### MEET OUR STAFF



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# SHARE THE JOURNEY

### GET INVOLVED

Sunday, February 20 9:30a Bible Study

10:45a Worship Service 10:45a Kid's Church

5:00p Sunday Evening Worship

5:00p Ecclesia

5:00p Discipleship Groups 5:00p Praiz Kidz/Praiz Kidz, Jr.

5:00p Summit Huddle

Tuesday, February 22

6:00p Celebrate Recovery6:00p Circle of Hope Bible Study6:00p Zumba Fitness for Women

Wednesday, February 23

6:00p Wednesday Night Connect

6:00p AWANA

6:00p Student Midweek

7:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 24

9:30a Ladies Bible Study

6:15p Trail Life

6:00p Zumba Fitness for Women

Saturday, February 26

9:00a Upward Soccer Evaluation

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 inaccurate.)

### COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

Budget Gifts Last Week \$ 32,105 Given Year to Date \$ 467,663 Need Year to Date \$ 461,535

## STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

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#### **UPWARD SOCCER**

Registration for Upward Soccer is open.
Registration cost is \$100. The season begins with practices the week of March 21. Games are Saturdays beginning April 2 through May 7. All players need to attend an evaluation. Evaluations are: February 26 at 9:00am; February 28 at 6:00pm. Registration closes February 28.

We always need coaches and referees. Sign up to be a head coach and get a discount on your child's registration fee.

#### DATE NIGHT

The next Date Night is March 4. Childcare at the church from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Please register on the events page of our website by March 2 to register your child.

### STUDENT SNAC

Students, tonight is SNAC. Meet at Raising Cane's at 6:45pm. Bring your money. Invite your parents.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECT

Dive deeper into Sunday's sermon and join in a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in Bldg D.

### STUDENT CAMP

This summer we go to Glorieta, NM, from June 20 - 24. Register now. A \$60 deposit is due at registration. Camp is \$379.

#### PRE-TEEN CAMP

Over The Edge Pre-Teen Camp is scheduled for July 25-29 at the Texas Baptist Encampment in Palacios, TX. Register on the events page at nbcvictoria.org. The cost is \$250. Pre-teen camp is for children who have completed 3rd - 5th grade.

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We are already preparing for Christmas. We are collecting coloring books for OCC in the month of February. Please drop off your items at a Connect Center or the church office.





### PRAIZ KIDZ MUSICAL

Praiz Kidz invite you to see their musical, "God Squad". Join them Sunday, February 27, at 6:00pm for an evening of entertainment. Praiz Kidz, Jr. will start the program with several songs that they have learned.

#### **UPWARD VOLUNTEERS**

We can't host Upward sports without volunteers. Whether you can you help for one Saturday or the season, we need you. We need prayer warriors, coaches, referees, greeters, clean-up crew, concession stand workers, evaluation help, etc. If you are interested, please contact Dean or Arona.

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Find a class to connect with on Sunday mornings. Bible study starts at 9:30am. We have classes for all age groups. We have couples classes, men's classes, and women's classes. You can find a complete list of classes available at the Welcome Center.

### HYPE

HYPE is Friday, March 4, from 7:00 - 9:00pm. HYPE is for kids in the 3rd - 5th grade. No registration is necessary. Get ready for lots of crazy fun with Pastor Dave.

### WOMEN OF GRACE

The Women of Grace monthly breakfast is Friday, March 4, at 8:45am. All widows are invited to this lunch. Meet us in Bldg. D.

