

MEET OUR STAFF



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SHARE THE JOURNEY

GET INVOLVED

Sunday, December 17  
9:30a Churchwide Breakfast  
10:45a Worship Service  
10:45a Kid's Church  
No Evening Activities

Tuesday, December 19  
6:00p Celebrate Recovery  
6:00p AHG/TrailLife  
6:30p Circle of Hope

Wednesday, December 20  
No Wednesady Night Activities

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

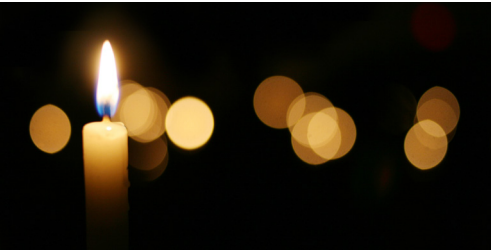
Budget Gifts Last Week	\$23,062.82
Budget Gifts Year to Date	\$144,156.42
Need Year to Date	\$181,153.86

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

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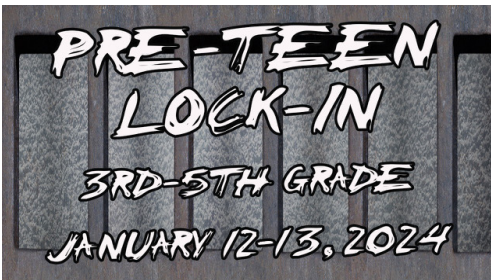


**RAD WEEKEND**  
RAD Weekend is January 26-28, 2023. If you would be interested in being a host home, co-host, or helping that weekend contact Cody at [codymoore@nbcvictoria.org](mailto:codymoore@nbcvictoria.org) or 361-578-1568. Registration is open on the Events Page!



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
The Annual Christmas Eve Service will be December 24 at 10:30 AM in the Worship Center. Help keep Christ in Christmas by worshipping with us in this special service. There will be no evening activities on Christmas Eve.

**NEW YEAR GROUPLIFE PREVIEW**  
On December 31, during the 9:30 AM Bible Study time, we will all meet together in the Worship Center to preview the upcoming groups for the semester.



**PRETEEN LOCK-IN**  
Register now for the Pre-Teen Lock-In on January 12-13, 2024! Registration is open at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page. Third through fifth graders are invited to attend. Cost is \$25. Invite your friends!



**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](http://nbcvictoria.org). We have collected \$7,380 to date.

**OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**  
The church office will be closed on December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holidays. We will also be closed January 1 for New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**DATE NIGHT**  
Date Night is Friday, January 5, 2024. Childcare is offered at the church from 6:00 -10:00pm for \$10 per child. Childcare is free if you are attending a Northside fellowship. Register at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the Events Page by Wednesday, January 3.

**GROUPS RETURN**  
The Wednesday Night schedule returns on January 3 with the meal at 5:00pm and Awana and Connect at 6:00pm. Remember to register for the meal at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org).

The Northside regular Sunday schedule resumes on January 7. The 2:7 Student Choir begins at 4:00pm. Praiz Kidz returns at 5:00pm. The new semester of GroupLife also begins at 5:00pm. The Sunday Evening Worship service returns at 5:00pm in the chapel.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

December 17, 2023



Worship Sundays at 10:45am

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# THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

As we consider our text today, we will see how various people reacted to the announcement of Christ’s birth. In ways that only God could orchestrate, the Messiah of the world is born with little fan fare and with few knowing. Those that were a part were the least likely of all. Yet, Christ broke into history forever changing things.

As we consider the different people that were a part of this event, we must take note of their various responses. As we consider their responses, we must also consider our own response. How is it that you will respond to Jesus Christ? For some, they will dismiss Him, never thinking more of Him than a baby in a manger. For others, they will acknowledge that He is the Messiah, but never do much with Him. And still others will truly recognize Him for all He is and fully surrender their lives to Him.

