

## IT'S STILL THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR



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“Christmas makes you feel emotional  
It may bring parties or thoughts devotional  
Whatever happens or what may be,  
Here is what Christmas time means to me.....”

These are the words to the opening verse of *Silver Bells*. I know that Christmas is over, but these words struck me as I sat down to write this article. Christmas does bring all kinds of emotions. Some people are filled with joy. They smile and wave as people pass by, happily say “Jesus is the reason for the season”, even invite complete strangers to church. Some people feel sad and alone, but those same joyful people share a smile or greeting with them. Christmas Day comes, and almost everyone is filled with joy. Seeing family, eating wonderful meals, opening gifts, and in general all the world seems to be happy. Then something happens, Christmas is over.

People must go back to work, put the decorations up, throw away all the paper and boxes, and life goes back to “normal”. People don’t seem as willing to share that smile with a stranger, let them move ahead in the shopping line, or tell others about Jesus and invite them to church. People move on and often forget that joy most seem to feel around Christmas. They begin to make the New Year’s resolutions most of us will keep for at least three weeks. But what if? Just what if we kept the joy that we had during the Christmas season all year? What if we remembered that Jesus is the reason for Christmas, but He’s also the reason we can have joy January 2<sup>nd</sup> or even April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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This year let’s try a little harder to keep that joy alive. Make it a point to share a smile, handshake, or small gift with those around us. Remember that the cashier at HEB still needs to hear “Jesus loves you” and receive an invitation to your church. Challenging yourself to lose a few pounds or save a few dollars is a wonderful goal, but let sharing the love and joy of Jesus Christ be at the top of our list.

This week you have the perfect opportunity. Tell those around you about the exciting things that happened at your church this Christmas, and the exciting things happening now. Invite them to one of our new 9:15am church services, invite them to your Bible study, and give them a simple smile.

If you need more information on Double Day Sunday you may see the graphic in this newsletter or look on our website or Facebook.

#### Ways To Get Involved In Worship Ministry:

- 1) Tech Team: No experience needed. Computer operator, cameras, lights, etc.
- 2) Worship Choir: January 11th Kick Off at 7:00pm
- 3) Worship Band
- 4) Worship Orchestra: Starting in February
- 5) Children’s Choirs and Student Choir: Kick off January 29

Singing His Praises,

*Tom*

## AT A GLANCE

<i>Sunday</i>	9:15a	Sunday School
<i>January 8</i>	9:15a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Sunday School
	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kid’s Church
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz/Praiz Kidz, Jr.
	5:30p	The Collective
	6:00p	Bible Study
<i>Tuesday</i>	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
<i>January 10</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30a	Happy Agers
<i>January 11</i>	1:30p	Ladies Home Maintenance
	6:00p	Conversation & Prayer
	6:00p	AWANA
	6:00p	Student Hang Time
	7:00p	Student Bible Study
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>January 12</i>		
<i>Friday</i>	7:00p	Pre-Teen Lock-In
<i>January 13</i>		
<i>Sunday</i>	9:15a	Sunday School
<i>January 15</i>	9:15a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Sunday School
	10:45a	Worship Service
	10:45a	Kid’s Church
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz/Praiz Kidz, Jr.
	5:30p	The Collective
	6:00p	Bible Study
<i>Tuesday</i>	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
<i>January 17</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30a	Happy Agers
<i>January 18</i>	6:00p	Conversation & Prayer
	6:00p	AWANA
	6:00p	Student Hang Time
	7:00p	Student Bible Study
	7:00p	Worship Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i>	6:00p	Zumba Fitness for Women
<i>January 19</i>		

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

	9:15 A.M.	10:45 A.M.
Kids	Sunday School (A bld.)	Kid's Church (B bld.)
Students	Sunday School	Worship
University/Young Professionals	Worship	Sunday School
Adult Option A	Sunday School	Worship
Adult Option B	Worship	Sunday School

## DOUBLE DAY SUNDAY

Two Bible Study hours and two worship services beginning January 8. The early service and Sunday School start at 9:15am. The second service and Sunday School begin at 10:45am. If you have questions about the change, come to the Conference Center TONIGHT, January 4, at 6:00pm.



