

[As you] GO...make disciples...



DEAN MEADE
Discipleship Pastor

I'm excited to be a part of the new chapter that is about to start at Northside Baptist Church. Be praying for our new Senior Pastor and his family as they prepare to tell people they love dearly that they sense God leading them to a new ministry.

This past Sunday, our new pastor preached on Matthew 28:18-20 - the passage we refer to as the Great Commission. (Go to: www.nbcvictoria.org/worship/messages next Monday to hear the sermon.) He talked about our authority, our mandate, and our promise as followers of Jesus. Here's my interpretation of what he said to us... as Christians we move, in the authority of Christ, with the mandate to make disciples, understanding that God is always with us.

Reformation leaders like Luther and Calvin, writing in the 1500s, understood that life wasn't as easy as separating our church life, family life, social life and our work life. Throughout history, Christians have wrestled with what is holy and what is not...often wondering where is the intersection between my life at church, home, and work?

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The reformers pulled down our artificial distinction between the sacred and the secular and sent followers of Jesus into the world to serve God by using their skills and trades to honor God.

Reformation leaders insisted that God not only called people to the offices in the church, but to every kind of labor and trade. The farmer was no less holy than the priest, and the innkeeper no less holy than the

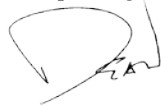
ordained bishop. Luther wrote, "What seem to be secular works are actually the praise of God and represent an obedience which is well-pleasing to him."¹

Reformers taught that holiness was a matter of conformity to the image of Jesus...serving God while you do your job with skill, excellence, and joy.

Their concept came straight from the words of Jesus, *[As you] go, make disciples of all nations...* As you go about your day...as you do the things you do...as you have opportunity...

God has given each of us specific talents and abilities. He has placed us right where he wants us to be. So, this week as you go, honor God by doing what you do with skill, excellence and joy. The fact is, people will come to Christ on the arm of a trusted friend. Choose to humbly walk by and in his authority, remembering Jesus' command to make disciples, understanding that God is with you.

It's a privilege to serve as your Discipleship Pastor,



1. *The Search for God and Guinness* by Stephen Mansfield.

AT A GLANCE

<i>Sunday</i>	9:30a	Sunday School
<i>April 10</i>	10:45a	Worship Service
	2:00p	The Story Rehearsal
	5:00p	The Collective
	5:00p	Discipleship Groups
	5:30p	Collide/Rhythm Rookies
	6:00p	Bible Study
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30a	Ladies Bible Study
<i>April 12</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30a	Happy Agers
<i>April 13</i>	1:30p	Ladies Home Maintenance Workshop
	6:00p	AWANA
	6:00p	Prayer Meeting
	6:00p	Discipleship Groups
	6:00p	Student Hang Time
	7:00p	Student Bible Study
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i>	9:30a	Ladies Bible Study
<i>April 14</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00a	Upward Soccer Games
<i>April 16</i>		
<i>Sunday</i>	9:30a	Sunday School
<i>April 17</i>	10:45a	Worship Service
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<i>Thursday</i>	9:30a	Ladies Bible Study
<i>April 21</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>Friday</i>	6:30p	The Story Production
<i>April 22</i>		
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00a	Upward Soccer Games
<i>April 23</i>	6:30p	The Story Production

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

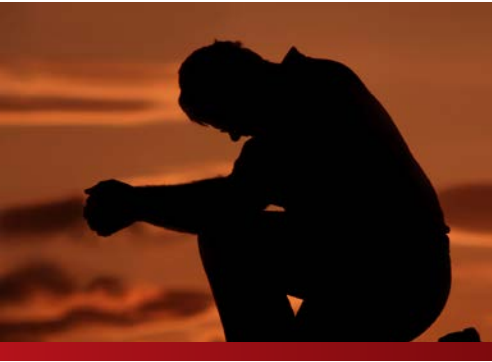


THE STORY PRODUCTION

Tickets are now available for *The Story*. This production is the telling of the Bible using drama, dance, art, and music. We start with Genesis and end with the return of Jesus. The Story will be told on April 22, 23, and 24 at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

Tickets are free, but are required. If you signed up for tickets in your Sunday School class, they will be available at a Connect Center on Sunday morning. You can call or come by the church office to get tickets, or visit a Connect Center the next two Sundays.

You won't want to miss this.



NEW PASTOR

We have called a new pastor. If you were here last Sunday, you heard his name. There will be more about him after he tells his current church his intentions to come to Northside. He plans to preach his first sermon here on May 1. We are very excited to welcome him and his family to Northside.

Keep them and Northside in your prayers as we move forward in God's plans.



