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Two Locations

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Loving God, Loving People

Looking Forward to VBS!

With Vacation Bible School fast-approaching, we sat down with Children's Director, Diane Phillips, to discuss why she's excited about this year's VBS!



How are you doing?

I am feeling stronger, but continue to have 50 hours of chemo every two weeks. I am hoping for a cat scan in the next two weeks so we can know what progress we have made.

What are you looking forward to about VBS?

I really like the theme this year in VBS! (The theme is "Ramblin Road Trip: Which Way Do I Go?") Making choices is a critical decision that all of our children have to make and make wise ones as well. Based on Bible stories and a lot of personal sharing, VBS will hopefully prepare them when they have to make choices that can affect their lives. This material is very evangelistic as well. I pray that decisions will be made during this time. The consistent daily Bible study gives us precious time to answer questions and help the children see how important accepting Jesus and living God's way is for them.

In light of your battle with cancer, how do you anticipate VBS being different this year?

VBS is right on course, thanks to the work of many people. Annica Cook has done an excellent job recruiting workers and uniting the VBS team in preparation for their responsibilities. I am scheduled for chemo that week, so I am really depending on those who have carried the ball every year to give it an extra lift this year.

What can the church do to help you through this year's VBS?

We still have some critical spots to fill. We need volunteers who may only be able to work one day or more to come in and work when they can. Please let Lori Blankenship or Annica Cook know if you can do this. We really need extra hands for some of the activities. If you can't help, please pray for the workers, the children and the families. That is the purpose of the week--reaching those that are without a church family and to strengthen those who have accepted Jesus.

What are your goals for VBS?

My goals for VBS are to reach every child that needs to hear about God's love for them. Last year I had a neighbor of our church tell me that she thought we were limiting attendance at VBS to our own kids because there wasn't a sign promoting it. She took a chance and brought her kids anyway and brought neighbors each day. We have our sign up this year! We really need people to saturate our neighborhood with flyers on July 10th. After we get children to VBS, my goal is to teach them about Jesus and share God's love with them. We have a fun time doing it! I want teachers to realize how important their time with the children is and that this week can make an eternal difference in their lives! It did many years ago for my oldest daughter!

Important VBS Events to Remember

Flyer Distribution

July 10 @ 6:00 pm

Preparation Day

July 17 from 1:00-5:00 pm

Family Night

July 22 @ 7:00 pm

Follow-up and Visitation

July 24 @ 6:00 pm

The Family of Faith

“Family” is important. The family is one of only two God-ordained institutions (the other being the Church). Some people will go to great lengths to experience family.



Several years ago, a little nine year old boy in Memphis, TN, lived with his mother’s corpse for weeks before reporting her death to authorities. The boy, Travis Butler, was found healthy and stable despite his horrible ordeal. Travis later told police he refused to tell police of his mother’s demise for fear of being removed from his home. Therefore, the youngster lived on frozen pizzas, cold cereal, and went to school every day as if everything in his life was normal.

Upon discovery of the situation, Travis was placed in his grandmother’s home. One night, while snuggling with his grandmother, Travis said, “It feels good to be in the arms of family.”

Wow! Northside is family! This month is one of our greatest outreach efforts, Vacation Bible School. This is a time dedicated to sharing with children what it means to be a part of God’s family. Pray for every teacher, worker, and pupil in VBS. Some of these children will come to know Christ as Savior and will say, “It feels good to be in the arms of family.”

Pumped About VBS,

Brother Mark

Bottles for Babies

Northside will be sponsoring Bottles for Babies--a fundraiser for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. During the month of July, you may pick up an empty baby bottle before or after worship. Take the bottle home and fill it with your loose change. We will collect the bottles the last week-end in July. This is an easy way to donate to a great cause! Last year, Northside raised over \$1000 for CPC!



Upward Basketball Camp

Another page in the history books for Upward at Northside Baptist Church is soon to be written! Upward Basketball Camp is quickly approaching and we anticipate a fun filled week of basketball, but more importantly, a great opportunity to share Jesus with our first through sixth grade campers! Please remember the camp in your prayers during the week of July 11-15th. Watch next month’s Vision for a report on how camp went!



What is a Southern Baptist?

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor and former Northside Baptist Church staff member, Dr. John Mark Yeats will be leading a four week Wednesday night study beginning July 6th. This study will examine our Baptist heritage, doctrine, and church polity. The class will meet in the Fireside Room at 6:30 pm.



God is Faithful! I Can Dig It!



