

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



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The first Christmas! Wouldn't you have loved to have been there? A baby boy born in a stable and lying in a manger, surrounded by the animals. Soon, to be surrounded by the shepherds and the Magi.

What a contrast - Shepherds and Magi. One - the shepherds - deemed unclean, and not worthy of coming to the temple to worship. They are not trusted, and are seen as the outcast of society – the trouble makers. The other - the Magi - deemed as privileged. They were considered the wise men of society. They possess the knowledge and wealth. They were accepted and sought after for friendship and knowledge.

Two totally different kinds of people who made a journey to the manger. They had heard of a king that one day would come. And because of the angels and a star, they began their journeys to see this king.

At the birth of our king, we see Jesus drawing all men to him. Those that we have deemed unfit, unclean, and unworthy, as well as those who are well off and have been granted privileges. There is just something about Jesus that draws all men to Him.

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Where are you on your journey to see Jesus? Have you seen Him this week? This month? This season? Think about those around you. We all need to be on a continuous journey of discovering Jesus. Look around how/who can you help? Take some time this week and journey to the manger.

AT A GLANCE

<i>Sunday</i> December 11	9:30a 10:45a 6:30p	Sunday School Worship Service The Majesty of Christmas
<i>Monday</i> December 12	6:30p	Northside Baptist School Musical
<i>Tuesday</i> December 13	6:30p	Blue Christmas
<i>Wednesday</i> December 14	8:30a 6:00p 6:00p 6:00p 7:00p	Happy Agers AWANA Conversation & Prayer Discipleship Groups Worship Choir Rehearsal

<i>Sunday</i> December 18	9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 6:00p	Church Wide Breakfast Worship Service Discipleship Groups The Collective & Praiz Kidz Concert
<i>Tuesday</i> December 20	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
<i>Wednesday</i> December 21	8:30a	Happy Agers No evening activities
<i>Friday</i> December 23		Church office closed
<i>Saturday</i> December 24	6:00p	Candlelight Service
<i>Sunday</i> December 25	10:00p	Candlelight Service
<i>Monday</i> December 26		Church office closed

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We will again have our Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. Join us in the Worship Center for music and a Christmas message that ends in beautiful candlelight.

This year we will have the Candlelight Service on Christmas Day also. This service is at 10:00am and is the same service as the Christmas Eve Service.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

It is time for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. All money collected in this offering goes directly for International Missions. Our goal is \$22,000. We have collected \$2,535 to date. This mission collection will go through December. Mark your envelope, give online or at the kiosk.



WINTER RETREAT

Students can register online at nbcvictoria.org/students/specialevents for this year's Winter Retreat. You will leave for Port Aransas on December 30 and return January 1. The cost is \$100. Register now.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

If Christmas is hard for you this year, join us December 13 at 6:30pm in the Student Center for Blue Christmas. There are many reasons you may not feel like celebrating the season, but come and worship at this special service.



CHURCHWIDE BREAKFAST

Join us December 18 at 9:30am for breakfast. Everyone is invited. It will be in Building D. There is no Sunday School that morning, just a delicious breakfast.



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. Already picked up an ornament? Bring your gift by the church office.

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THE MAJESTY OF CHRISTMAS: The tickets have been gone for two weeks, but you may still be able to attend. We will have a “stand-by” line for people that do not have tickets. Doors open for ticketed persons at 6:00pm. If there are seats remaining after all ticketed persons are seated, unticketed people will be let in until we are full.

BOOK SIGNING: Deborah Jentsch has written a book. *Spillway* is about her family’s experience with traumatic brain injury. Ladies of Northside are invited to a Come & Go Book Signing at 113 Amhurst St (in Bell Tower) on Dec. 16 from 10:00am to noon. You can buy your copy on amazon.com. There will be no books for sale at the signing.

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

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST SCHOOL MUSICAL: Join the kids from our school as they bring their Christmas musical to life. See you December 12 at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 9 - 11 - The Majesty of Christmas
December 18 - Churchwide Breakfast
December 23 - Church office closed
December 24 - Candlelight Service
December 25 - Candlelight Service (no Sunday School)
December 26 - Church office closed
December 30 - Winter Retreat

JANITOR NEEDED: We are hiring part-time custodians. If you are interested in this position, please come by the church office to fill out an application.

CHILDCARE WORKERS: We are also hiring part-time childcare workers. Please contact Dave Benefield if you are interested.

SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR: Randy Trotter on the death of his sister, and to Seth Brooks on the death of his 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 20

Budget Receipts:	16,591.69
Designated & Other:	1,582.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	18,173.69

Received November 27

Budget Receipts:	56,166.77
Designated & Other:	1,681.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	57,847.77

Received December 4

Budget Receipts:	42,266.89
Designated & Other:	6,935.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	

Year-to-Date Need:	170,770.00
Year-to-Date Received:	184,162.51

BIBLE STUDY

November 20	487
November 27	483
December 4	497

WORSHIP

November 20	568
November 27	605
December 4	553

THE PASTOR’S BLOG

The tenth chapter of Luke records the story of two sisters, Mary and Martha. These two sisters have very different temperaments. Mary is the more laid back of the two. She is content to sit, listen, and enjoy. Martha is a doer. She wants to get things taken care of, make sure responsibilities are covered, and wants the to-do list completed.....[read more at nbcvictoria.org/blog](http://nbcvictoria.org/blog)



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1-2

IN
FOCUS



— journey ▲ together —

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9:30am Sunday School Groups

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