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Northside Covenant Foods Dates to Remember

June 7 -
CrossOver Event

July 20 -
Food Collection

August 17 -
Food Collection

September 9 -
Grand Opening

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Northside Covenant Foods Gears Up for CrossOver Indianapolis

by Mary Hall

Northside Covenant Foods will open its doors on September 9th to feed the needy in our community, both physically and spiritually. In Galatians 5:14, God commands us each to "Love your neighbor as yourself." That is exactly what Northside Covenant Foods hopes to accomplish through you.

Our goal is to provide 4-5 meals per family, per month for those who are experiencing difficult financial situations. As ambassadors of Christ, we hope to not only give these precious families edible provisions but also the Word of God. This is far more than simply dispensing food. It's a ministry united by the common goal of demonstrating our love for all people.

You can be part of this much-needed ministry by doing one or more of the following:

- Donating food regularly
- Counseling our clients
- Sorting and stocking shelves
- Entering and retrieving computer data
- Loading client's vehicles
- Driving the van to pick up supplies
- Writing gospel communication flyers
- Praying with clients
- Praying for the ministry



Northside Covenant Foods has applied to host a CrossOver Indianapolis Event for the Southern Baptist Convention in June. Each year at the National Convention, hundreds of volunteers come early to help with missionary and evangelistic opportunities. This year we are asking for 150 volunteers from outside our state to come and help us canvass the neighborhoods surrounding our church. The date will be Saturday, June 7th. The purpose is three-fold. We will inform the community of the launch of the Food Pantry this fall, we will give them an opportunity to contribute by providing canned goods that we will pick up that afternoon, and we will leave a brochure that informs the community of additional ministries provided at Northside.

We will collect additional items to stock our pantry on two subsequent dates, July 20th and August 17th. More information will follow in the coming months. Please contact Mary Hall or Shelley Waddles if you have a desire to be involved in any way with this ministry.

Curious About Death

General George Patton commanded the Third Army for the Allied Forces during World War II. This decorated war veteran was instrumental in the United States' victory. The day before he was to return to the states, Patton was involved in an automobile accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. As the general fought for his life, it became apparent that he was not going to survive. Patton told his doctor, "I'm not afraid to die... only curious." Then he quoted a poem he knew:

*So up he rose and forth they went
Away from battleground and fortress tent
Mountain, wilderness, field and farm
Death and the General, arm in arm*

The nearer we get to it, the more curious each of us becomes about death. This month we celebrate the ultimate victory over death. The glorious good news of Easter—He is Risen! Hallelujah! This month we have studied the glorious promise of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Max Lucado, author of the book "3:16" calls

Pastor's Corner

by **DR. MARK HEARN**
Senior Pastor



the verse, "a 26-word parade of hope that begins with God and ends with life, and invites all of us to do the same."

I am not as curious about death as I am thrilled about life. Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life and have it in abundance." (John 10:10)

Happy Resurrection Day!

Bro. Mark

C² Connection Group is Stirred

Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? (Matthew 20:22 NRSV)

Some of you are familiar with golfer, Gary Player. Player is a man for whom both faith and accomplishment are important. He won more international golf tournaments in his day than anyone else. When Player was competing in a tournament, people constantly came up to him and made the same remark: "I'd give anything if I could hit a golf ball like you." One particularly tough day, a tired and frustrated Player once again heard

the tired refrain: "I'd give anything if I could hit a golf ball like you." Player's usual politeness failed him as he replied to the spectator, "No, you wouldn't. You'd give anything to hit a golf ball like me if it was easy.

Do you know what you've got to do to hit a golf ball like me?

You've got to get up at five o'clock in the morning, go out on the course, and hit one thousand golf balls. Your hand starts bleeding, and you walk up to the clubhouse, wash the blood off your hand, slap a bandage on it, and go out and hit another one thousand golf balls. That's what it takes to hit a golf ball like me." In his own way Player was asking, "Are you able to drink from the cup from which I drink?"

Greatness has its price. "Are you able to drink from the cup from which I drink?" Jesus asked his ambitious disciples. I am amazed how many people adopt the Christian faith as their own with the thought that it really won't cost them anything. Friends, Jesus' cup was his suffering on the cross. The sacrifice he made was ultimate, complete, and final. If we think that we can achieve greatness in the Kingdom of God with a token commitment, we are sadly mistaken.

