MEET OUR STAFF



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SHARE THE JOURNEY

GET INVOLVED

Sunday, January 29

9:30a Bible Study
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 Groups

Tuesday, January 31

6:00p Celebrate Recovery
6:00P AHG/ Trail Life
6:00p Zumba Fitness for Ladies
6:30p Circle of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, February 1

6:00p Wednesday Night Connect 6:00p Student Midweek

6:00p Awana

7:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Prayer & Praise Worship Night

6:00p Zumba Fitness for Ladies

Friday, February 3 6:00p Date Night 7:00p Hype

CHURCH SECURITY: For security purposes, the doors to the church buildings will be open 30 minutes before a service or event. This includes Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

(Please note that the calendar was correct at the time of printing. Changes may have occurred after printing that would cause the calendar to be

COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

Budget Gifts Last Week \$33,797.99 Given Year to Date \$416,783.50 Need Year to Date \$410,059.00

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

Go to nbcvictoria.org/wg for a digital copy of this Worship Guide



WIDOWS BANQUET

There is a lunch banquet for our widows on February 12 immediately following the worship service. Sign up at the connect center or call the church office if you plan to attend this luncheon. Deadline to sign up is February 8.

VALLEY MISSION TRIP

This summer, July 10-14, we will be going to the Valley for a mission trip. We will be leading a construction project, life skills classes, sports camp, and evening outreach movie nights. If you are interested in going, stay for a quick info meeting on February 5 immediately following the worship service in BLDG D. For more information contact Pastor Dean Meade.

WOMEN OF GRACE BREAKFAST

The next breakfast for Women of Grace is this Friday, February 3, at 8:45am in Building D. Please bring \$6.50 for your breakfast. All widows are invited.



VOLUNTEER FOR UPWARD SOCCER

If you are interested in volunteering during our Upward Soccer season, please stay after the worship service today, 1/29/23, for a quick Huddle. Pastor Dean will quickly give a few details on the different ways to serve. Meet on the drum side of the worship center down front.

UPWARD SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN

Upward Soccer registration is open for \$130. Registration will close on February 18 or when teams are full, so register early! Practices will start the week of March 6, and the games will be on Saturdays March 25 to April 29.



DATE NIGHT

Date Night is this Friday, February 3. Childcare is offered at the church from 6:00 -10:00pm for \$10 per child. Childcare is free if you are attending a Northside fellowship. Please register at nbcvictoria. org on the Events Page by Wednesday, February 1.



HYPE

Kids in 3rd-5th grade are invited to Hype on Friday, February 3. Hype is from 7:00-9:00pm. 3rd-5th graders attending Date Night will go to Hype at 7:00pm.



WOMEN'S NIGHT

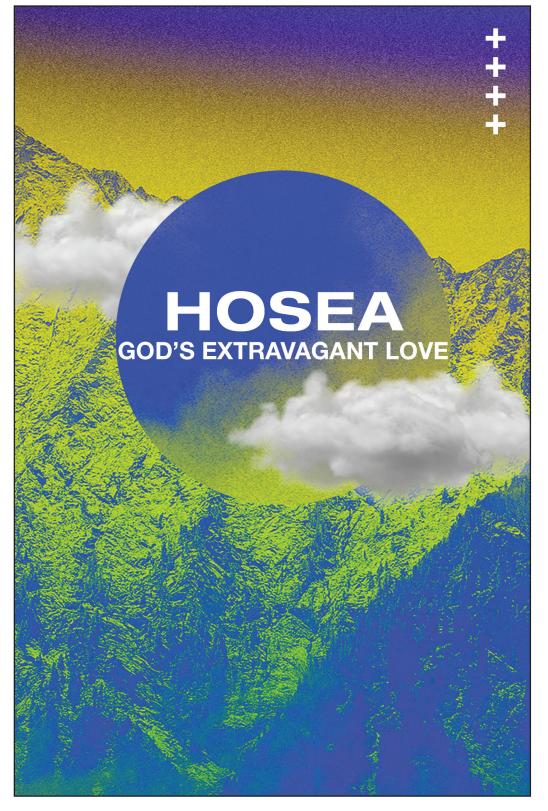
Women's Night is Friday, February 10, at 6:00pm. This month we will learn about Mary Magdalene. Bring a finger food if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by February 8 at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. Join us!

