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# The NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Vision

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## **Giving Thanks for Seven Years at Northside**

*by Hap Jolliff, Associate Pastor of Children & Ministry*

I thought it odd recently when I heard a football analyst pointing attention toward Thanksgiving Day and to the seemingly important games that are slated for that afternoon. Football and Thanksgiving go well together, and I suppose that there are match-ups we could get excited about (although the Colts and Redskins have no part in them). However, the thought of Thanksgiving already has me considering the present and much more important things than football. And the reality of Thanksgiving marking the near end of our ministry here has me considering this verse from the Psalms: "Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts."

In our culture, the days between Thanksgiving and the New Year just fly by. And God forbid that during December we would speak of anything but Christmas and its festive atmosphere. We will get into 2012 having bustled through a month of celebrations, get-togethers and ministry and maybe, just maybe, have time to look back on 2011. The luxury of looking back will be most satisfying however in knowing that we submitted our days to Him and in living for His glory! Our God is an eternal God. We are mortal men. He knows the end of our days and the condition of our hearts and nothing is hidden from His sight. We are often short-sighted, self-centered and shallow. But do we really have time to be?

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### **Bon Voyage (left)**

Several Northsiders showed up at the Indianapolis International Airport to say goodbye to Skip and Scott, our Senior Pastor and Mission Team leader. The two went on a two-week trip to visit our missionaries in the Pacific Rim in October.



## **New Schedule Begins November 6!**

On Wednesday, September 21, Northside's congregation unanimously approved a recommendation from our Chairman of Deacons, Jim David, that we change the start time of our Sunday morning schedule. Beginning November 6, the start time for Connection Groups will be one half hour earlier at 9 AM. The worship service will also be a half hour earlier at 10:30 AM. This date is also the end of Daylight Saving Time, when clocks are set back an hour. So, when you go to bed on November 5th, set the time on your clock back one hour and your alarm clock back 1/2 hour.

# We're All In and Counting It All Joy!

by Kharon Grimmer, Count It All Joy Connection Group

There is a running joke within our class, that God meets us for lunch when we go to Qdoba. You may laugh, but we think God likes good Mexican food! It seems as if every time we go to lunch after the worship service, God speaks and calls us into new adventures with Him. It is funny to see what happens when you take the sermons and lessons to heart and apply them.

It was at O'Charley's when we decided to challenge the Justice's Class to "Chicken Bomb Sunday," a contest to see which class could bring in the most cans of chicken noodle soup for the Baptist Center.

Eating at Qdoba typically results in some form of party or social event and our Annual Trick or Treating and Caroling for Cans to support our Food Pantry for the Holidays.

And, in the Whitely's dining room, on two separate occasions, our latest adventures: Tailgating Outreach to Butler University and a Mission Trip to Nigeria.

The month of August kicked off our new outreach, as we participated in Butler University's Resource Fair. The Resource Fair allowed us to introduce Northside to the new freshman class and the Butler community. We were able to obtain more than 130 contacts, as the freshman registered to win gift cards. We have used the contact information to invite students to join us at our "Tailgating Party" during the

home football games and have extended an invitation to our Sunday School Connection Group, Worship Service, and Thursday Night Bible Study. We have tailgated a total of 4 games, thus far, serving up everything from hamburgers and hot dogs to chili!

We have ONE LAST scheduled home game on November 5th! We would LOVE for Northside to show up big at our last tailgating party of the year! Come join us as we meet students, fellow tailgaters, play a few games of cornhole and enjoy eating a few WALKING TACOS! We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 to caravan over to the Field House or you can meet us at Butler! Just look for our Count It All Joy/Northside Baptist Church banner! We will be tailgating from 10 AM-2 PM! Hope to see you there!

Last year we set a class goal to collect 1000 cans of chicken noodle soup for the Baptist Center. In addition, we challenged "our neighbors" The Justice's Class to meet or beat us in this challenge! They were "good" competitors, but in the end...we PREVAILED bringing in over 2400 cans! (We're not really THAT competitive! Ha, ha!) God took what we thought was a "God-sized" goal and showed us how He can multiply our gifts and efforts. We had so much fun "encouraging" the Justice's Class and in the end both the Baptist Center and Covenant Foods benefited from our friendly rivalry. This year, we would like to "Challenge It Forward" and see other classes challenge one another to meet and beat the church-wide goal of 2100 cans of chicken noodle soup. It is always awesome to see God work throughout the church to meet the needs of families in our community!

