#### MEET OUR STAFF



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# SHARE THE JOURNEY

#### GET INVOLVED

Sunday, May 14
9:30a Bible Study
10:45a Worship Service
10:45a Kid's Church
No Evening ActivitiesHappy Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17 6:00p Connect

6:00p Student Midweek 6:00p Extreme Kids Live

7:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

6:00p Zumba Fitness for Ladies

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 \$16,303.50 Given Year to Date \$824,994.99 Need Year to Date \$851,661.00

## STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

Go to nbcvictoria.org/wg for a digital copy of this Worship Guide



#### VBS SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School on June 11-15, 2023. Stellar VBS is for children exiting kindergarten through exiting 4th grade. Merge is for kids exiting 5th grade. Sign your kids up on the Events Page of our website.

#### **VBS SNACK DONATIONS**

If you would like to donate toward VBS snacks through Walmart or HEB gift cards this year, pick up a designated paper slip of your amount choice from the Connect Center. Please bring your gift card to the church office or place it in the offering plate in a marked envelope designated VBS snacks.

#### **VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

If you want to be a volunteer during VBS and did not attend the first meeting, you must attend on May 21 immediately following the worship service. We still need student and adult guides. If you want to volunteer, register at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

A Victoria family is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to children or grandchildren of a Northside Baptist Church member. You can pick up an application at the church office. All applications are due back to the church office by July 3 at 4:00pm.

#### NEW STREAMING APPS-APPLE TV & ROKU

If you have the Northside streaming app on Apple TV or Roku, it will be changing to a new app called "NBC Victoria". The old app will still be available for a few months, but take some time to download the new one.

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

CR is a free Christ-centered recovery program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits so we can become all that God intends us to be. CR meets every Tuesday evening in the Northside Student Center in BLDG A. Dinner is at 6:00pm and large group at 6:30pm.

#### EXTREME KIDS LIVE

Extreme Kids Live is back! Kids entering kindergarten through exiting 5th grade can join Pastor Dave at 6:00pm on Wednesdays for radical fun. Bring your friends. You won't want to miss this!



#### NORTHSIDE SOCIAL MEDIA

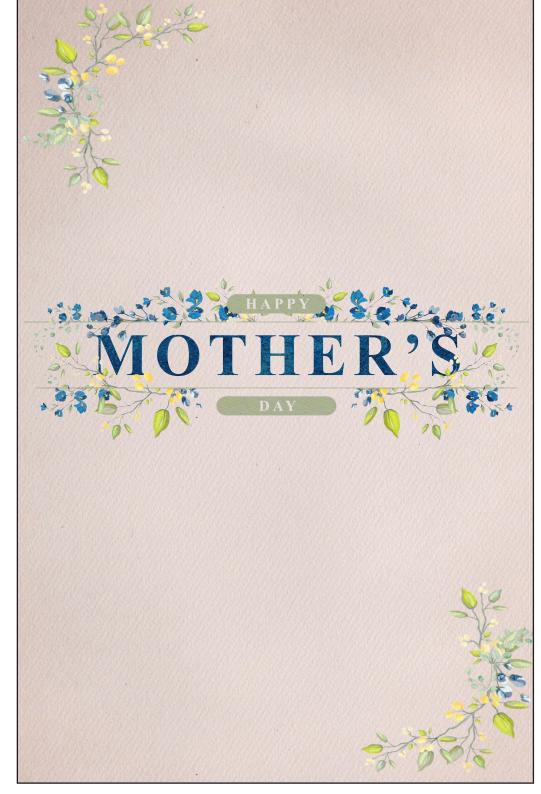
Follow our Facebook and Instagram page to stay up to date on all the events happening at Northside. Facebook- www.facebook.com/nbcvictoria Instagram- @nbcvictoria Website- www.nbcvictoria.org

#### OVER THE EDGE PRETEEN CAMP

Preteen Camp is July 17-21, 2023 in Palacios at the Texas Baptist Encampment. This is for children who have completed 3rd-5th grade. The full cost is \$250 and is due by 6/23/23. Register today at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page.



May 14, 2023





## THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

Today, we will continue our series, At War: Not Against Flesh and Blood. It is my prayer that we can remember this truth. As Ephesians 6:12 reminds us, "For we do not

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wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

This is an easy fact to forget.

enemy and villain out of the very people we have been called to love, reach, and disciple. It is a fairly common thing to see those who disagree with us as the enemy. People who have a different morality than I do, people who have a different political bent than I do, or people who serve a different god, or no god at all – clearly must be my enemy. No, they are not. Presuming

our personal ethic is based on Scripture, those who oppose us are not the enemy, they have been blinded by the enemy.

When we fail to recognize what is going on in the spiritual realm, we make an enemy and villain out of the very people we have been called to love, reach, and disciple. I do not know about you, but someone's anger and vitriol – directed at me – has never changed my mind. However, someone who can put together a decent argument, that is shared with love and respect, has often changed my mind. We must rethink our approaches.

Today, we will specifically look at the believer's relationship to the government. This is a hot topic these days. If it was not a hot topic, the cable news networks – regardless of your position – will make sure that it becomes such. On top of that, social media will help ensure that we present our case in the most offensive way possible. But, is this the way scripture has called us to respond? Is this the most effective way? How do I form a biblical world view and then make the case for that view biblically? I believe both Paul and Peter will have some valuable words for us today.

Honored to be your pastor,



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Only King Forever (Brown/Brock/Furtick/Joye)

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

WELCOME & PRAYER

**CHILD DEDICATION** 

Living Hope (Johnson/Wickham)

Only a Holy God (Farren/Smith/Robinson/Thompson)

MESSAGE
Relating to the Government
Romans 13:1-7
Darrell Tomasek

TIME OF COMMITMENT

I Surrender All (Van Deventer/ Weeden)

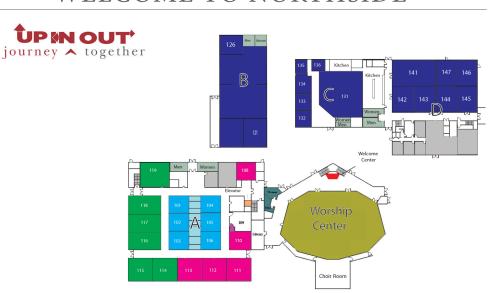
**GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Here's My Heart (Giglio/Tomlin)

**PARTING BLESSING & PRAYER** 

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## WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



## 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/ Instagram
- Newsletter

## Connect with YouVersion

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

Our guest wi-fi is currently under maintence. Sorry for any inconvience.

## **SERMON NOTES**



### Not Against Flesh and Blood Relating to the Government Romans 13:1-7

**THE BIG IDEA**: Though our leaders man not always be godly, we must recognize that God placed them, and respond appropriately.

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