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# SHARE THE JOURNEY

#### GET INVOLVED

Sunday, April 2

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, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

6:00p Connect

6:00p Student Midweek

6:00p Awana

7:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

9:30a Women's Bible Study6:00p Zumba Fitness for Ladies

Friday, April 7

6:00p Good Friday Service

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 \$42,677.30 Given Year to Date \$679,129.61 Need Year to Date \$662,403.00

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

Annie Amstrong Easter Offering

Our Church Goal: \$13,000

#### 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 \$3,152.00 to date. Please designate your gift as Annie Armstrong when you give in person or online.

#### SENIOR SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Senior Sunday 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.



### **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.

#### 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.



### HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONALS

Everyday this week, April 2-9, a video will be posted to Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube with a devotional video discussing what was happening that day in Jesus' life. Take a few minutes to listen and join us in reflecting on the last week of Jesus' life here on earth.



### **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.



#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

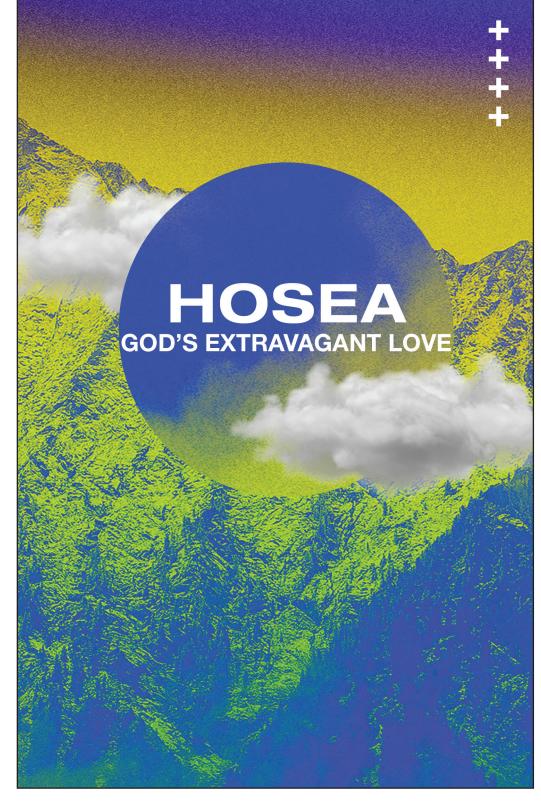
Easter is next Sunday, April 9! Bible Study will meet at 9:30 AM and Worship starts at 10:45 AM. The Kid's Ministry will host an Eggstravaganza during Kid's Church at 10:45 AM. There will be an egg hunt for Preschoolers in Extended Session. We hope you will make plans to celebrate our risen savior with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

### 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.



April 2, 2023



### THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

I often feel that we fail to understand the strength, power, and might of our God. Many of our songs and teachings focus on the love and compassion of God but fail to home

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in on His strength and power. Our passage today speaks of God roaring like a lion and his children coming to Him while trembling (Hosea 11:10). Clearly, our God has incredible strength and power.

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So, which is correct? Should we focus
on God's grace, love, and compassion
– or should we focus on His incredible
strength? The answer is – YES! We do

not have to choose one set of God's characteristics over another. All of it is true.

When I was a kid, I used to picture God as the gentle grandfather. As I have grown older, my view has somewhat shifted. I still see Him as loving and compassionate, but I view that love and compassion as being held by someone with incredible power and strength.

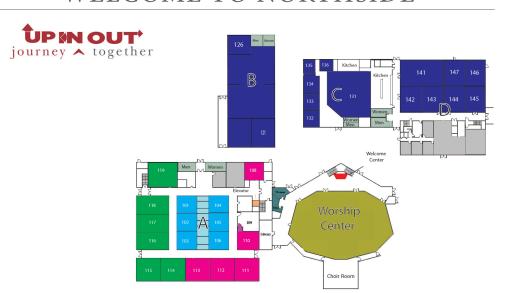
I think our softer views of God the Father carry over to our views of Jesus Christ (God the Son). We view him as a soft spoken, tender-hearted, benevolent figure. While these characteristics may be true, do not think for a second that he was weak. Physically speaking, he was a carpenter. Do you know any weak carpenters? The carpenters that I know are strong men with calloused hands and are pretty resolute in their thinking. Such a strength in a man does not have to be counter to possessing compassion and grace. In fact, such strength only makes the compassion and grace that much sweeter.

I say all of this to remind you, that the God we serve (both God the Father and God the Son) is strong. Our God is powerful, causing the strongest to tremble. However, that same God of strength and power is the one who extends to us grace, mercy, and tenderness. He does not extend these things to us because that is His only option, He extends them to us because He desperately desires for you and me to know Him in this way.

Honored to be your pastor,



### WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



### TODAY'S WORSHIP

### **BAPTISM**

The Lion and the Lamb (Brown/ Johnson)

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

### THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

#### **WELCOME & PRAYER**

Same God (Lake/Brown/Barrett/Furtick)

Reckless Love (Asbury/Culver/Jackson)

MESSAGE
The Love of a Father
Hosea 11:1-11
DARRELL TOMASEK

### TIME OF COMMITMENT

It is Well (Spafford/Bliss)

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

### **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 The Love of a Father Hosea 11:1-11

**THE BIG IDEA**: We serve a mighty God who relentlessly pursues us with His love and compassion.

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