Finally, last December four members of our connection group were called to take a medical mission trip to work with a Northside Missionary in Nigeria. As many of you know, this can be a daunting task. We trust that God will continue to provide spiritually and financially for this journey, but would love for you to become involved by committing to pray for this team of Ann Hutchinson, Sara Beth Dalton, Michael Furey, and Ron Pinecki.

In addition, we want to invite you to take part in a few opportunities to support this mission. On November 21st, take a break from the planning and preparation for Thanksgiving and head to Chick-fil-A in Noblesville (on S. R. 37 by Lowes) for a fundraising event! When you present this Chick-fil-A coupon (on this page), the mission team will receive 20% of the total purchase. This fundraiser is an ALL DAY EVENT! Go for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! All you need to do is present the Chick-fil-A coupon and ORDER your favorite food!

A second Chick-fil-A Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st at the Clearwater location on 86th Street (near Keystone at the Crossing Mall). There will be no Wednesday Night Meal at church on this evening, so all are encouraged to go eat at Chick-fil-A and meet back at the church for a fun filled night of Caroling! Like the event in November, this too is an ALL DAY fundraiser, so...EAT EARLY AND EAT OFTEN!!!

It has been exciting to watch God grow our faith, love for others, and instill a joy that only He can give! We truly "Count It All Joy" to be "ALL IN" here at Northside and look forward to seeing what else God has in mind for not only our connection group, but for our church as a whole!



## Support Medical Mission

Stop by Chick-fil-A in Noblesville

16685 Mercantile Blvd

Noblesville, IN 46060

on Monday, November 21, 2011

All Day! Catering orders apply too!

Chick-fil-A will make a donation

to Northside Baptist Church

based on the sales. Bring this

card for proper credit.

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## Autumn Fun at Tuttle's Apple Orchard

by Kathy Long, Director of Children's Ministry

After having to postpone our fieldtrip to Tuttle's once, due to rain, God granted us a beautiful Fall day filled with crisp breezes and bright sunshine. Our group of mom's and preschoolers enjoyed experiencing God's creation through apple picking (and sampling), playing in a straw pile that felt like you could reach the sky and selecting pumpkins just the right size for our "lil' punkins". We were amazed in the straw maze and felt like we could fly to the heavens swinging. Overall it was a truly fantastic day! Hope you can join us for our next preschool event ... Happy Birthday Jesus Party on Monday, December 12. Watch for details coming soon!



## The Circus is Coming to Town!

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus' Fully Charged is coming to town Thursday, December 1. Join Northside for an evening filled with "megawatts of thrills with breathtaking dare-devilry, amazing stunts and never-before-seen performances." The show begins at 7 PM with an All Access Pre-Show that opens at 6 PM. Tickets are \$10 and you must contact Kathy Long by November 16. Hope to see KIDS of ALL AGES there!

## Transitions

by Kathy Long, Director of Children's Ministry

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT)

Life is a series of transitions. From birth to death God has events that usher us from one place and phase into another. How blessed we are as Christians to be assured that His plans are for His glory and our good (Jer. 29:11, Rom. 8:28). As many of you know, I am currently in a life transition. God has called me to extend my ministry, which has been centered on the care of my family, into the care of my church family. I am filled with excitement and joy for what God has called me to do, yet there are moments of fear and unsurety as I embark on this new phase. I do have confidence in this, God is with me and will give me what I need to accomplish His purposes and He has blessed me with a wonderful, caring and understanding church family to serve with as we together love children to Jesus!

# Christmas...The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

## Wednesday Highlights & Christmas Concert Gatherings

by John Reeder, Associate Pastor of Worship

Ah yes.. it truly is my absolute favorite time of the year! I love the music, the decorations and the gatherings with family and friends! At Northside this year, we want you to participate in some special events coming our way in December, so mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for these special dates!

First, I want to highlight the Wednesday night opportunities. On Wednesday night, November 30, we will all work together to decorate the church for Christmas following the Wednesday night meal. The auditorium and lobby, the gym for Belles Brunch, and even Kids Cove all get Christmas Trees and decorations. We need all ages to help and it is always a great time of fellowship and meeting some new people.

