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Worship Pastor

I recently wrote a paper for My Spiritual Formation class on the discipline of service. Of all the spiritual practices we have covered in this class - prayer, worship, meditation, fasting...I thought I had a pretty good grasp on the concept of service. Service is simply helping others.

What a simplification of a truly deep concept.

In reflection on this past Holy Week, I cannot look at the cross, or even the days leading up to it, without recognizing Jesus' true example of service. Through

his life (and his death), he teaches us that true servanthood comes through humility. Paul tells us in Philippians 2:5-8, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Jesus humbled himself in every aspect of his life. I think of the last time Jesus met with his disciples. He took on the task that would have been reserved for the lowest member in attendance - he knelt down and washed all of their feet as they entered.

The text for my class is Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* - a great read on learning the practice of the spiritual disciplines. You should check it out! In the chapter on Service, he makes a distinction between self-righteous service and true service. He says that true service is not concerned with impressing others or checking off a box. It always comes from our relationship with the Lord and His prompting through the Holy Spirit. He also states that true service is content in being hidden.

I have been challenged, and in turn am challenging all of you, to seek the Lord for opportunities to be of service to others, remembering that service is always coupled with humility. May we be a church that is willing to humble ourselves in service, making ourselves small, so that people around us can see not us, but Jesus Christ, the truest servant of all.

Blessed to worship with you,

Stephen

AT A GLANCE

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| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:30a | Bible Study |
| <i>April 9</i> | 10:45a | Worship Service |
| | 10:45a | Kid's Church |
| | | No Evening Activities- Happy Easter |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 6:00p | Celebrate Recovery |
| <i>April 11</i> | 6:00P | AHG/ Trail Life |
| | 6:00p | Zumba Fitness for Ladies |
| | 6:30p | Circle of Hope Bible Study |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 6:00p | Connect |
| <i>April 12</i> | 6:00p | Student Midweek |
| | 6:00p | Awana |
| | 7:00p | Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| <i>Thursday</i> | 9:30a | Women's Bible Study |
| <i>April 13</i> | 6:00p | Zumba Fitness for Ladies |
| <i>Friday</i> | 6:00p | Women's Night |
| <i>April 14</i> | | |
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| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:30a | Bible Study |
| <i>April 16</i> | 10:45a | Worship Service |
| | 10:45a | Kid's Church |
| | 5:00p | Sunday Evening Worship |
| | 5:00p | Ecclesia |
| | 5:00p | Student Huddle |
| | 5:00p | Praiz Kidz |
| | 5:00p | Journey Group |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 6:00p | Celebrate Recovery |
| <i>April 18</i> | 6:00P | AHG/ Trail Life |
| | 6:00p | Zumba Fitness for Ladies |
| | 6:30p | Circle of Hope Bible Study |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 6:00p | Connect |
| <i>April 19</i> | 6:00p | Student Midweek |
| | 6:00p | Awana |
| | 7:00p | Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| <i>Thursday</i> | 9:30a | Women's Bible Study |
| <i>April 20</i> | 6:00p | Zumba Fitness for Ladies |

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us Friday, April 7, at 6 PM for the Good Friday Service. This will be a time of prayer, worship, and reflection on the sacrifice Jesus made for us. We will observe the Lord's Supper.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

We are collecting for the Annie Armstrong offering for North American Missions from March 5 through April 9. All money given goes directly to North American missions. Northside's goal is \$13,000 and we have collected \$6,080 to date. Please designate your gift as Annie Armstrong when you give in person or online.



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is this Sunday, April 9! Bible Study will meet at 9:30 AM and Worship starts at 10:45 AM. The Kid's Ministry will host an Eggstravaganza during Kid's Church at 10:45 AM. There will be an egg hunt for Preschoolers in Extended Session. We hope you will make plans to celebrate our risen savior with us.



