to the gospel accounting of the birth of our Savior, and I love it!

This passage has always been my favorite part of the, A Charlie Brown Christmas Special. The show starts with Charlie confused because, even though it was the holiday season, he is still not happy. Christmas cards, wrapping presents, decorating the tree... “I still end up feeling depressed.”. Linus tells him that “of all the Charlie Browns in the world, you’re the Charlie Browniest!”.

Charlie is the director of the school Christmas play and is tasked with finding a tree. Trying to manufacture the Christmas spirit, Charlie picks a runt tree that no one else would have chosen. He gets back and all of the kids ridicule his choice and tell him he can’t do anything right. Frustrated, he blurts out, “Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?!?”. Linus answers the call by quoting Luke 2:1-14, ending with “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”.

One of the best parts of the show is what happens next. After Linus says this, Charlie looks at the little tree and a big smile comes across his face. He grabs the tree and walks home, the smile never leaving his face. The reading or hearing of God’s holy Word should always lift us up. Psalms 119 exclaims to God that His word “is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”. It should also prompt us to action. Charlie was not the only one affected by Linus’ scripture reading. All of the kids had a change of heart about Charlie, as well as the tree. They follow him home and help decorate it, all with smiles on their faces.

So, when you hear this passage and any scripture, for that matter - let it soak in. Realize that it IS the Word and, as we learn in John’s gospel, Jesus IS the Word. And, respond. His Word always leaves us with an opportunity to respond - sometimes in action of serving others, sometimes to just sit in adoration of our Lord.

There are two opportunities this week to hear this Luke 2 passage - Darrell is hitting this chapter in his sermon series The Promised King, and we will experience it as part of the Worship Ministry program, His Name Shall Be - Sunday night at 6. Please come and be a part of it!

*Stephen*

## AT A GLANCE

Sunday 9:30a Bible Study  
Dec 10 10:45a Worship Service  
10:45a Kid's Church  
12:00p GroupLife Leader App. Lunch  
6:00p His Name Shall Be Christmas Program

Tuesday 6:00p Celebrate Recovery  
Dec 12 6:00p AHG/Trail Life  
6:30p Circle of Hope

Wednesday 5:00p Wednesday Night Meal  
Dec 13 6:00p Connect  
6:00p Student Midweek  
6:00p Awana

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Sunday 9:30a Churchwide Christmas Breakfast  
Dec 17 10:45a Worship Service  
10:45a Kid's Church  
No Evening Activities

Monday 5:30p Angel Tree Party  
Dec 18

Tuesday 6:00p Celebrate Recovery  
Dec 19 6:00p AHG/Trail Life  
6:30p Circle of Hope

Wednesday No Evening Activities  
Dec 20

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

## ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



### HIS NAME SHALL BE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Save the date for 12/10/23 as the music ministry of Northside presents, "His Name Shall Be". Join us as the Praiz Kidz, 2:7 Student Choir, and Adult Choir lead us in worship as we focus on the blessing of our Savior Jesus. You do not want to miss this!



### WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night is Friday, December 8, at 6:00pm. In the Christmas spirit we will have a game and door prizes. We will have a Prayer Panel for a few women to share how they pray. Our hope is that hearing multiple ideas about how, when, and where to fit prayer into our lives will be helpful. The food theme for December is Comfort Food. As always, bring a dish only if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, 12/6/23, at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page. Mark your calendar now, this will be a fun one!



### 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](http://nbcvictoria.org).



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

Night of Prayer and Praise is this Thursday, 12/7/23. 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.



### CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

On December 17, we will all come 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.



### 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. There will be no evening activities on 12/24.

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Join us at 5 PM for our church wide Wednesday Night Meal. The suggested donation is \$5 per plate with a cap at \$20 per family. If you forget your wallet, no worries dinner is on us!

Menu for 12/13:

-Chicken & Waffles

### ANGEL TREE

At the moment all of our families have been claimed! If you would like to put your name on a waiting list sign up at the Connect Center today. The gifts will be given to the children at a party on December 18. If you would like to help coordinate or plan the party for Angel Tree contact Rebekah Logan at rebekah.logan85@gmail.com.

### GROUP LIFE LEADER APPRECIATION

If you lead a Sunday Morning Bible Study or a Journey Group, you are invited to our appreciation lunch on December 10 following the worship service. Please see email from Pastor Dean to RSVP.

### RAD WEEKEND HOST HOMES

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

Save the date for the Pre-Teen Lock-In on January 12-13, 2024!

Registration is open at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page.

### NEW YEAR GROUPLIFE KICKOFF

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.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed December 25, 26, and January 1.

**SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR:** Fabian Ramierz on the loss of his mom and brother, Marion (Newt) Newton on the loss of his son, and Naomi Spearman on the loss of her sister. 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 19	
Budget Receipts	18,765.94
Designated & Other:	1,718.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	20,483.94
Received November 26	
Budget Receipts:	13,661.51
Designated & Other:	235.20
Total Weekly Receipts:	13,896.71
Received December 3	
Budget Receipts:	34,553.16
Designated & Other:	7,922.80
Total Weekly Receipts:	42,475.96
Year-to-Date Need:	150,961.55
Year-to-Date Received:	121,093.60

### BIBLE STUDY

November 19  
November 26  
December 3

### WORSHIP

November 19  
November 26  
December 3





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

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JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE WITH MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHOIRS AND DRAMA.

6:00 PM

DECEMBER 10, 2023

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