(exerpt from the C2 blog at www.c2northside.com)

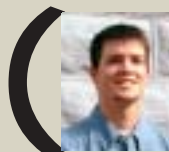


"To cause to move or shift
To prod into brisk or vigorous action
To rouse, as from indifference, and prompt To action
To move away from a customary or usual place or position
To change

This is what should happen to us when we come to study the word together. I want to see the Holy Spirit change us and move us from where we were to where we ought to be."

~ Jared Law
Director of C2 Ministry

Connection Group
College & Career
Fireside Room
Saturdays
6:30 PM



Jared Law has been a member of Northside since spring 1996 and Director of College Ministry since fall 2004. His position is in partnership with Youth for Christ where he serves as campus coach at HSE High School. Jared attends seminary in Louisville.

Pure Water, Pure Love

by Loretta Bridges, WOM President

For 2008, the Women on Mission have chosen "Pure Water, Pure Love" as a special mission project.

Many of us think of the spiritual need for Christ's living water, but for many people around the world, the pressing tangible need for clean drinking water must be met before anything can be done in considering Christ's living water. No one is more familiar with this reality than our missionaries. Many missionaries labor in intense circumstances, and they do so where people are without access to clean drinking water.

The goal of Pure Water, Pure Love is to provide our missionaries

and the people they serve with clean drinking water, free from disease-causing microorganisms, at no cost to them. Pure Water, Pure Love also has the capacity to drill wells in villages and communities that are without a clean water supply.

Women on Mission would like for Northside to help us "Change" the world by saving loose change to be collected this spring and summer. We would like to buy at least one water filter that costs \$250. Of course, if we gather more change, we will buy more filters and dig more wells. What a blessing!

**PURE WATER,
PURE LOVE™**
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... help us "Change" the world...



Loretta Bridges has been a member of Northside since July 1989. She is an active participant in JOY (Just Older Youth), Northside's senior adult ministry, and is part of the Personnel Committee. She also helps head up Northside's Women on Mission, a mission-focused group that meets monthly.

Project Jabez Accomplishes Many Goals

by Jennifer Wilson

The Project Jabez campaign to raise funds for the purpose of expanding our ministries is now completed. With \$112,000 given prior to the campaign start and \$547,276.40 given during the 3-year campaign, many lives were touched and families reached.

The overarching legacy of this church has been reaching people for Jesus. It is a legacy that speaks of ministry – within our neighborhood, within the inner city, and around the world. Your part in the Project Jabez campaign has helped to make these ministry goals a reality and on behalf of the Project Jabez steering team and the staff, I'd like to thank you for your sacrifice.

Although several projects have yet to be completed, here's a brief look at where the Project Jabez dollars have been used:

- **Facility Enhancements:** including Upward soccer fields, pole barn survey and a tractor.
- **Additional Personnel:** Upward Director, College and Career Director, and Music Associate.
- **Satellite Start Up Costs:** including facility rental, audio/visual equipment, publicity, and a trailer and van.
- **Campaign Expenses:** including the Jabez Jamboree, our consultant fees, supplies and training expenses.

Between dollars pledged from Northsiders, contributions from the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana, and funds transferred from our former building fund, \$732,396.98 was raised through Project Jabez. Through the projects and personnel expenditures above, \$491,344.09 was used to further the work of Northside Baptist Church.

For more detailed information on the income and expenses of Project Jabez, please email Jennifer Wilson at jwilson@worshipfortoday.com.



