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### BUSY TIME OF YEAR



Tom Smith Worship Pastor

There is so much going on this time of year that we can easily lose track of things we would like to do. We are busy at Northside, too. Rehearsals are in full swing for *Miracle on Main Street* and *The Majesty of Christmas*, and that is just two of the events happening here. Let me walk you through our Christmas schedule so you won't miss anything.

December 6 - Hanging of the Green Service at 10:45am will explain some of the reasons behind our Christmas traditions. Miracle on Main Street is our children's choir program, and it is at 6:00pm in the Worship Center.

December 11, 12, 13 - The Majesty of Christmas performances are at 6:30pm each evening. December 11 also includes an 8:15pm performance. Don't forget your donation to VCAM.

December 13 - The morning worship service will include our living nativity.

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December 14 - Northside Baptist School will perform their Christmas program at 6:00pm in the Worship Center.

December 16 - We have our Blue Christmas Worship Service in the Conference Center at 6:00pm. This service is especially for those who are struggling through the season due to loneliness, stress, or grief. This hour of hope and comfort may be the best gift you receive this year. The Student

Christmas party is also on this date at 6:00pm in the Student Center.

December 20 - We start with a churchwide breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. No Sunday School this Sunday only. The worship service will be led by our student choir, The Collective. There are no evening activites tonight.

December 24 - The Christmas Eve Service is a tradition here at Northside. We worship together at 6:00pm in the Worship Center for one last reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

December 27 - We will have combined Sunday School classes this week. No evening activities.

Mark your calendars and don't miss Christmas at Northside.

Merry Christmas!

Tom

### AT A GLANCE

Sunday December 6	9:30a 10:45a 3:30p 5:00p 6:00p	Sunday School Groups Worship Service The Majesty of Christmas Rehearsal The Collective Miracle on Main Street
Monday December 7	6:30p	The Majesty of Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday December 8	9:30a 6:30p	Ladies Bible Study Celebrate Recovery
Wednesday December 9	8:30a 6:00p 6:30p	Happy Agers AWANA The Majesty of Christmas Full Cast Production Preview
Friday December 11	6:30p 8:15p	The Majesty of Christmas The Majesty of Christmas
Saturday December 12	6:30p	The Majesty of Christmas
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## STOPS ON THE JOURNEY



#### COLLIDE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

What better way to get the Christmas spirit than with a children's musical. Collide will present *Miracle on Main Street* on Sunday, December 6, at 6:00pm in the Worship Center. When the kids are told they can't have a Christmas pageant, see what they do to make it happen on their own. Don't miss it.



### THE MAJESTY OF CHRISTMAS

Performances are December 11, 12, and 13. If you have tickets you won't be using, please return them to the church office or to the Welcome Center on Sunday. We will have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30pm that you can attend if you didn't get tickets to the other performances.

We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for VCAM when you come to the performance. VCAM has asked for rice and canned tomato products.



### **POINSETTIAS**

You can still purchase a poinsettia at \$10 each. The poinsettias will decorate the worship center during the holiday season. You can come by the church office or a Connect Center Sunday morning. Sunday's worship guide will list the donors.



### ANGEL TREE

You can pick up an Angel Tree ornament on Sunday to help a child this Christmas. Angel Tree helps children with a parent in prison. You purchase the gift requested on the ornament, and the child receives the gift as if it came from the parent in prison. There will be a Connect Center on Sunday with ornaments and details about the gifts to be purchased.



### **CHURCHWIDE BREAKFAST**

Join us December 20 at 9:30am for our annual Churchwide Breakfast. The Fellowship Hall will be filled with the smell of good food. You can have breakfast with your church family then go to worship. There will be no Sunday School this day only.



### WINTER RETREAT

It's time to sign up for the Winter Retreat! Students 6th - 12th grade will spend December 30 - January 1 on the sunny(?) beach at Port Royal. Sign up now by going to nbcvictoria.org/students - special events. The cost is \$100. Talk to Mike Baker if you have any questions.

## .::SHORTLINES::.

DATE NIGHT: December 4 is Date Night from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. We provide childcare at the church. The care is free if you are attending a church fellowship. The cost is \$8 per child if you are not. Call the church office to register your child.

HANGING OF THE GREEN: Ever wonder why we do the things we do at Christmas? Come Sunday, December 6, to the 10:45am worship service for the Hanging of the Green and find out "the why" on some of the Christmas traditions.

THE COLLECTIVE: The Collective will lead the Worship Service on December 20. What a wonderful way to show the love of Christ by our Student Choir.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: If Christmas is hard for you this year, join us December 16 at 6:00pm for Blue Christmas. There are many reasons you may not feel like celebrating the season, but come and worship at this special service.

UPCOMING EVENTS: You will want to mark your calendars for the events we have in November and December:

December 6 - Hanging of the Green service

**December 6 - Collide Christmas Program** 

December 11-13 - The Majesty of Christmas

**December 16 - Blue Christmas Service** 

December 20 - Churchwide Breakfast; The

**Collective leads Worship** 

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

December 24-25 - Church office closed

December 30 - Winter Retreat for Students

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS: New groups begin January 10. Watch for details.

NEW MEMBERS: Have you joined Northside recently but didn't get your picture taken? Please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer so we can get your picture. Be sure to leave your name.

K.I.D.S. WORSHIP: We are on Christmas break, but will begin again January 3.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE: They are busy reviewing resumes. Remember this committee in prayer as they search for the man God has already chosen for us.

EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS: We still need volunteers. Call the church office to get your name on the list. Just try itif its not for you, graciously decline.

SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR: Beth High on the death of her father and Robert Garley on the death of his mother. 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 22**

Budget Receipts:	24,716.05
Designated & Other:	3,511.60
Total Weekly Receipts:	28,227.65

#### Received November 29

Budget Receipts:	13,694.75
Designated & Other:	2,470.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	16,164.75

Year-to-Date Need:	167,550.00
Year-to-Date Received:	135,776.67

### **Continuing His Vision**

Received to date: 1,839,302.02

Lottie Moon Received to date: 745.00

### BIBLE STUDY WORSHIP

November 22	502	November 22	608
November 29	386	November 29	478

### THE PASTOR'S BLOG

I've heard it said that "plagiarism is stealing from one person, research is stealing from many." So, I give props to all the people and sites listed that I borrowed from the end of this blog.

Food for thought...

Sailors can complain about the weather but that is not going to change it. The weather will be what it will be.

The best sailors learn to adjust....read more at nbcvictoria.org/blog





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