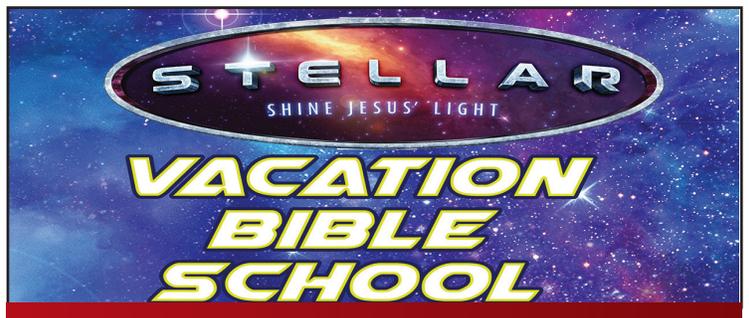
WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night is Friday, April 14, at 6:00 PM. This month we will learn about the Sick Woman and have a prayer activity. Bring a finger food if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, April 12, at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. Join us!



BAPTISM SUNDAY

April 16, 2023 is Baptism Sunday with the North American Mission Board. This is a day for us to celebrate baptism across North America. If you have professed faith in Jesus and committed your life to Him, but have not followed in baptism yet, please consider making that step on April 16. Fill out the contact form at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page and a pastor will reach out to you.



VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you want to be a volunteer during VBS, you must attend one of the following trainings on April 16 or May 21 immediately following the worship service. Lunch will be provided. Register to volunteer at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page.

.:SHORTLINES:.

ANNIVERSARIES: David Segura celebrates 5 years as the maintenance director on April 16.

VALLEY MISSION TRIP MEETING

If you are attending the mission trip, July 10-14, there will be a meeting on April 23 immediately following the worship service. We will meet as a big group and then divide into teams. Lunch will be provided. Please register at nbcvictoria.org so we can get a head count for meals.

SUMMIT STUDENT CAMP MEETING

Students will be going to Generate Camp from June 5-9, 2023. There will be a parent and student meeting on May 7 at 4:30 PM. You will receive camp schedule, packing list, bible study information, and fill out release forms. We will have a notary present at this meeting to notarize your forms. Please put this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

BABY & CHILD DEDICATION

There will be a Baby and Child Dedication on May 14 during the morning worship service. If you would like to participate, please register on the events page of our website by May 10. We will need a picture of your child. You can email it to hannah@nbcvictoria.org.

NIGHT OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

The May Night of Prayer and Praise lands on the National Day of Prayer. TrailLife and American Heritage Girls will lead this service. Join us on May 4 as we worship and pray at 6PM.

SENIOR ADULT DAY BY THE BAY

Mark your calendar for May 2 the senior adult day by the bay from 9AM-3PM at the Palacios Baptist Encampment. Morning worship, followed by a camp-provided lunch, then afternoon worship. Cost is \$20 per person.

SYMPATHY TO AND PRAYERS FOR: Tara Blank on the death of her mother. 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 March 19

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| Budget Receipts | 22,788.58 |
| Designated & Other: | 1,630.10 |
| Total Weekly Receipts: | 24,418.68 |

Received March 26

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| Budget Receipts: | 40,488.07 |
| Designated & Other: | 2,189.23 |
| Total Weekly Receipts: | 42,677.30 |

Received April 2

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| Budget Receipts: | 33,857.39 |
| Designated & Other: | 6,444.74 |
| Total Weekly Receipts: | 40,302.13 |

Year-to-Date Need: 693,946.00

Year-to-Date Received: 712,987.00

BIBLE STUDY

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| March 19 | 258 |
| March 26 | 270 |
| April 2 | 290 |

WORSHIP

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| March 19 | 379 |
| March 26 | 434 |
| April 2 | 431 |

NEW FACES AT NORTHSIDE

We welcome these new folks to the community of Northside.



The Baker Family- Ashley, Charley, and Kaidyn



Pam & Wayne Gilbreath



Daryl & Linda Gilbreath



Gayle Beck



Lynann Carter

IN
FOCUS

EASTER

AT NORTHSIDE

JOIN US APRIL 9, 2023!

BIBLE STUDY @ 9:30 AM
WORSHIP @ 10:45 AM

— journey ▲ together —

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Sundays
9:30am Bible Study Groups
10:45am Worship

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