We’re having a blast on the beach! Surfers, 4 year olds through fifth grade (completed), have been learning that God is faithful, He keeps His promises, and He provides for all our needs.

The beach music and games are a real blast. Preschool Surfers had some fun making and playing with sea foam bubble pipes and children surfers played blowfish volleyball and made treasure chests and tied-dyed shirts.

The sandy adventure continues all summer long. We meet each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Don’t miss our first **BirthDay Beach Blast, July 6th!** If your birthday is in April, May, July, or September then you are our special guest. Everyone should **wear swim clothes and bring a towel** because this party will be full of wet and wacky outdoor fun! (*One-piece swimwear only.*)

For more information contact Annica Cook at 294-3303 or at Annicacook@aol.com.

Bible Study at Northside!

Northside has always and will continue to provide quality Bible study as our ministry base. The main foundation of that base has for years been Sunday School. This small group Bible study opportunity has grown over the years to over 600. With the formation of the satellite ministry,



that base has evolved into a new organization. We continue to provide Bible study, but today it looks slightly different. We now have two ways to deliver Bible study to our members and guests. First, is the traditional Sunday morning, option, Sunday School. The second one is the new home Bible study option.

We need to have a unified focus on Bible study that envelopes both of these options. In the days ahead, we will refer to these forms of Bible study as **small groups**. That means that we will have **Sunday morning small groups** and **home small groups**, but they are both part of the **small group Bible study ministry**. The goal, as always, is to involve people in small group Bible study so that they can grow in their relationships with Jesus.

The next level of Bible study is our Discipleship studies. These are part of our intentional spiritual growth track. We want to see every member working their way through the growth track so that we can become “mature in Christ.”

New Small Groups for Fall?

We have gotten off to a great start with our home Bible study small groups. We need to begin thinking about the fall.

- * Will your existing group continue?
- * Will you invite new people to participate in your group?
- * Will you begin to pray about starting a group for your neighborhood or work place?
- * Who does the Lord want you to approach about being in your group?

It is my prayer that you will become involved in a small group Bible study. You have two options to do so:

- 1) Sunday morning small group Bible study at 9:30 at the Main Campus. These groups meet every week.
- 2) Weekday small group Bible study during the week. We have groups that meet nearly every day of the week and in most areas of the north side of Indy.

If you are in a group, I hope that you will continue.

If you are in a group, maybe the Lord wants you to start a new group to reach new people in your home or place of business.

If you are not in a group, I know the Lord wants to see you in a small group Bible study. Keep watching for more information next month about where these groups will be meeting.

If you want to know more about small group Bible study, check out our web page at www.worshipfortoday.com or see the Small Group resource table at either campus.

If you are interested in hosting a small group Bible study, contact Steve McNeil at smcneil@worshipfortoday.com, or call me at 255-6692.

Adult Sunday Morning Small Group Bible Study Leaders Meeting

To help our leadership get ready for the fall we will be hosting our annual training meetings for small group leadership.

Please put these dates on your calendar.

Home small group leadership training, Aug. 3 and 10, 6:30 PM in the Guest Center

Sunday morning small group leadership training, Aug. 17 and 24, 6:30 PM in the Guest Center

Small group leadership rally, Aug. 31, 6:30 PM. This is for all leaders of small groups.

ministry news

We are ONE:



This year's Ultimate Youth Camp was unforgettable! It was our first year at Pleasant Valley Ranch, located in Perrysville, Ohio.

This year's theme was Ephesians 4: 4-6, which states: "There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over and through all and in all."

All week, students learned the strength of one and focused on the One and Only, Jesus Christ.

Worship at camp is always amazing and this year was no different. The Joey Witham Band lead our students in exciting and powerful worship throughout the week. The band didn't stop with worship. They were visible throughout the week, helping fill water balloons, playing games during recreation time, and even joining in on a canoe trip.



This year's speaker, Troy Temple, was also well-received, challenging students to think while keeping them interested with funny stories about his family and his life growing up. Every evening, Troy's messages generated a lot of discussion.

Family time is also an important time of camp. This year, there were 13 families, divided up by age and gender. Every evening after worship, these families met for private discussion and talked about real world Christianity and how to stay focused in a fallen world. It was a time for students to be open with each other and with their leaders as they discussed problems and developed many friendships between leaders and students.



UYC brings the message of Ephesians 4: 4-6 to life!



Recreation time was always enjoyed--whether it was the Great Race that took students rushing through the camp, crazy water balloon fights, leader-camper games or the canoe trip. There is never a lack of things to do!

