MEET OUR STAFF



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MASK UPDATE: The governor has eased up on the mask policy, but Northside would like to keep our current policy of wearing a mask while on the move on campus. You are free to remove your mask once you are in class or the Worship Center (if you want to) as long as you can practice social distancing.

SHARE THE **JOURNEY**

GET INVOLVED

Sunday, April 11 9:30a Sunday Morning Bible Study

Worship Service 9:30a 11:00a Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00a Worship Service Kid's Church 11:00a 5:00p GroupLife

5:00p Sunday Evening Worship

Praiz Kidz 5:00p

Tuesday, April 13

6:00pZumba Fitness for Women 6:00pCelebrate Recovery

Wednesday, April 14

6:00p Wednesday Night Connect

6:00pAwana

6:00p Student Midweek

7:00pWorship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 15

9:30a Ladies Bible Study 6:00p Zumba Fitness for Women

Trail Life 6:15p

Saturday, April 17

Upward Soccer Game 9:00a

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 \$ 26,065 Given Year to Date \$ 701,064 \$ 734,390 Need Year to Date

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



BABY/CHILD DEDICATION

Northside will offer a Baby/Child Dedication during the 11:00am worship service on May 9, Mother's Day. If you would like to participate in this dedication, please register on the events tab of our website by April 30.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

A Victoria family is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to Northside students planning to attend college in the fall. Applications are available in the church office. Deadline: July 2.

SENIOR SUNDAY

May 16 is Senior Sunday. This day we honor graduating High School Seniors. Please go to the events page of our website, nbcvictoria.org, to give us the information we need and to RSVP for the luncheon. We also need 2 pictures: a current picture and a baby picture. You can email the pictures to hannah@nbcvictoria.org or bring them by the church office. We will scan them and return them to you. Deadline for information and pictures is May 2.

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

Registration is open for High School summer camp (June 21-25 at South Padre Island). Register on the events page of nbcvictoria.org.



VIEW FROM THE PEW

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Visit a Connect Center and pick up a form to tell us what it is along with a short testimony as to why this verse is important to you. You can also submit a form online. Go to the events page of our website. Darrell is planning a sermon series for the summer that will use these testimonies.

New groups begin tonight at 5:00pm. You can pick up a list of classes offered at a Connect Center today. There is also a ladies Bible study on Elijah on Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

OVER THE EDGE

Over the Edge Pre-teen camp registration is now open. Pre-teen camp is for kids completing 3rd -5th grades. It is a little earlier this year - July 1-5. The cost is \$300. You can contact Dave Benefield if you have any questions.

The mission moves forward

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Today is the last day to contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Northside's goal is \$13,000. Be in prayer as to how you can help. Mark your envelope "Annie Armstrong" to contribute. You can also give online. We have collected \$5,815 to date.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS registration is open on our website event tab. VBS is June 13 - 17 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Exiting Kinder through 4th grade are invited to

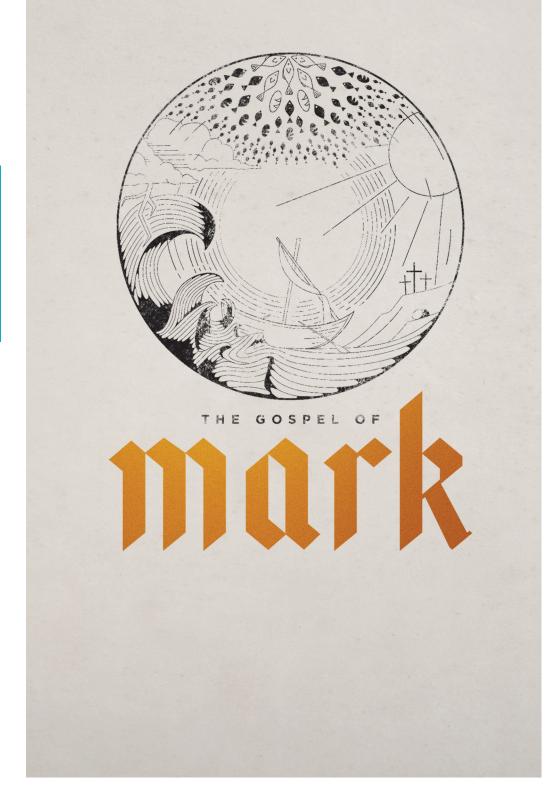
We have a separate VBS for 5th grade. It is the same date and time, just a little different. Register for Merge on our website.