BOOK DRIVE

Northside is partnereing with SJRC Texas and Belong to collect new or gently used books for ages 0-5 years old. These books are given to children during home visits. The book drive will run for the month of February. You can bring your books to the connect center.



January 29, 2023





THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

What would you say if I told you that God was wild about you? Would you believe it? Would you say, no, not me, maybe someone else? Would you believe it intellectually

relentlessly pursue you until you surrender to His call.

The reality is, God is wild but not really feel it? Would you think you have been too "bad" for such love? The reality is, God is wild about you and He will relentlessly pursue you until you surrender to His call.

> As we continue our study of Hosea, we are reminded that it is a story of a man who is commanded to pursue the love of his life and purchase her out of her slavery. While we

believe Hosea to be a true story, not a parable or allegory, it is an illustration of God's love for us. We have sold ourselves to sin, just as Gomer did. We need a redeemer, much like Hosea was. We need someone to purchase us out of our sin and grant us freedom. And that is just what Jesus Christ did.

Today, if you find yourself distant from God, know that He relentlessly pursues you. Whether you have never come to Christ in the first place, or if you have simply allowed your relationship with Him to grow cold, know that He pursues you. He beckons us to come out of our sin and to dwell with Him. He calls us from the coldness of sin into an intimate relationship with Him.

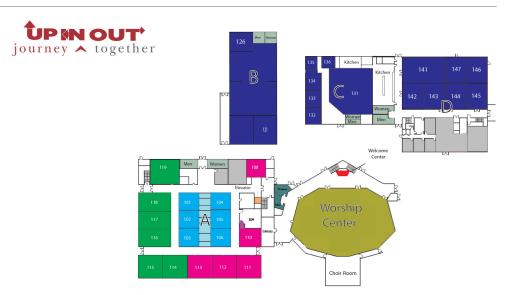
Not only is God willing to receive you, He died to do so. Christ went to the cross, endured the full wrath of His Father, so that you and I can come to the Father in grace. Make no mistake about it, God does not reluctantly receive us. No, He is like the father in the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15) who longed daily for his son's return. On the day the son did return, the father saw him while he was a long way off. He ran to him, he embraced him, and he restored him.

Our Heavenly Father is no different than the father in this story. He longs for us to return. If we will, He will embrace us and restore us. We will be given the right to dwell with Him, both now and in eternity. So, what are you waiting for? You have a Heavenly Father that relentlessly pursues you. Why not turn and embrace Him now?

Honored to be your pastor,



WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



TODAY'S WORSHIP

The Lion and the Lamb (Brown/Mooring/Johnson)

WELCOME & PRAYER

Death was Arrested (Kersh/Coker/Baltzglier/Taylor)

> One Thing Remains (Johnson/Riddle/Black)

MESSAGE Pursed by God Hosea 3:1-5 DARRELL TOMASEK

TIME OF COMMITMENT

Firm Foundation (He Won't) (Carnes/ Davis/Moore)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Graves into Gardens (Lake/Brown/ Furtick/ Hammer)

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

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- Up-to-date Northside happenings
- Online event registrations
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- Newsletter

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- 1. Open You Version Bible app.
- 2. Click more.
- 3. Go to Events and find Northside.

Our guest wi-fi is currently under maintence. Sorry for any inconvience.

SERMON NOTES



God's Extravagant Love Pursed by God Hosea 3:1-5

THE BIG IDEA: God pursues a personal relationship with us in spite of the fact we are unfaithful at times.

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