This year's Friday evening banquet brought the red carpet to camp. During the day, the girls were treated to a day spa in which they could soak

their feet, and get their hair and nails done. The theme for the night was "The Oscars." Students each made a red carpet entrance into the banquet that evening, complete with Phil Jacoby as the announcer and flashing cameras. The star treatment atmosphere reinforced a message that had been given all week--God treasures each and every one of us.



The grand finale of camp was, of course, the baptisms. Six students made a public statement of faith before their peers by being baptized in the lake by Tony. Praise God!

This year's camp was absolutely amazing--filled with all kinds of thrilling memories. Thank you to all the leaders who put in countless hours to make camp happen. We appreciate all your hard work!



ministry news

july calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Baptist Center Collection	4 Office Closed	5	6 6:00 pm John Mark Yeats Bible study begins	7	8	9
10 6:00 pm VBS Flyer Distribution Lord's Supper	11	12	13	14	15	16
Upward Basketball Camp						
17 1:00 pm VBS Setup 7:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	18	19	20 Business Meeting	21	22 7:00 pm VBS Family Night	23
Vacation Bible School						
					Sr. High Mission Trip	
24 6:00 pm VBS Visitation	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sr. High Mission Trip to Pittsburgh						
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<p>Tuesdays 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Rm) 9:00 am Fitness Classes (CLC) 9:30 am Sr. Adult Bible Study (Fireside Rm)</p> <p>Wednesdays 6:00 pm Beach Blast Kids Club (FH) 6:30 pm John Mark Yeats' Bible Study(FR) 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Thing (CLC)</p> <p>Thursdays 9:00 am Fitness Classes (CLC) 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group (Rm 109)</p>	<p>Friday 12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (FR)</p> <p>Saturdays 6:30 pm College & Career Bible Study</p> <p>Sundays 8:30 am Prayer Walk (Auditorium) 9:30 am North Campus Worship 9:30 am Main Campus Bible Study 11:00 am Main Campus Worship</p>
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New Members

By baptism, John Husk (17)

By statement, Stephen & Nancy Trusty (7, 8)

By statement, Darrell & Tracie Scrogam (9, 10)

By letter, John Craig (23)

By statement, Roberta Lawrence (11)

Night of Prayer

Join your church family in monthly prayer meetings, held the second Friday of each month. These meetings will take place from 8:00-10:00 pm in the Worship Center of the Main Campus. Those who wish to participate may come and go during that time. The first prayer meeting will take place on July 8th.

WOM Meetings Canceled

There will be no Women on Missions meetings in the months of July and August. We will resume our normal monthly meetings in September.

May Averages

Total Worship	558
North Campus	195
Main Campus	332
Small Groups	480
Avg. Giving	\$18,822.61

Trip to the Indianapolis Zoo

The College & Career group will take a trip to the Indianapolis Zoo on Saturday, July 23rd! You're never too old to appreciate a day at the zoo! Watch your weekly newsletter for further details.



Upward Soccer Kicks Into Gear!

Preparations have begun for Upward Soccer! The seed is planted on the fields and we are praying for rain to help the grass grow! Thank you to all of you who put in so much time and effort into the development of these fields! Brochures are available in several areas through out the church to begin registration! We will also be piloting on-line registration as well as offering a downloadable registration form through www.worshipfortoday.com/upward . We are expecting a large turnout so be sure to get your registration form in early. This will greatly help us with all our planning efforts! Upward Soccer will be very similar to Upward Basketball and Cheerleading in its approach to teaching skills that can be used both on and off the playing field as well as sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our desire to help EVERY CHILD develop a winner's heart through recreational sport opportunities. Be sure to invite all your friends and neighbors!

Dates to remember:

Soccer Evaluations are Saturday, August 6th

Practices begin week of August 29th

Games begin September 10th

Soccer Awards Night is November 1st



If you are interested in helping with Upward Soccer, there are many different opportunities. We would love to have you help us! Contact Hap Jolliff at hapanelizabeth@yahoo.com or Matt Snow at msnow@worshipfortoday.com.

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Northside Mission Statement

Loving God, Loving People by

praising the Lord in worship,

promoting love in the fellowship,

pursuing the path of discipleship,

participating as gifted in ministry,

piercing the lost world through evangelism



Mark Hearn
Senior Pastor

Worship Times

Sunday Morning Main Campus Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Morning North Campus Service .. 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Main Campus Service 11:00 am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm

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