Jennifer Wilson, our Office Administrator, joined Northside in October 2004 and came on staff in April 2007. She is actively involved as a consultant with Build for the Future, a capital funding program sponsored by the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <h1>April 2008</h1> </div>		1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM	2 Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM and Activities 6:30 PM	3 Women's Prayer Group 9 AM	4 Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10 AM	5 C2 Stirred 6:30 PM		
		6 Connection Groups 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celebrate Recovery 7 PM	7 Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Volleyball CLC 7 PM	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM	9 Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM and Activities 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:30 PM No Choir Rehearsal	10 Women's Prayer Group 9 AM Women on Mission 10 AM	11 Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10 AM	12 C2 Stirred 6:30 PM
		13 Connection Groups 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celebrate Recovery 7 PM	14 Preschool Playgroup 9:30 AM Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Volleyball CLC 7 PM	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Luncheon 11:30 AM	16 Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM Business Meeting 6:10 PM Activities 6:30 PM Camp Release Party 6:30 PM	17 Women's Prayer Group 9 AM	18 Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10 AM	19 VBS Workers Training at Calvary Baptist Greenwood C2 Stirred 6:30 PM
		20 Connection Groups 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Convention Mass Choir Rehearsal 3 PM Celebrate Recovery 7 PM	21 Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Volleyball CLC 7 PM	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM	23 Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM and Activities 6:30 PM	24 Women's Prayer Group 9 AM Musicianaries travel to Florida	25 Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10 AM	26 C2 Stirred 6:30 PM
		27 Connection Groups 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celebrate Recovery 7 PM	28 Preschool Playgroup 9:30 AM Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM Volleyball CLC 7 PM	29 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM	30 Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM and Activities 6:30 PM	31 Women's Prayer Group 9 AM	April Highlights 16 Camp Release Party 19 VBS Training 20 Mass Choir Rehearsal 24-27 Choir Trip to FL	

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May 2008

May Highlights

11 Baby Dedication

18 Servant's Heart

18 Camp Registration

26 Memorial Day

1
Women's Prayer Group 9 AM

2
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30

Women's Bible Study 10 AM

3
C2 Stirred 6:30 PM

4
Connection Groups 9:30 AM
Worship 11 AM

Baptist Center Donations

Celebrate Recovery 7 PM

5
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Volleyball CLC 7 PM

6
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM

JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM

7
Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM and Activities 6:30 PM

8
Women's Prayer Group 9 AM

Women on Mission 10 AM

9
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study 10 AM

10
C2 Stirred 6:30 PM

11
Connection Groups 9:30 AM

Worship 11 AM
Mother's Day & Baby Dedication

Celebrate Recovery 7 PM

12
Preschool Playgroup 9:30 AM

Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Volleyball CLC 7 PM

13
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM

JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM

14
Wed Night Meal 5-6 PM
Activities 6:30 PM
Deacons Meeting 7:30 PM

15
Women's Prayer Group 9 AM

16
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study 10 AM

17
C2 Stirred 6:30 PM

18
Connection Groups 9:30 AM
A Servant's Heart
Worship Celebration 11 AM
Camp Registration 6 PM
Celebrate Recovery 7 PM

19
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Volleyball CLC 7 PM

20
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM

JOY Luncheon 11:30 AM

21
Wed Night Meal (last one till Sept.) 5-6 PM
Business Meeting 6:10 PM
Activities 6:30 PM

22
Women's Prayer Group 9 AM

23
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study 10 AM

24
C2 Stirred 6:30 PM

25
Connection Groups 9:30 AM

Worship 11 AM

Celebrate Recovery 7 PM

26
Memorial Day: Office Closed

27
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM

JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM

28
Wed Night Activities 6:30 PM

29
Women's Prayer Group 9 AM

30
Aerobics Class in CLC 9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study 10 AM

31
C2 Stirred 6:30 PM

Spring Term Begins for Celebration Choir

by John Reeder

Our Celebration Choir is gearing up for what is going to be an exciting Spring Schedule.

- **April 24–27** a group of “Musicianaries” will be traveling to North Florida to sing in five prisons and two churches.
- Sunday morning, **May 18**, we are planning a “Servant’s Heart Worship Celebration” that will include extended time for music, testimonies and prayer.
- To cap off the Spring season, our choir is one of the anchoring churches providing an “All-Indiana Mass Choir” for the National Southern Baptist Convention meeting here in Indianapolis, **June 10–11**. We will be leading worship on Tuesday night, along with several guest artists. We will also join with two other choirs from Georgia and Mississippi on Wednesday evening. We would love for you to join us for these special spring opportunities.

Following a **week off for Spring Break on April 9**, rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday nights @ 6:30.



John Reeder is our Associate Pastor of Worship and Evangelism. He came to Northside in 2004. He previously served as the Music Minister at Northside from October 1994 to January of 2002. John and his wife, Amber, have two children, Jacob and Jessica.

