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SHARE THE **JOURNEY**

GET INVOLVED

Sunday, December 3 Bible Study 9:30a 10:45a Worship Service 10:45a Kid's Church 2:7 Youth Choir 5:00p Praiz Kidz 5:00p Summit Student 5:00p Journey Groups Sunday Evening Worship Quarterly Church Conference

Tuesday, December 5 Celebrate Recovery AHG/TrailLife 6:00p 6:30p Circle of Hope

Wednesday, December 6 5:00p Wednesday Night Meal

Connect Student Midweek

6:00p Awana

6:00p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 8 6:00p Women's Night

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 \$13,661.51 Budget Gifts Year to Date \$86,540.44 Need Year to Date \$120,769.24

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



NIGHT OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Night of Prayer and Praise is this Thursday, 12/7/23. We will gather in the Worship Center at 6:00 PM every first Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Join us as we focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.



HIS NAME SHALL BE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Save the date for 12/10/23 as the music ministry of Northside presents, "His Name Shall Be". Join us as the Praiz Kidz, 2:7 Student Choir, and Adult Choir lead us in worship as we focus on the blessing of our Savior Jesus. You do not want to miss this!

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for the following holiday schedule and important dates below!

12/10- His Name Shall Be Christmas Program @ 6 PM

12/17- Churchwide Christmas Breakfast @ 9:30 AM

- No Evening Activities

12/24- Christmas Eve Service @ 10:30 AM

- No Evening Activities

12/31- Combined Morning Bible Study @ 9:30 AM

- No Evening Activities

LOTTIE MOON

The Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions runs through December 31. All money collected goes directly for international missions. Northside's goal is \$22,000. Please designate your gift as "Lottie Moon" when you give in person and online at nbcvictoria.org.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

The next Quarterly Church Conference will be held today, December 3, at 6:30pm. Join us in the Chapel in Bldg C for information about the finances of the church plus other church business.



WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night is Friday, December 8, at 6:00pm. In the Christmas spirit we will have a game and door prizes. We will have a Prayer Panel for a few women to share how they pray. Our hope is that hearing multiple ideas about how, when, and where to fit prayer into our lives will be helpful. The food theme for December is Comfort Food. As always, bring a dish only if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by Wednesday, 12/6/23, at nbcvictoria.org on the Events Page. Mark your calendar now, you won't want to miss this one!

At the moment all of our families have been claimed! If you would like to put your name on a waiting list sign up at the Connect Center today. The gifts will be given to the children at a party on December 18. If you would like to help coordinate or plan the party for Angel Tree contact Rebekah Logan at rebekah. logan85@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Join us at 5 PM for our church wide Wednesday Night Meal. The suggested donation is \$5 per plate with a cap at \$20 per family. If you forget your wallet, no worries dinner is on us!

Menu for 12/6:

-Chicken Noodle Soup

-Alternative: PB & J

-Crackers

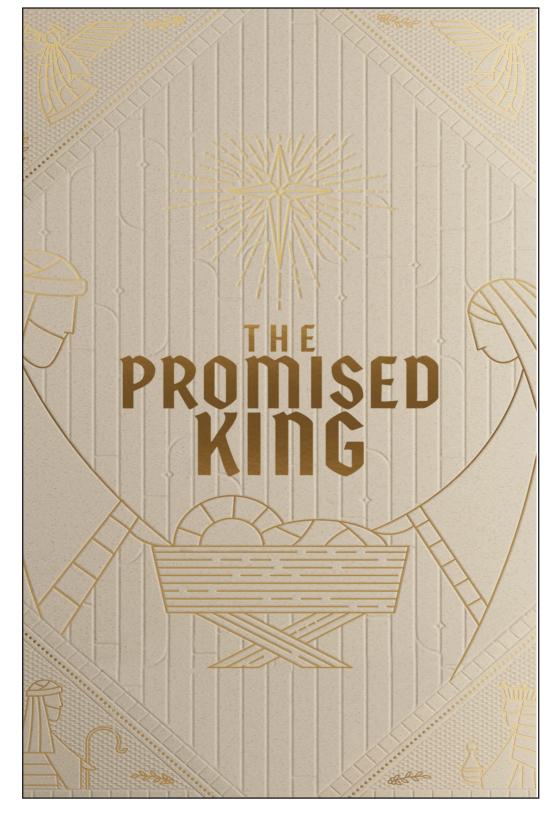
GROUPLIFE LEADER APPRECIATION LUNCH

GROUP LIFE LEADER APPRECIATION

December 10 following the worship service. Please scan the QR code above and RSVP for your family.



December 3, 2023





If you lead a Sunday Morning Bible Study or a Journey Group, you are invited to our appreciation lunch on



THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

Last week, we saw the birth of John the Baptist. Along with this birth, we saw Zechariah speak for the first time in over nine months. One of the questions that has intrigued me is, what was going on in Zechariah's head and heart during this season? It would seem that he had plenty of time to ponder what God was up to. Additionally, he had to consider the true implications of this soon-to-be-born child. While the silence was in part punishment for his unbelief, I cannot help but believe it had redemptive value as well.

Last week's text simply said, "his tongue was loosed, and he spoke, blessing God" (Luke 1:64). As we look at today's text, what I believe we are seeing is the actual words of that blessing. We are seeing the first words that Zechariah spoke after being silent for such a long season. In his praise, he speaks both of Jesus and John. He speaks of what Jesus will be and the role that John will play.

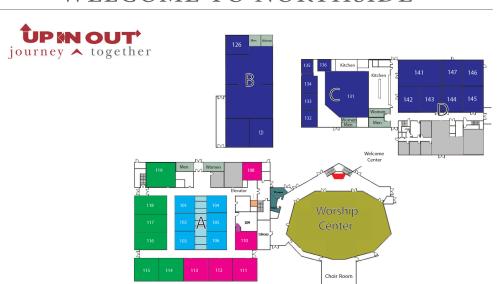
At the end of this passage (v. 80), we are told that John, "was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel." I find it interesting that Zechariah had a season of silence and solitude – involuntary as it may be – and that John did as well. We are not told how soon John went to the wilderness, but we are told he stayed until his ministry started. His ministry, like that of Christ, would have started around the age of thirty. I am assuming this means John likely spent more than a decade in the wilderness.

We often see the people of God, in scripture, engage in times of solitude. Sometimes they are intentional, but sometimes they are not. While I do not necessarily recommend you disappear into the wilderness for a period of years, I do believe we need built in times of solitude with our Lord. This could include daily prayer times, personal retreats, or simply finding time away. Whatever we do, we must find time to quiet the noise of the world we live in.

Honored to be your pastor,



WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



TODAY'S WORSHIP

This is Our God (Wickham/Furtick/Lake/Barrett)

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

ADVENT READING-PEACE

WELCOME & PRAYER

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Brooks/Redner)

The First Noel (Traditional English Carol)

Grace of God with Us (Fielding/King/Younker) Worship Choir

MESSAGE He Speaks Luke 1:67-80 Darrell Tomasek

TIME OF COMMITMENT

O Come to the Altar (Brown/Brock/Furtick/Joye)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Lottie Moon Video: Refuge for Ukrainians

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/ Instagram
- Newsletter

Connect with You Version

- 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 3:16.

SERMON NOTES



The Promised King He Speaks Luke 1:67-80

THE BIG IDEA: Times of silence and quiet reflection help us to determine the will of God.

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2 The	focus (vs	68-75)

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