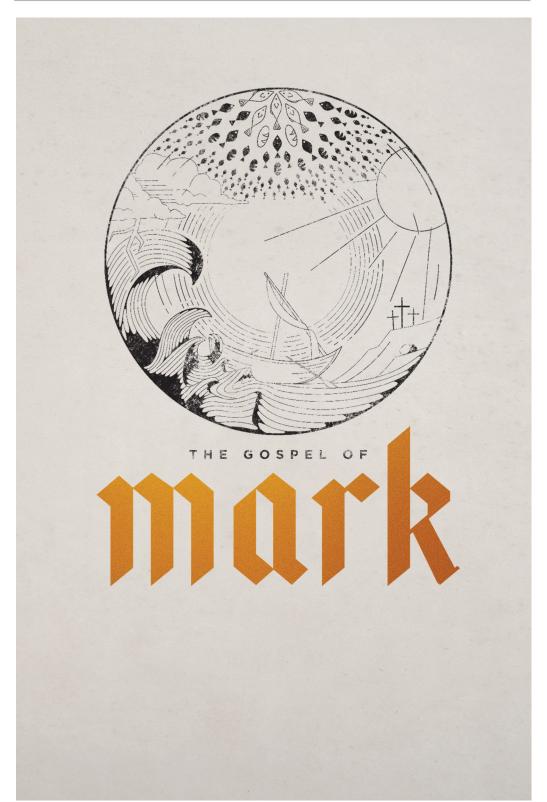


#### CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

Northside will once again partner with the City of Victoria for a clean up day. You can sign up to help at a Connect Center on Sunday, or by calling the church office. The Clean Up is Saturday, March 5. Volunteers will meet at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 3808 Callis St., and then split into teams and go door to door helping residents who need help moving bulky trash or tree limbs.



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### THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

Today, we will be looking at the story of blind Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was hindered by a physical aliment. His blindness had impacted his entire life. Unfortunately, he was dependent upon whatever people gave him as he begged. One day, he is sitting by the roadside and hears a commotion. He discovers that it is Jesus of Nazareth that is passing by. Having exhausted all other means

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of overcoming his blindness, he cries out to Jesus asking for mercy. Initially, the crowd tries to silence him, but his persistence prevails. Jesus hears him, calls him, and heals him of his blindness.

We do not want to push the text too far and stretch it beyond its true

meaning. However, we know that scripture speaks not only of physical blindness, but spiritual blindness as well. Romans 1:21 speaks to this, "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

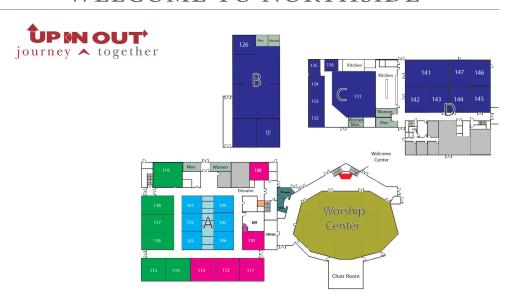
So, what do we do if we find ourselves in this state? Not physically blind, but spiritually blind. Ironically, the solution is the same. Just as Bartimaeus cried out for mercy, so too must we. He knew that his only chance for healing would come through Jesus Christ. My guess is, he had tried everything else. Well, our only hope to be cured of spiritual blindness it to call out to Jesus in the same way.

Often in life we will try everything we know to "cure" ourselves. At the end of the day, all of those things prove futile. We find ourselves in the same place, only further discouraged because we were unable to do anything about our condition. If this describes you this morning, let me encourage you to call out to the Lord for mercy. Just as he stopped and responded to Bartimaeus, He will respond to you.

Honored to be your pastor,



### WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Happy Day (Cantelon/Hughes)

### **WELCOME & PRAYER**

You Keep Hope Alive (Reddick/Skinner/Cates) Worship Choir

Blessed Be Your Name (Redman/Redman)

God You're So Good (Younker/Stanfill/Ligertwood/Ligertwood)

> How Great Thou Art (Hine)

### **MESSAGE**

*The Pursuit of Mercy* Mark 10:46-52 Darrell Tomasek

### TIME OF COMMITMENT

I Surrender All (Van DeVenter/Weeden)

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

King of My Heart (McMillan/McMillan)

### THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

Happy Day (Cantelon/Hughes)

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### LISTEN ONLINE Sunday Sermons are on our website: nbcvictoria.org

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Visit our website @ nbcvictoria.org for:

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

### **SERMON NOTES**



### The Pursuit of Mercy Mark 10:46-52

**THE BIG IDEA**: We must be undeterred in our pursuit of grace, mercy, and healing from Jesus Christ.

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Make time this week to have an honest conversation with our Lord about where you are and what you need. Be honest and direct as you pray.

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- 3. Go to Events and find Northside.

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