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# SHARE THE JOURNEY

#### GET INVOLVED

Sunday, March 26

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 Journey Groups

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

6:00p Connect

6:00p Student Midweek

6:00p Awana

:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30

6:00p Zumba Fitness for Ladies

Saturday, April 1

8:45a Women of Grace Widows Breakfast

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 \$24,418.68 Given Year to Date \$638,641.54 Need Year to Date \$630,860.00

## STOPS ON THE JOURNEY Go to nbcvictoria.org/wg for a digital copy of this Worship Guide



#### 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 \$2,618.00 to date. Please designate your gift as Annie Armstrong when you give in person or online.

#### BAPTISM SUNDAY

April 15, 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.

#### **EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Kid's ministry will have an Easter Eggstravaganza on April 9 during Kid's Church at 10:45 AM. There will be an Egg Hunt for Preschool in extended session. If you would like to donate candy, drop it off at the connect center.

#### 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.

#### 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 notary present at this meeting to notarize your forms. Please put this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

#### **TECH TEAM VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for a way to serve? The worship ministry is needing some faithful volunteers for our Tech Team. Positions needed are slide, video, and sound operators. We will provide training. If you are interested contact Pastor Stephen at stephensummers@nbcvictoria.org or call 361-578-1568.



#### **HOLY WEEK AT NORTHSIDE**

Make plans to be a part of all we have planned for Holy Week at Northside.

Holy Week Devotional Videos -April 2-9; posted daily online

Palm Sunday

-April 2-Bible Study @ 9:30AM & Worship @10:45AM Good Friday Service

-April 7 @ 6 PM

Easter Sunday

-April 9-Bible Study @ 9:30AM & Worship @10:45AM

- Eggstravaganza in Kid's Church @ 10:45 AM
- Egg Hunt for Preschool @ 10:45 AM

#### WOMEN OF GRACE WIDOWS BREAKFAST

The next Women of Grace breakfast will be **Saturday**, April 1 at 8:45 AM in Building D. Please bring \$6.50 for your breakfast. All widows are invited. Mark your calendar for this change of date!

#### **VALLEY MISSION TRIP MEETING**

If you are attendint 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 out into teams. Lunch will be provided. Please register at nbcvictoria.org so we can get a head count for meals.

#### **SENIOR SUNDAY**

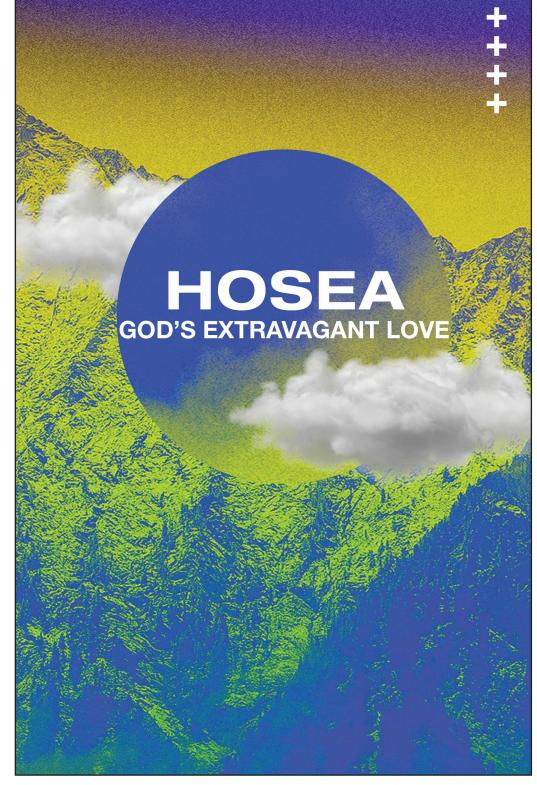
Mark your calendars for Senior Sundy on May 21. Please sign up at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page by 5/14/23. After completing the form, email your baby and senior photos to hannah@nbcvictoria.org by 5/14/23.

#### NORTHSIDE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open! Our school is for 2 year olds through fifth grade and offers extended care hours until 5:30pm. We have certified teachers in Kinder - 5th grade, small classes, and a Christian atmosphere. Call 578-5601 or check out the website, nbsvictoria.org, for more information.



March 26, 2023



## THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

As we have journeyed through Hosea, we see a redundant pattern evolving. God has blessed the people, that blessing has led to a certain kind of arrogance, that arrogance is pushing them toward God's judgement, but God continues to dangle grace before them – calling them to repentance. Sound familiar? I do not mean does it sound familiar because we have repeatedly seen it in the book; but does it sound familiar as the story of our lives?

Tucked away in our text today, in one singular verse, is the solution to it all. The solution to the drift, the solution to the arrogance, and the solution to avoiding God's discipline. We find it in verse 12, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord that he may come and rain righteousness upon you." Three clear commands...

First, sow for yourselves righteousness. Galatians 6:7 tells us, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that he will also reap." Simply put, if you plant tomatoes, do not expect bell peppers. What you sow is what you will reap. If you sow chaos, you will reap chaos. If you sow destruction, you will reap destruction. And, if you sow righteousness, you will reap righteousness.

Second, we are told to break up the fallow ground. Often, through the course of time, our hearts can become hard. They become especially hard if we allow ourselves to live in sin without repentance. God's call to us is to allow the hard ground of our hearts to be broken. To a certain extent, this responsibility lies with us. Will we move away from sin and toward God. However, we are ultimately dependent upon God to break our hard hearts. We must long for Him to move, but He is the One that does the moving.

Finally, we are told to seek the Lord. The Lord tells us in Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Have you ever lost something of value, something that you will not stop looking for until you find it? This is the same passion and commitment with which we should seek the Lord. Keep seeking until you are in the place He has called you to be in.

I hope that today's message will help you in your pursuit of God. We are a blessed people for sure, but let's not allow that blessing to breed an arrogance that drives us away from God. We know that we are called to humility, so let us stay in that place.

Honored to be your pastor,



## WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Glorious Day
(Stanfill/Ingram/Smith/Curran)

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

WELCOME & PRAYER

God so Loved (Cash/Cash/Cash/Bergthold)

Christ Be Magnified (Carnes/Asbury/Hulse)

Great Are You Lord (Jordan/Leonard)

MESSAGE
Mishandled Blessings
Hosea 10:1-15
DARRELL TOMASEK

TIME OF COMMITMENT

*Is He Worthy?* (Person/Shive)

#### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Honey in the Rock (Lake/Ligertwood/Wong)

**PARTING BLESSING & PRAYER** 

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

## Connect @ Northside

Visit our website @ nbcvictoria.org for:

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

## **SERMON NOTES**



## God's Extravagant Love Mishandled Blessings Hosea 10:1-15

**THE BIG IDEA**: If we are not careful, the blessings of our God can breed a certain kind of complacency in our lives.

Four Mistakes:  1. They became	(vs.1-3).
2. They lacked	(vs 4-10).
3. They were	_ (vs. 11).
4. They had	priorities (vs. 13-5)

The Solution (vs.12):

- 1. Sow Righteousness.
- 2. Break the fallow ground.
- 3. Seek the Lord.

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

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