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SHARE THE JOURNEY

GET INVOLVED

Sunday, December 18

9:30a Christmas Breakfast 10:45a Worship Service Kid's Church 10:45a 5:00p Ecclesia Sunday Evening Worship 5:00p

Monday, December 19

Angel Tree Party 6:30p

Tuesday, December 20

6:00p Celebrate Recovery Circle of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, December 21 No Evening Activities

Saturday, December 24

Candlelight Service (Identical to Dec. 25 AM service)

CHURCH SECURITY: For security purposes, the doors to the church buildings will be open 30

(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.)

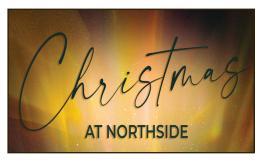
minutes before a service or event. This includes Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

Budget Gifts Last Week \$46,728.34 \$192,382.80 Given Year to Date \$189,258.00 Need Year to Date

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

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



CHRISTMAS AT NORTHSIDE

There will be two identical Christmas services this year. One will be on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 5:00 PM and the other on Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:30 AM.



JANUARY WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night in January will be a bit different. There will still be Bible study and snacks, but we are having a paint night at the end. Sign up on the events page of our website if you would like to participate in the paint portion of the evening. The cost is \$49. Deadline to register is December 30.



UPWARD SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN

Upward Soccer registration is open for \$130. Registration will close when teams are full, so register early! Practices will start the week of March 6 and the games will be on Saturdays March 25 to April 29.

ECCLESIA POTLUCK

There will be an Ecclesia Potluck this Sunday night, 12/18, from 5-8 PM in Building D. Bring your favorite dish and all are welcome!



LOTTIE MOON

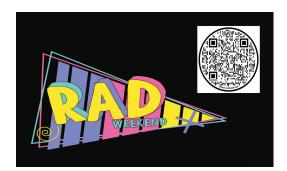
The Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions runs through December 30. All money collected goes directly for international missions. Northside's goal is \$22,000 and \$14,500 has been given to date. Please designate your gift as "Lottie Moon" when you give in person and online at nbcvictoria.org.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on December 21 and 28. The office will be closed December 23, 26, and January 2.

NEW YEAR GROUPLIFE KICKOFF

On January 1, 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.



RAD WEEKEND HOST HOMES

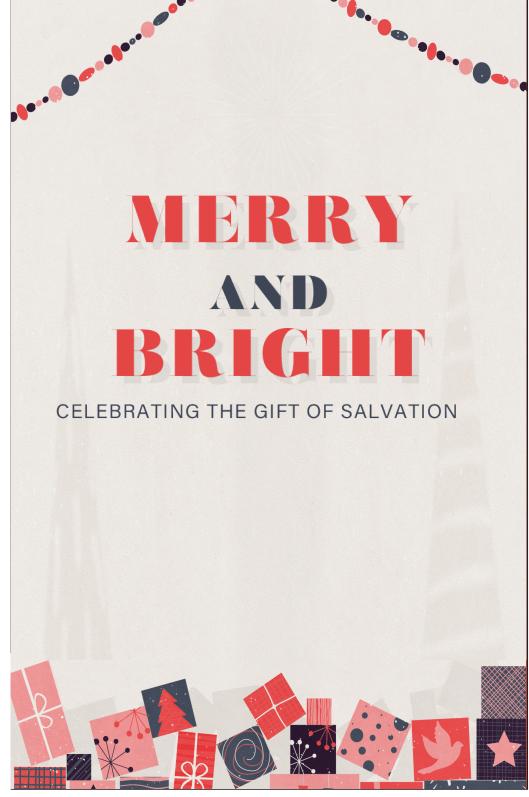
RAD Weekend is January 27-29, 2023. If you would be interested in being a host home, co-host, or helping that weekend contact Cody at codymoore@nbcvictoria.org or 361-578-1568.

PRE-TEEN LOCK-IN: KIDS 3RD - 5TH GRADE

You won't want to miss the Pre-Teen Lock-In on January 6-7, 2023. The cost is \$20 and you can register now on the events page of our website.



December 18, 2022





THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

Do not look now, but Christmas is just a week away. I hope that you have finished, or at least have a plan for finishing, your Christmas shopping. It is amazing to me how

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the nature of shopping has changed. I am almost done with my purchases, and have yet to leave my house for the sake of shopping. We tend to simply order things and let them be delivered to our door.

Not only has the nature of how we shop changed, as you get older, the nature of the gift exchange changes. When we are young, it is all about receiving. We make

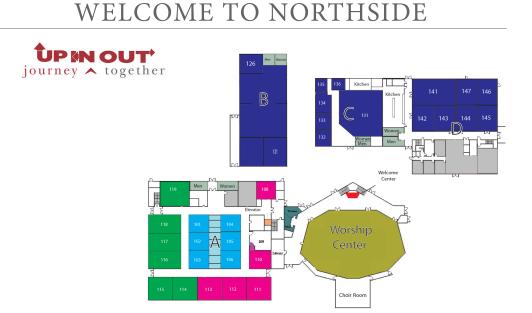
our request, we anxiously long for the day to arrive, and then with great expectation we open our gifts. As we get older, we want less and what we do want, we can generally buy for ourselves. As we age, this season becomes much more about giving than getting. The joy from seeing how others react to what we give them replaces the joy of seeing what others have gotten us.

There is debate from time to time about Christmas trees, gift giving, and our whole celebration of Christmas. There are those that fear it is too commercialized and the real reason for the season has been lost. However, imbedded in our celebrations of Christmas are echoes of what Christ has done for us. As part of our celebration, we place a tree within our house. This can serve as a simple reminder of the "tree" that Christ died upon for our sakes. We exchange gifts, which can remind us of the gift of salvation that Christ has provided. We gather with family, which can remind us of the importance of community.

So, as we move toward Christmas, we really have a choice to make; we can find Christ there, or we can lose Him. Make sure this Christmas season that the work of Christ echoes through your celebrations as opposed to losing Him in the midst.

Honored to be your pastor,





TODAY'S WORSHIP

A Christmas Alleluia Worship Choir (Tomlin/Myrin)

Advent Reading-Peace

WELCOME & PRAYER

Joy to the World (Watts/Handel)

Christmas Offering (Baloche)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Sears/Willis)

MESSAGE Share the Gift Hebrews 10:24-25 DARRELL TOMASEK

TIME OF COMMITMENT

Fairest Lord Jesus (Anonymous)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

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- Up-to-date Northside happenings
- Online event registrations
- Facebook
- 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 316*.

SERMON NOTES



Share the Gift Hebrews 10:24-25

THE BIG IDEA: In order to be all that Christ has called us to be, we must intentionally pursue accountability relationships.

- 1. Carefully _____ how to motivate others (24).
- 2. Meet with others (v.25a).
- 3. Act with _____ urgency (v. 25b).