Wednesday night, December 7th, is a uniquely planned, all-together gathering in the auditorium led by Pastor Skip. It will include some thoughts on how to make this Christmas Season a memorable one for your family and friends. Don't miss this night of practical insights and thoughts designed to help us keep Christ at the center of our Christmas celebrations and conversation starters for inviting people to church and sharing Christ. This will also be the final night for Wednesday Night Dinner this year!

Wednesday night, December 14th, is an All Upward Night. Wednesday Night Thing and Precept will still meet but most other classes will have already concluded for the semester.

Wednesday night, December 21, is one of my most favorite as we will go Christmas Caroling together. Again, this is a gathering for all ages. We will break into some groups and visit some of our elderly folks who can't get out much. We will also share the Lord's Supper with them. Don't miss this really meaningful and special time together at Northside.

This year, Northside is especially excited to host two special concerts in addition to our music-filled Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. On Saturday evening, December 3rd at 7:00 PM, we will host the Indiana Gospel Music Association's Christmas Concert! A variety of Gospel music artists and groups will share most of your favorite Christmas selections. His Voice Through Us will be hosting and singing on this night as well. Invite your friends and family to join us for a great evening of music and worship together.



Sunday night, December 11th at 6:00 PM, we will host Sarah Scharbrough in Concert. Sarah is recording a new Christmas CD and will share many of these selections that night. Along with her band, our choir will join in singing a few selections with her as well. I have talked with Sarah about this evening and know that this will be a highlight of our Christmas Season here at Northside. In a recent note, Sarah wrote about her inspiration for the evening:



Sarah Scharbrough

*"As I prepared for a recent trip to France, I decided to take a refresher course for a semester on the French language. Part of our studies included how the French typically portray the nativity. I was inspired by their inclusion of the hillside, of beautiful figurines on their way to the manger. It reminded me that we are all sojourners, sometimes on mountains, sometimes in valleys, but always children of a King needing to make our way repeatedly to the manger where the Lord makes all things new. It is this idea of a dynamic nativity that has inspired the writing (of new songs) and my desire to celebrate what it means to come to the manger, to the altar, to the place where God is truly making all things new, restored, and complete."* All ages will love Sarah's music, so take advantage of this gathering and invite family and friends to join you!

The concluding gathering in this series will be our own Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It is a night for family and friends to come together and celebrate Christ's birth. Our Celebration Choir and Orchestra will provide an assortment of Christmas Carols and Northside favorites along with participation by our children and students! Pastor Skip will share from God's Word and we will conclude with a song and candle lighting.

Wow, there are a lot of opportunities ahead for us in December and I haven't even mentioned our Covenant Foods' Christmas gathering, our Apartment Complex Christmas parties and our Metro Baptist Center (Downtown) Christmas Baskets and Gifts Distribution. All of this AND Christmas Morning is on a SUNDAY MORNING this year! It just doesn't get any better than this! I can hardly wait till Christmas this year! Watch for more news to come in our December Vision and on Sundays.

**Company's Coming:** Many thanks to our demolition crew. Folks are helping with our fix-up projects!




**UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING**  
UPWARD.ORG

Registration forms are on our website: [www.worshipfortoday.com](http://www.worshipfortoday.com)



**Upward Basketball and Cheerleading**  
Registration is now open for Upward Basketball & Cheerleading 2012. Leagues are forming for boys and girls 5 years old (by December 1) through 5th Grade. Please join us for a fantastic basketball season in a family-friendly environment.

Bring or mail your registration form and fee to  
Northside Baptist Church  
3021 East 71st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Form and registration fee may be dropped off at the Church Office any time between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Registration Information:**

- The registration cost per child for basketball is \$82
- The registration cost per child for cheerleading is \$85
- Deadline for registration is November 14.
- Basketball shorts/Cheerleading mock turtlenecks are included in the registration cost.



**Missions Outreach Challenge**

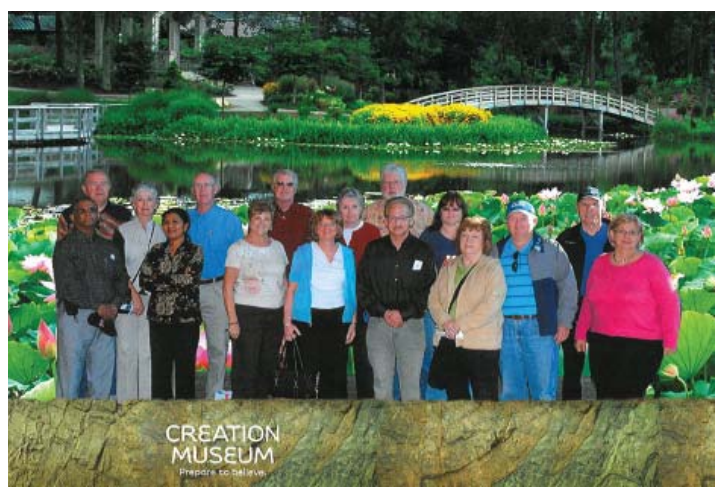
These four churches are hosting the Mission Fair:

