

## HIGH FIVES AND HALLELUJAHS



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You probably have heard that each week when your pastors and ministry assistants gather for staff meeting, the first thing we do is go over the prayer requests that have been submitted. Every need is mentioned and every name is brought before the Lord. We count it a high privilege to join you in these petitions.

What you may not know about our weekly meeting is how we end it. The agenda item is listed as **"High Fives and Hallelujahs"**. It is simply a moment taken to recognize what God has been doing in, around, and through Northside and her people. Sometimes it is an "attaboy" to a staff member who has had something especially good happen in their area of ministry. Sometimes it is an expression of praise for something God alone could have done. In each case, it is a positive word of encouragement.

There is biblical precedent for that kind of mindset. The New Testament missionary Barnabas was just such a person. Biblical names are often descriptive of some characteristic

or quality found in the person. Barnabas' name is translated as "son of encouragement".

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Because John Mark left a missionary journey prematurely, Paul declined to take him along on the next trip. Barnabas, however, still saw potential in the young John Mark and brought him along on the journey to Cyprus (Acts 15:36-39).

Could you be a modern-day Barnabas? It may be as simple as establishing your own practice of offering "High Fives and Hallelujahs". Watch for opportunities to genuinely compliment those around you. Recognize good work. Lift up someone who has stumbled. We can all use a little encouragement from time to time. Be a Barnabas.

*Bro. Mickey*

## AT A GLANCE

<i>Sunday</i> <i>November 20</i>	9:30a 10:45a	Sunday School Worship Service No Evening Activities
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>November 22</i>	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>November 23</i>		No evening activities
<i>Thursday</i> <i>November 24</i>		Church office closed for Thanksgiving
<i>Friday</i> <i>November 25</i>		Church office closed for Thanksgiving
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<i>Sunday</i> <i>November 27</i>	9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 5:00p 5:30p 6:00p	Sunday School Worship Service Discipleship Groups Prais Kidz & Prais Kidz Jr. The Collective Quarterly Church Conference
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>November 29</i>	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>November 30</i>	8:30a 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 7:00p	Happy Agers AWANA Conversation & Prayer Discipleship Groups Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> <i>December 2</i>	6:00p	Date Night
<i>Saturday</i> <i>December 3</i>	6:00p	Paint the Pulpit

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY



## THE MAJESTY OF CHRISTMAS

The Majesty of Christmas 2016 is just around the corner. The performances are on December 9, 10, and 11. You should order your tickets now. You can call the church office to place your order. There will also be a Connect Center to order your tickets this Sunday.

Tell your friends and family. The number is 361-578-1568.



## POINSETTIAS FOR SALE

We are selling poinsettias to be displayed in the worship center during the Christmas season. You can purchase a poinsettia for \$10. You can indicate at purchase that you have bought the flower in memory or honor of a loved one. You can also purchase a plant as a reminder to pray for someone who is lost. Visit a Connect Center this Sunday.



## DATE NIGHT

December 2 is Date Night. Call the church office to register your kids. Remember, there is child care at Northside from 6:00 - 10:00pm. Childcare is free if you are attending a church fellowship, \$8 per child if not. A good time to go Christmas shopping!



## THANKSGIVING

We at Northside hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no activities at the church Sunday evening, November 20. There are also no activities on Wednesday, November 23. The church office will be closed on November 24 and 25.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You have been hearing a lot about Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to help, come TONIGHT at 6:00pm to help stuff boxes. These boxes will be taken to the GBA on Thursday to be shipped to a boy or girl in need.



## PAINT THE PULPIT

Ladies, join us for another Paint the Pulpit fellowship on December 3 from 6:00 - 9:00pm. Sign up begins this Sunday at a Connect Center. Deadline for registration is November 19. There will be painting, food, and fun - maybe with a Christmas theme.

## :::SHORTLINES:::

**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE:** Our regular Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for November 27 at 6:00pm in the Conference Center.

**LORD'S SUPPER:** We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in the morning worship service on November 27.

**ZUMBA:** Our Zumba Fitness for Women classes will be taking a break. The last class of 2016 will be November 17. Don't worry, the classes will resume in January.

**AWANA LISTENERS NEEDED:** We need people to listen to children in AWANA say their Bible verses. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dave Benefield or Seth Brooks.

**CONCERT:** The Collective and Praiz Kidz will be presenting a Christmas concert on December 18 at 6:00pm in the worship Center.

**DOUBLE DAY SUNDAY:** Two worship services, two Sunday School classes begin January 8. Services and classes are at 9:15am and 10:45am.

**STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY:** December 14 for students 6th - 12th grade in the Student Center.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 20 & 23 - no evening activities  
November 24 & 25 - church office closed for Thanksgiving  
November 27 - Quarterly Church Conference at 6:00pm  
December 4 - Hanging of the Green service  
December 9 - 11 - The Majesty of Christmas  
December 18 - Churchwide Breakfast  
December 24 - Candlelight Service  
December 25 - Candlelight Service (no Sunday School)  
December 23 & 26 - Church office closed for Christmas

**SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR:** Ben Swanner 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.

## NEW FACES AT NORTHSIDE

*We welcome these new folks to the community of Northside.*



Emma Meador



Faith McFalls

## THE RECORD SPEAKS

### MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

#### Received November 6

Budget Receipts:	41,451.83
Designated & Other:	3,056.25
Total Weekly Receipts:	44,508.08

#### Received November 13

Budget Receipts:	28,335.33
Designated & Other:	4,479.24
Total Weekly Receipts:	32,814.57

Year-to-Date Need: 68,308.00

Year-to-Date Received: 69,787.16

### BIBLE STUDY

November 6	474
November 13	440

### WORSHIP

November 6	659
November 13	582

## THE PASTOR'S BLOG

The time is quickly approaching. November is flying by. Before long we will soon see lines at the doors of our church waiting to enter and see the latest installation of "The Majesty of Christmas." Many of you know that I grew up not far from Victoria and also served as the pastor of First Baptist Churches in Louise and Ganado. I remember the days of coming to see these pageants  
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*Enter his gates  
with thanksgiving  
and his courts with  
praise; give thanks  
to him and praise  
his name.*

*Psalm 100:4*

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FOCUS



— journey ^ together —

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

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