

## PRAYER - DOES IT MATTER?



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If you had to stand and give a testimony about how prayer has changed you or made a difference in your life – would you be able to?

My grandmother was a prayer warrior! Every morning she would get up, make her breakfast and coffee, sit at the breakfast table, read her Bible, and pray for every family member. I can remember listening to her as she wept over each member of our family as she asked God to be with her loved ones. Then she would sing a hymn. She knew and believed that prayer mattered.

James 5:13-16 - *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

**I CAN REMEMBER LISTENING TO HER AS SHE WEPT OVER EACH MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY AS SHE ASKED GOD TO BE WITH HER LOVED ONES.**

Prayer – does it matter? YES! It does.

Will you stop right now and pray? Here is a list of things to pray for:

- your family by name
- your church
- your staff
- your pastoral search team
- your new pastor and family
- your Upward Sports ministry
- each ministry of the church
- those who do not have a personal

relationship with Christ

- your church, that we would seek out lost individuals

Become a prayer warrior for your family and your church. Share with others how prayer has changed you.

*Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church: it is a goodly Christian weapon.* – Martin Luther

See you on Sunday,

## AT A GLANCE

<i>Sunday</i> March 20	9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 5:00p 5:30p 6:00p	Sunday School Worship Service The Collective Discipleship Groups Collide/Rhythm Rookies Quarterly Church Conference
<i>Tuesday</i> March 22	9:30a 6:00p 6:30p	Ladies Bible Study Zumba Fitness for Women Celebrate Recovery
<i>Wednesday</i> March 23	8:30a 5:30p 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 7:00p 7:00p	Happy Agers Blood Drive AWANA Prayer Meeting Discipleship Groups Student Hang Time Student Bible Study Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i> March 24	9:30a 6:00p	Saints Alive Travel to San Antonio Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>Friday</i> March 25	6:00p	Good Friday Service Church Office Closed
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<i>Sunday</i> March 27	9:30a 10:45a	Sunday School Worship Service No Evening Activities
<i>Tuesday</i> March 29	9:30a 6:00p 6:30p	Ladies Bible Study Zumba Fitness for Women Celebrate Recovery
<i>Wednesday</i> March 30	8:30a 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 7:00p 7:00p	Happy Agers AWANA Prayer Meeting Discipleship Groups Student Hang Time Student Bible Study Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i> March 31	9:30a 6:00p	Ladies Bible Study Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>Friday</i> April 1	6:00p 6:00p	Date Night RAD Weekend
<i>Saturday</i> April 2	9:00a 2:00p	Upward Soccer Games Begin Meet & Greet Prospective Pastor

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY



## PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to announce that the candidate for Senior Pastor will be at Northside in view of a call on April 2 & 3. There will be a church-wide Meet & Greet on Saturday, April 2, from 2:00 - 3:30pm with a Question and Answer time from 3:30 - 4:00pm. He will preach in the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, April 3. A called church conference will be held at the conclusion of the worship service for a vote on the recommendation of the Pastor Search Committee's candidate for Senior Pastor.



## NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS OFFERING

We will be collecting money for the Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering through Easter. All of the money collected in this special offering is used to help fund missions and missionaries in North America. Northside's goal is \$13,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach that goal.



## PRETEEN CAMP

It seems a bit early to be talking about camps, but summer will be here before we know it. Over the Edge Preteen Camp is scheduled for July 30 - 3. This camp is for kids exiting 3<sup>rd</sup> - exiting 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Total cost is \$250 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit due by April 3. Final payment is due July 10. You can pay your deposit in the church office now!



## HOSPITALITY TEAM

Shake a hand, smile, say hello. If you can do that, we need you for our Hospitality Team. Make new and old Northsiders feel welcome. Sign up at a Connect Center on Sunday, or call the church office.