Parents, do you want to help your kids learn how to stand in a world of shifting sands? Teachers, do you want to help children know, speak, and live the truth? If so, we know where kids can learn to follow God's truths and stand firm in a world that is constantly changing. Northside will be conducting LifeWay's *Outrigger Island™: Living God's Unshakeable Truth* for Vacation Bible School this year. We want your children to join us for the fun and excitement! We'll hear Bible stories, play games, and have fun snacks. We'll create crafts that make special keepsakes, learn great songs, and much more. Along the way, we'll make stops at Worship Rally Lagoon, Music Falls, Recreation Reef, the Snack Shack, Missions Outlook, and the Craft Cabana. *Outrigger Island* will be filled with excitement and anticipation as we learn about Bible people who knew the truth, spoke the truth, and lived the truth. They let their actions show what they believed.

This tropical adventure begins July 14–18 from 9 AM–12 Noon and is free of charge to all wave riders (kids) age 4 by July 1 through grade 8. Online registration opens in May at www.worshipfortoday.com.

Volunteers may sign up to lead in VBS at the table in the Guest Center or by e-mail to vbs@worshipfortoday.com. Various positions are available so you can utilize your unique gifts and interests. Childcare for babies through age 3 is provided for the children of VBS volunteers.

To help prepare VBS volunteers to “hang ten” on this Hawaiian surfing expedition, we will be attending the **Crossroads VBS Clinic on Saturday, April 19 at Calvary Baptist Church in Greenwood**. Each participant will receive a gift and will be registered for the door prize drawings.

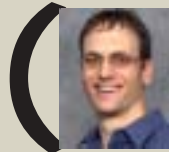
Surf's up, so grab your surfboard and head for the waves, as we help kids know, speak, and live the truth at *Outrigger Island!*



Upward Season Concludes with Every Child a Winner

by Hap Jolliff

The mission: to introduce children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports. The emphasis: every child is a winner. The end: Awards Night, March 11th, 2008. Upward Basketball and Cheerleading just completed an eight-week schedule with twenty-eight teams! Each season comes with it's own highlights, and this one had its share. It began with God's servants placing themselves in positions to be used by Him. It blossomed into seeing 232 kids enroll in the program, and it blew by as Awards Night celebrated Christlikeness in the lives of players and coaches. The greatest impact may yet be seen as follow-up is just beginning with the children and parents who indicated a desire to know more about the freedom that only Jesus can give to a life. Thank you to all the Upward volunteers in coaching, refereeing, giving halftime devotions and serving at the White Star Café. And a special thanks to the Northside Student Ministry for their presentation of the drama "Freedom" which continues to open the door for many to see the gospel unfold before them!



Hap Jolliff is our Director of Children's Ministry. He joined Northside's staff in May, 2007. Hap enjoys spending time with his wife, Elizabeth and son, Sam. He is currently a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Making Wise Investment Choices

by Tony Manning

Investments are never a sure thing. With the fluctuation of the market, an investor never really knows his or her return from day to day. We hear all the time about companies not meeting expectations or quarterly profit margins. With that in mind, where are your investments?

I'm not talking stocks, bonds, or the market. I'm talking about people and ministry. Where are you investing yourself for eternity? Are you pouring yourself into the lives of those around you? What is your ministry? How are you teaching others what God is teaching you?

God has designed each of us for a ministry that is pointing others back to Him. We all have gifts that God has invested in each of us to, in turn, invest in the lives of others. Don't be like the couple who hides their money under their mattress. Invest yourself. Invest in a child's life in G-Force, extended care, or VBS. Invest in a teenager's life by going to camp, leading a small group, or hanging out at WNT. Invest in the life of an adult by leading a small group, joining Bless Your Heart Ministries, or lunches with our Just Older Youth group. Invest in our communities by volunteering at our food pantry or prayer walking your neighborhood streets. Invest yourself. The return is long lasting and very fulfilling. Let's sit and talk about what God is doing in your life and the ministry God is stirring within you.



Tony Manning is our Associate Pastor of Ministry and Students. He and his wife, Kelly, have two boys. Tony has a passion for reaching people and teaching them to live an abundant life in Jesus. Tony enjoys challenging students and parents to engage their culture and change it from the inside out.

Upward Awards Night Photos
(to see all photos, visit worshipfortodaymedia.com)





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