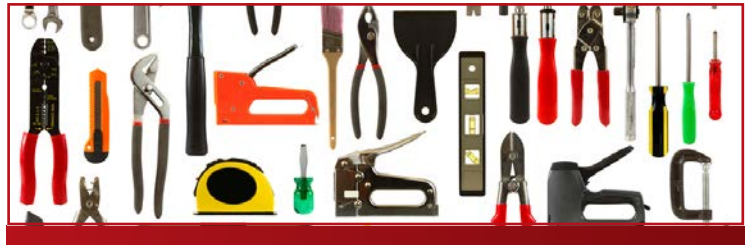
EXTREME KIDS LIVE!!!

Wednesday nights won't be the same around here beginning May 11. That's when we will begin EXTREME KIDS LIVE! This time of games, food, chaos, and insanity will run from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. It is for kids entering kindergarten - exiting 5th grade. It will run through the summer and be loads of fun. Volunteers are needed. This may be the most fun you ever had helping. Call Dave Benefield if you want to join the insanity.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sign up for VBS at nbcvictoria.org/vbs. Vacation Bible School is June 13 - 17 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm and is for children that have completed kindergarten - 5th grade. Deadline for registration is June 6. We also need volunteers to help make it happen. Contact Dave Benefield if you would like to help or if you have any questions..



LADIES HOME MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

The next Home Maintenance Workshop is April 13 at 1:30pm in Bldg D. Sign up at a Connect Center on Sunday, or call the church office to get your name on the list.

GROUPLIFE

New classes are starting in our Discipleship Groups. Check out *Baptist Faith & Heritage* and *Open Your Bible* on Sundays, and *The Comeback* on Wednesdays. Get a complete listing at nbcvictoria.org/ministries/grouplife.



SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Registration is now open for Summer Music Camp. This year's camp is July 18 - 22 from 9am - 3pm. The performance will be Friday, July 22, at 5:30pm. Camp is open to children completed 1st - completed 5th grade. Cost is \$50. Register at nbcvictoria.org/smc. Registration ends June 12.

:::SHORTLINES:::

BABY DEDICATION: We are planning a Baby Dedication on May 8. If you would like to have your child included in this ceremony, please contact Dave Benefield or Rebecca McQuillen in the church office by May 1.

NORTHSIDE KNOCKOUTS: Come cheer on the Northside men's softball team on Thursday evenings. They play at the softball complex by the Community Center. The schedule for the rest of the season is:

4/7	8:00pm	Field 4
4/14	9:00pm	Field 4
4/21	BYE	
4/28	7:00pm	Field 4
5/5	7:00pm	Field 4
5/12	8:00pm	Field 4
5/19	8:00pm	Field 1
5/19	10:00pm	Field 1

UPWARD SOCCER: The season has begun. Come out and support the kids on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:00am. We have many visitors on those mornings. If you would like to volunteer at the Welcome Tent, contact Mike Baker.

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.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Spring is in the air, but it is already time to start planning for summer. We have lots for the kids and students to do, many of them are registering now.

June 13-17	Vacation Bible School
June 20-24	Super Summer
June 25-July 2	Collective Mission Tour
July 11-15	Sondays Camp
July 18-22	Summer Music Camp
July 30-Aug 3	Pre-Teen Camp

Watch for details and deadlines on sign up for each activity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE: There are so many ways you can serve God at Northside. From rocking a baby to shaking someone's hand. Contact the church office or a minister to get plugged in for service.

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.

SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR: Nelda Newman on the death of her husband. 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 20

Budget Receipts:	44,879.25
Designated & Other:	3,842.10
Total Weekly Receipts:	48,721.35

Received March 27

Budget Receipts:	22,269.50
Designated & Other:	19,771.40
Total Weekly Receipts:	42,040.90

Received April 3

Budget Receipts:	46,081.07
Designated & Other:	9,818.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	55,899.07

Year-to-Date Need:	770,730.00
Year-to-Date Received:	723,458.03

Continuing His Vision

Received to date:	1,849,987.02
Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions to date:	10,596.10

BIBLE STUDY

March 20	414
March 27	468
April 3	571

WORSHIP

March 20	520
March 27	847
April 3	686

THE PASTOR'S BLOG

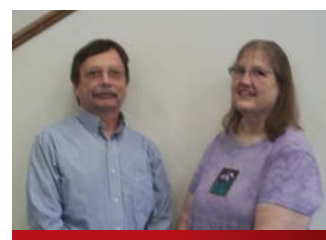
A time to pray!

If my people will humble themselves and pray... Solomon, has just finished building the temple of the Lord and his palace. He has just finished placing the final touches to make it just right and Lord appears to him.....[read more at nbcvictoria.org/blog](http://nbcvictoria.org/blog)



NEW FACES AT NORTHSIDE

We welcome these new folks to the community of Northside. There's room for everyone 'round here.



*Runnoe & Ruth
Connally*

IN
FOCUS



THE STORY

APRIL 22, 23, 24
ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW

— journey ▲ together —

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