## PRE-TEEN LOCK-IN

Kid's 3rd - 5th Grade are invited to a Pre-teen Lock-In. Come at 7:00pm on January 13 and leave at 7:00am on January 14. The cost is \$10. Call the church office to register your kid for this fun night of games, prizes, food, and activities.



## LADIES HOME MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Sign-up now for this workshop to be held January 11 at 1:30pm in Bldg D. Call the church office or visit a Connect Center on Sunday to get your name on the list to learn ways to keep your house "maintained".



## DATE NIGHT

January 6 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.



## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is ending with us a bit behind our goal of \$22,000. All money collected in this offering goes directly for International Missions. We have collected \$13,863 to date. The offering will close January 8. Thank you to those who gave.



## STUDENTS

Students, watch for registration information for Reach and Disciple Weekend. THEN...

Get ready for the biggest football game of the year. Watch with your friends in the Student Center on February 12 at 5:00pm.

## :::SHORTLINES:::

**ANNIVERSARY:** Alvesa Moctezuma celebrated her seventh year as a ministry assistant at Northside on January 3.

**ACTIVITY RESTART:** Wednesday activities resume tonight. See you here for AWANAs, Student Bible studies, and choir rehearsal. Conversation & Prayer will resume January 11.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Four of our pastors are going to the Dominican Republic on a scouting trip. They will be taking school supplies for the children there. Visit a Connect Center on Sunday for more details.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.

**ZUMBA RESUMES:** Start on your New Year's resolutions by joining our Ladies Zumba Class. This fun filled class has resumed. See you in Building B on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00pm.

**MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC:** Worship Choir Kick-off is January 11. Look for the Connect Center this Sunday to sign up for orchestra and get more information on choir.

**KID'S CHURCH:** Double Day Sunday will bring some changes to Kid's Church. Kids ages kinder - 5th grade will go from Sunday School to Building B for Kid's Church at 10:30. If you want to pick up your kids - they will be in Building B. You are welcome to take them to worship with you. Otherwise, they will be in Building B having fun and learning about God. Pre-K will not change. Kid's Church will be the entire 10:45am worship service.

**NOW HIRING:** We are hiring part-time custodians and childcare workers. If you are interested in this position, please come by the church office to fill out an application.

**D GROUPS:** New groups will be starting January 29. Watch for details.

**HOSPITALITY CREW:** Maybe you saw our new outdoor Welcome Center during The Majesty of Christmas. We are calling it The Hub and we need people to work it. If you are interested in greeting visitors and guiding them to where they need to be, please contact the church office. We can use your smiling face. Don't like the outdoors? We need volunteers at the inside Welcome Center also.

**SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR:** The family of Grace Aline Baker 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 December 25

Budget Receipts:	26,793.52
Designated & Other:	3,476.39
Total Weekly Receipts:	30,269.91

#### Received January 1

Budget Receipts:	58,581.72
Designated & Other:	2,369.00
Total Weekly Receipts:	60,950.72

Year-to-Date Need:	307,386.00
Year-to-Date Received:	323,505.71

### BIBLE STUDY

December 25	N/A
January 1	N/A

### WORSHIP

December 25	186
January 1	464

## THE PASTOR'S BLOG

We have dubbed 2017 as "The Year of Authenticity" at Northside Baptist Church. Of course, we always want to be authentic in our faith, but we want to give special attention to it in this upcoming year. The main complaint you will hear from the world is that Christians are not real, they are not genuine, or in other words, they are not authentic...read more at [nbcvictoria.org/blog](http://nbcvictoria.org/blog).



*I have told you these things,  
so that in me you may have  
peace. In this world you will  
have trouble. But take heart! I  
have overcome the world.*

John 16:33

IN  
FOCUS

COMING SOON  
**DOUBLE DAY**  
*Sunday*

ONE CHURCH, ONE PURPOSE, DOUBLE THE IMPACT

**JAN.08.17 · 9:15 & 10:45AM**



— journey ^ together —

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Sundays  
9:15 & 10:45am Worship  
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