As we consider these individuals in this story, we first see the shepherds. At first, their response was one of fear. They were not sure what they had instantly become a part of. As they hear what the angel that appeared to them had to say, their fear gives way to glorifying and praising God. We see them act with haste, as the Bible says, to go and see the things they had been told about.

Next, we see the crowd at large. We are told that all who heard it wondered. I find this interesting. What does it mean to wonder? It does not necessarily mean that they believed. Some heard, thought about, and probably dismissed it. Others probably held their judgement, waiting to see how things worked out. Others were filled with joy as they realized the long-awaited Messiah had arrived.

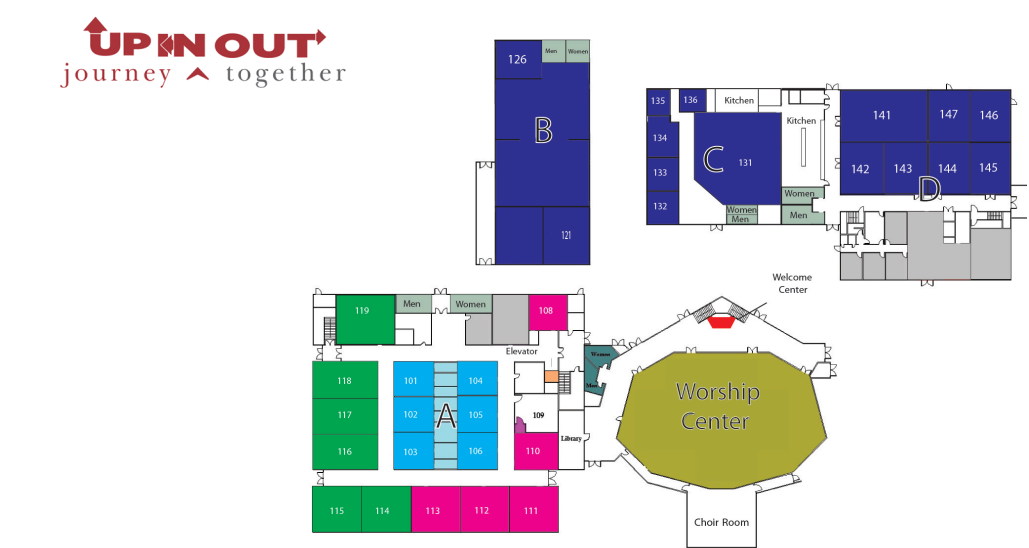
Maybe one of the most intimate responses is that of Mary. The Bible simply says she, “treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” After all she had been through – angelic announcements, Elizabeth’s pregnancy with John the Baptist, I’m sure the whispers of the crowd, and who knows what else – she has experienced the full realization of all that was prophesied. I can only imagine where her heart and emotions must have taken her.

As we consider the reaction of all involved, I will ask again, what will your response be? Will you only see Christ as a babe in a manger? Will you see Him as more, but not really do anything with Him? Or, will you see Him as God in flesh, surrendering your life to all that He is?

Honored to be your pastor,

DARRELL

# WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



# TODAY’S WORSHIP

*God So Loved*  
(Cash/Cash/Cash/Cash/Bergthold)

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

WELCOME & PRAYER

*Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)*  
(Watts/Handel/Tomlin/Cash/Gilder)

ADVENT READING- LOVE

*What Child Is This*  
(Smith/Wickham/Dix)

*Oh Holy Night*  
(Cappeau/Adam/Dwight)

MESSAGE  
The Promised King  
A Gospel Announcement  
Luke 2:8-20  
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TIME OF COMMITMENT

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*  
(Foote)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Blessed Assurance*  
(Crosby/Knapp)

PARTING BLESSING & PRAYER

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# SERMON NOTES



**The Promised King**  
A Gospel Announcement  
Luke 2:8-20

**THE BIG IDEA:** Christ will make Himself known to you in unique and life-changing ways.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ announcement (vs. 8-14).

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ response (vs. 15-17, 20).

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ response (v. 18).

4. Mary’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19).

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on our website:  
nbcvictoria.org



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