### **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 18

9:30a Sunday Morning Bible Study Worship Service 9:30a Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00a Worship Service 11:00a Kid's Church 11:00a

GroupLife 5:00p Sunday Evening Worship 5:00p

Praiz Kidz 5:00p Ecclesia 5:00p

#### Tuesday, April 20

Zumba Fitness for Women 6:00p 6:00p Celebrate Recovery

#### Wednesday, April 21

Wednesday Night Connect 6:00p

6:00p Awana

6:00p Student Midweek Worship Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

#### Thursday, April 22

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

Trail Life/AHG 6:15p

Summit Girls/Boys (off campus)

#### Saturday, April 24

Upward Soccer Game

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 \$ 26,682 Given Year to Date \$ 727,746 Need Year to Date \$ 766,320

## 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.



#### EXTREME KIDS LIVE

Wednesday evenings are full of exciting fun beginning May 19 because that is when Extreme Kids Live returns. Kids entering kindergarten through exiting 5th grade can join Pastor Dave at 6:00pm for radical fun. Bring your friends. You won't want to miss this!

It's not too late to join one of our new groups that began last Sunday. GroupLife meets 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.

#### **SUMMIT GIRLS**

Deeply Rooted will meet at the Tomasek's home on April 22 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. You can sign up on the events page of our website, nbcvictoria.org. You will be learning about the Gabriel Project and eating Sundaes.

#### **SUMMIT BOYS**

Guys will meet at the Morgan's home on April 22 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm for burgers and fellowship. Sign up on the events page of our website, nbcvictoria.org.



#### **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 attend.

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.



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## THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

Every Christian who has ever lived has experienced some level of frustration when it comes to walking in holiness. For some reason, we tend to think our failure is a result of not trying hard enough. So, when we fail, we pledge to try harder. Before long, it becomes this endless cycle of trying and failing. For some, it has led them to the point that they doubt their own salvation.

However, when we step back and consider what Scripture has to say about walking in holiness, we will discover that effort or desire are not the problem at all. The truth is, we have a heart problem. In our text today, Jesus tells us, "For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy slander, pride, foolishness" (Mark 7:21-22). Until we figure out how to solve the heart issue, we will never solve our sin issue.

Scripture has a lot to say about the heart. We are told in Proverbs 4:23, "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." You will note, we are not told to check a list of rules, but to guard our heart. Clearly this changes the perspective of our lives. Of course, no matter how much we guard our hearts, there are things that make their way in and damage our heart. As a result, we are given a promise in Ezekiel 36:26, "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Such encouraging words from our God.

Along the same lines, we see David, after he had sinned with Bathsheba, pray and ask God for a new heart. David prays, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me*" (Psalm 51:10). David knew that his problem was not effort. His problem was a heart issue. So, instead of praying that he might try harder, he prays about his heart condition.

As we consider all of this, I hope that we realize that the only one who can do something about our heart is God Himself. And, if this is true, we must walk in relationship with Him in order to be all that He has called us to be. I pray that you will be able to approach your walk with God with a new hope and a new optimism as we are reminded to pursue a right heart, rightly related to God.

Honored to be your pastor,

DARRELL

## WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Hosanna (Praise is Rising) (Brown/Baloche)

#### **WELCOME & PRAYER**

Death Was Arrested (Balltzglier/Coker/Kersh/Smith)

*Living Hope* (Johnson/Wickham)

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)
(Houston/Myrin)

MESSAGE Check Your Heart Mark 7:14-23; Romans 7:14-25 DARRELL TOMASEK

#### TIME OF COMMITMENT

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#### THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

Hosanna (Praise is Rising) (Brown/Baloche)

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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



## Check Your Heart Mark 7:14-23, Romans 7:14-25

**THE BIG IDEA**: Holiness will never come from following rules, but from a heart that is rightly related to God.

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# **@ THE FRONTLINE**

- 1. Have you ever fallen prey to rule keeping Christianity?
- 2. What was the end result of such an approach?
- 3. What difference do you think a relational approach would make?
- 4. Does prioritizing relationship over rules cause us to take sin less seriously?

## Connect with YouVersion

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

To get wi-fi in the Worship Center, choose the *northside mar* network. The password is *john 316*.