**Hope Community Church, Brownsburg**  
Friday, November 4, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Calvary Baptist, Greenwood**  
Saturday, November 5, 10 AM to Noon

**Calvary Baptist, Greenfield**  
Saturday, November 5, 5-7 PM

**Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis**  
Sunday, November 6, 3-5 PM (Missions Fair)  
Missions Training, 5:15-6:15 PM  
Worship Celebration at 6:30 PM



**JOY Day Trip:** The senior adults from Northside took part in a bus trip sponsored by local radio station, WGNR. The group visited the Creation Museum in Ohio.

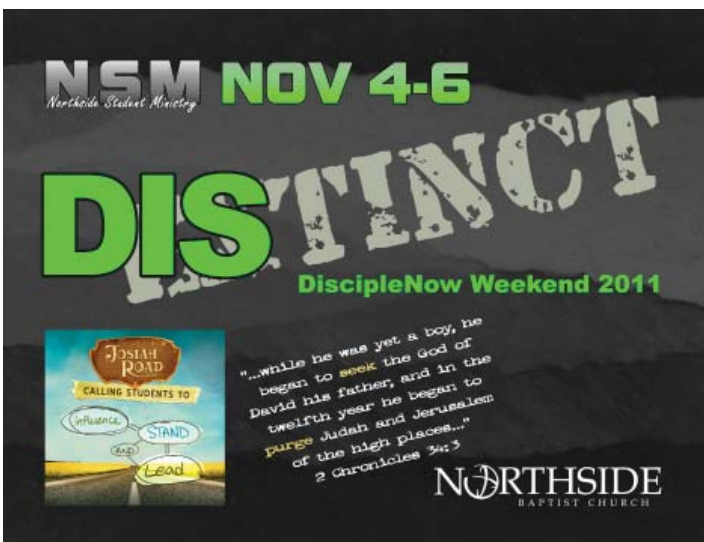
## Reaching The 21,000 Over Lunch

by Tom Hall, Minister to Students

Did you know that Northside Student Ministries is comprised of at least 9 different school corporations? We have students that attend 8 different high schools (Fishers, HSE, Lawrence North, Mt. Vernon, Noblesville, North Central, Pike and Westfield). Here is a number that should blow you away: in those 8 high schools plus Carmel there are approximately 21,000 lost souls! What I mean is there are 21,000 students in the high schools nearest us that do not know Jesus in a personal way.

With a number like that it can be easy to be disheartened and give up; there is just too much work for a medium sized Southern Baptist Church like us to do. Giving up is not an option though! The church needs this generation and our Lord desires them. It is easy for me to point the finger at our students and tell them that they need to be more evangelistic, but what about me, what can I do to share with this generation? We can't sit back and watch as 21,000 students within a short jog of our homes go through life without hearing the gospel. So what do we do?

Be an example. Our students need you as an evangelical example. If this generation will be reached and God glorified here in Indianapolis we (all of us) must be evangelists. We must use words, we must share the truth and when we do make sure those that look up to you see you do it or hear you talk about it. We can offer all the classes in how to share your faith but the truth is evangelism is mostly caught not taught. That is why I've been spending every other Monday at Fishers High School. I am there to encourage our students but to also meet other students and share the Gospel with them. I figure they aren't going to come to hang out with me so I will go to them. It is my prayer that the students I have met would come to faith but more so that our students would catch a vision for evangelism and begin to partake in the harvest.



Register online at [www.worshipfortoday.com](http://www.worshipfortoday.com). Cost is \$65 per student.