...SPEAKING OF VBS

We need volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Teachers, helpers, guides, snack makers, etc. are all needed. Register to volunteer on the events page of our website, nbcvictoria.org or sign up at a Connect Center this Sunday. Call the church office if you have questions.



APRIL 11, 2021



THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

I think everyone loves routine. Routines help us to know what we can expect and what we need to do next. Take the early morning for example. I bet you have a familiar routine you go through. For me, I wake up and grab my glasses, I can't see to do anything else until then. I set my coffee pot the night before to start brewing at 5:45, so when I walk in the kitchen at 6:00 it is ready. I have a cup of coffee and visit with my wife for about 30 minutes and then she goes to get ready for work. Kimberly and Braden leave at 7:00, and I will either begin getting ready myself or go for a run – depending on the day. I take some time to read my daily Bible and record some thoughts and prayers in my journal and then head out to start my day.

As I said, I'm sure you have some sort of routine of your own. I would also guess that if your routine gets thrown off, you, like me, feel out of sync. In fact, if my routine is thrown off, it has a potential to mess with the whole day.

Routines, traditions, and habits are fine – until they cause us to miss what God is up to. We must be careful in our lives to pay attention to the Spirit's movement in our lives. Just because we have served in the same ministry for years does not mean that is what God intends for us to do. Or just because our church has done something in a particular way for years, does not mean that God intends for us to keep doing it that way. Change for change sake is useless, however, if God calls us to change, we better pay attention.

Today we will study a group of people who were so wrapped up in their traditions that they could not see what God was up to. In fact, Jesus says of them, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me" (Mark 7:6). I don't know about you, but that is not something I want to hear God say of me. I want my heart, mind, and spirit all attuned to what He is doing. I trust that you share that desire.

Honored to be your pastor,

DARRELL

WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



TODAY'S WORSHIP

10,000 Reasons (Myrin/Redman)

WELCOME & PRAYER

Hosanna (Ligertwood)

Great Are You Lord
(Ingram/Jordan/Leonard)

 ${\it Goodness~of~God} \\ ({\it Johnson/Cash/Ingram/Fielding/Johnson})$

MESSAGE

Blinded by Tradition Mark 7:1-13 Darrell Tomasek

TIME OF COMMITMENT

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
(Newton/Tomlin/Giglio)

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

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Connect with YouVersion

To get wi-fi in the Worship Center, choose the

northside mar network. The password is john 316.

1. Open You Version Bible app.

3. Go to Events and find Northside.

2. Click more.

There are wooden boxes next to the Welcome Center for your tithes.

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

Connect @ Northside

Visit our website @ nbcvictoria.org for:

- Pastor's Blog
- Up-to-date Northside happenings
- Online event registrations
- Facebook
- Newsletter

SERMON NOTES



Blinded by Tradition

Mark 7:1-13

THE BIG IDEA: We must be sensitive to the Spirit's leadership to avoid resting in the comfortable and familiar.

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Right Worship:

- ...is rooted in truth—John 4:23.
- ...involves your whole life—Romans 12:1.
- ...includes, but is not limited to, singing—Ephesians 5:18-19.
- ...is to be Spirit led—Philippians 3:3.
- ...invokes reverence and awe—Hebrews 12:28.

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@ THE FRONTLINE

- 1. How much are you drawn to the familiar and comfortable?
- 2. How has routine proven to be an advantage?
- 3. When has a commitment to the routine become a problem?
- 4. How can tradition and routine get in the way of serving the Lord?