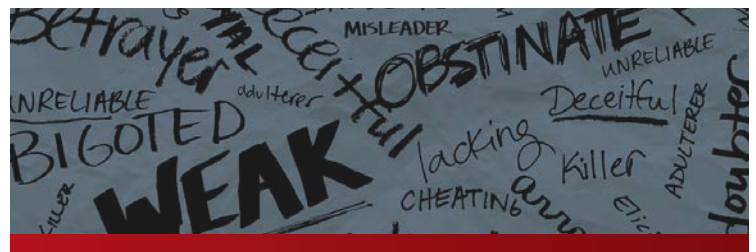
## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our regular Quarterly Church Conference will be this Sunday, March 20, at 6:00pm. Join us in the Conference Center to learn about what's happening at Northside.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We need volunteers for VBS. Teachers, guides, registration table workers, etc., are all needed. There will be a meeting for all workers on Sunday, April 3, after the morning worship service. A meal will be provided. Call the office if you want to volunteer.



## REACH AND DISCIPLE WEEKEND

RAD weekend is for students 6th - 12th grade, and is April 1-3. You can register online at [nbcvictoria.org/students](http://nbcvictoria.org/students). This year's study is *Flawed: Imperfect People Chosen by God*. Sign up today. Questions? Contact Mike Baker at 578-1568.

## ..:SHORTLINES:..

**SAINTS ALIVE TRAVEL:** You can sign up Sunday at a Connect Center, or call the church office if you would like to join the Senior Adults on their trip to the Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio on March 24. Cost is \$18 for transportation and entrance fee. Bring money for lunch.

**NORTHSIDE BAPTIST SCHOOL:** Enrollment is open for the 2016-17 school year. There are slots for 2 year olds through 6th grade. For registration information, call 578-5601 or the church office.

**THE STORY:** The entire Bible told with music, dance, art, and drama. This will be a beautiful presentation with many members of Northside participating. Watch for tickets in your Sunday School rooms soon. The presentation is scheduled for April 22, 23, 24.

**STUDENTS:** If you are interested in attending Super Summer Leadership Camp, please see Mike Baker to get your packet. These are due soon. Super Summer is June 20-24.

**UPWARD REFEREE TRAINING:** If you would like to be a referee for the Upward Soccer games that begin April 2, you will need to come to a training. These are March 22 and 24 at 6:00pm on the Upward Fields. Contact Mike Baker if you have any questions.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** There will be a Ladies Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30 starting March 31. The study is *One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land* by Priscilla Shirer. Sign up by showing up March 31, Room D-143.

**CHILDCARE WORKERS:** We are in need of childcare workers. If you know someone 18+ that is interested in a part-time job, please have them contact Dave Benefield. Nights and weekends are the norm.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** There will be a blood drive at Northside on Wednesday, March 23, from 5:30 - 8:15pm. Eat a good lunch and roll up your sleeve to donate.

**DATE NIGHT:** April 1 from 6:00pm - 10:pm the church provides childcare for kids birth - 5th grade. The childcare is free if you are attending a church fellowship, \$8 per child, if not.

**LADIES HOME MAINTENANCE:** Mark your calendars for April 13 at 1:30pm. That is the next installment of the Home Maintenance workshops put on by Home Depot.

**SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR:** BJ Nelson on the death of her mother, Linda Stagner on the death of her brother, and the family of Ella Mae Cox on her 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 March 6

Budget Receipts:	42,121.00
Designated & Other:	4,489.50
Total Weekly Receipts:	46,610.50

#### Received March 13

Budget Receipts:	26,296.03
Designated & Other:	12,410.70
Total Weekly Receipts:	38,706.73

Year-to-Date Need:	670,200.00
Year-to-Date Received:	610,228.21

#### Continuing His Vision

Received to date:	1,847,602.02
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Annie Armstrong Offering for North

American Missions to date:	1,942.00
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#### BIBLE STUDY

March 8	531
March 13	444

#### WORSHIP

March 8	619
March 13	500

## THE PASTOR'S BLOG

"Grayson, Bobby, Katy, whatever your name is please pick up that toy." This is how a typical conversation may begin at our home. I'm not sure about you, but having a wife, three children, and two dogs I easily get confused on who I am talking to. This is especially true when I am flustered or frustrated.....[read more at nbcvictoria.org/blog](http://nbcvictoria.org/blog)



# ONLINE GIVING

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# Easter Schedule

Friday, March 25, 6:00pm:

Good Friday Service, Student Center

Sunday, March 27, 10:45am:

Easter Service, Worship Center

(Friday, March 25: Church Office Closed)

— journey ^ together —

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Sundays  
10:45am Worship  
9:30am Sunday School Groups

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