### Northside Student Ministry January Ski Trips:

**Senior High and College Trip:** Snowshoe, West Virginia January 1-3, 2012. We will leave after the service January 1st and return in the evening Tuesday the 3rd. Hit some of the best slopes east of the Rockies by ski or snowboard. All ski levels welcome. Cost \$170 (with ski lesson \$200)

**Junior High Ski Trip:** Perfect North Slopes, January 15-16 (MLK weekend). More details coming soon.

### Giving Thanks

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The two plus thousands of days we have shared with you as part of this church family are now numbered in weeks. The hundreds of days that we have partnered together in ministry now number in days. We look upon those past with thanksgiving and need great wisdom in numbering the ones ahead. Yet more specifically, there is one day ahead that is most significant . . . not Thanksgiving Day, not our last day at Northside, not Christmas, not New Year – but the day that we will meet Jesus and give account of our lives to Him. And beginning on that day we will truly realize that 'Better is one day in His courts than thousands elsewhere.'

We want others to be with us on that day. We will enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations yet to come, but there is coming a day when these celebrations will cease and whoever knows Jesus will meet Him without fear and with full reward! Therefore we tell others about Jesus and what He has done. And therefore we go to the ends of the earth. We want others who have never heard and have not access to the testimony about our Lord to hear of His greatness. We want them to find hope and joy in knowing their Creator. We want them to hear of the salvation that has come and is available only in Jesus! And we want the One who loved us, while we were still enemies of Him, to make Himself known amongst Palestinians. The past 7 years of our lives have been incredible here at Northside and the days ahead appear promising. Yet the one day that awaits us all is the one we should live in light of! Moses was right "Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts."

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Covenant Foods 4 PM	<b>2</b> MeeMa's Kitchen 5:30 PM Auditorium 6:30 Classes 6:45 Music 7:45	<b>3</b> Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Butler Tailgate with Count It All Joy 9:30 AM
		NSM DiscipleNow Nov. 4-6				
<b>6</b> Classes 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Mission Outreach Challenge 3:00 PM	<b>7</b> Staff Retreat Nov. 7-8 Upward Evals 6:00 PM Volleyball 7 PM	<b>8</b> Men's Prayer Bkfst 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Covenant Foods 4 PM Upward 6 PM	<b>9</b> MeeMa's Kitchen 5:30 PM Auditorium 6:30 Classes 6:45 Music 7:45 Deacon's Mtg. 8 PM	<b>10</b> Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Women on Mission 10 AM Upward Evals 6:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bless Your Heart Fall Project 9 AM to Noon
		SCBI Ultimate Sleepover				
<b>13</b> Classes 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	<b>14</b> Volleyball 7 PM	<b>15</b> Men's Prayer Bkfst 7:30 AM JOY Luncheon 11:30 AM Covenant Foods 4 PM	<b>16</b> MeeMa's Kitchen 5:30 PM Auditorium 6:30 Classes 6:45 Music 7:45	<b>17</b> Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
		Lightrider Trip to Mississippi				
<b>20</b> Classes 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>21</b> Chik-fil-A Noblesville (All Day) Volleyball 7 PM	<b>22</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Covenant Foods 4 PM	<b>23</b> No Wed. Night Activities	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Classes 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	<b>28</b> Volleyball 7 PM	<b>29</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Covenant Foods 4 PM	<b>30</b> Fellowship Meal & Decorate for Christmas			



## New Beginnings

A new class is being offered for new and prospective members. *New Beginnings* is a four-week class that introduces participants to our faith, our history, our purpose and our mission. The first session of this class will begin November 6 at 9 AM in Room Ed 115.

A Journey to Understanding Your Role in the Life of Northside Baptist Church

Saturday, December 3, 2011  
10 o'clock in the morning

This extravaganza features festive decorations, delicious food, Christmas carols and an inspiring message. Tickets go on sale soon.



*Belles' BRUNCH*

Table hostesses are needed.

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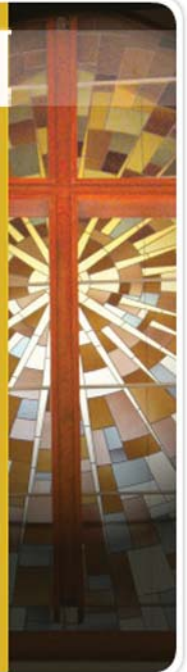
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### Worship Times

Sunday Bible Study - 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Night Activities - 6:30 PM



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### Bless Your Heart Fall Project

November 12  
9 AM to Noon  
Meet at North-  
side and go to  
homes of the  
elderly and  
disabled in our  
community and  
bless them with  
light manual  
labor.

Give  
Thanks

Join us for a church-wide Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, November 20 immediately following the morning service. Tickets are \$3 per person.