

THE VISION



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RESURRECTION POWER

by Pastor Jeremy Couture



When we think of spring, we envision budding flowers, baby animals, and pastel colors. By extension, Easter is pictured in the same soft way. Jesus folded his grave clothes and calmly walked out of the grave to speak to His disciples. He appeared to many for the next 40 days and then floated back into heaven.

But the Scripture's account of the resurrection is bolder than that. Luke's version includes a terrifying encounter with two angels and a shocked Peter racing to the tomb to see for himself. The third Gospel also includes a mysterious encounter between the Resurrected Savior and two of His clueless followers. Luke continues his lively description of the resurrection in the book of Acts with a forceful declaration from Christ, Himself.

Christ's resurrection from the dead is all about His power over sin and death. In his sermon to the crowds on the day of Pentecost, Peter declared, "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power" (Acts 2:24, NASB95). Easter is an unmistakeable statement about God's plan to redeem the lost.

"Resurrection Power" is our theme this year for Easter. On Palm Sunday, April 13, we will study the mysterious encounter of two of Christ's followers on their way to the village of Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35. In this amazing passage, we will discover that Jesus reveals His resurrection power to His followers. The first channel of revelation is through the promises of Scripture. Like the two weary travelers, we know about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as He is unveiled in the Old and New Testaments. The second channel of revelation is through the privilege of fellowship. The unnamed disciples were ignorant of Christ's glorified presence until they shared a meal together. It was the act of breaking bread and blessing it that opened their eyes.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will study Christ's forceful declaration in Acts 1:3-11. In this remarkable passage we will learn that Jesus took concrete steps to share His resurrection power with His followers, He didn't keep it to Himself. In the days after He came back to life, Jesus prepared His followers to receive His resurrection power (v. 3-5). In a restatement of the Great Commission in verses 6-8, Jesus positioned them to share His resurrection power with others. As Jesus ascended to heaven, He prompted them to use His resurrection power until He returned (v. 9-11).

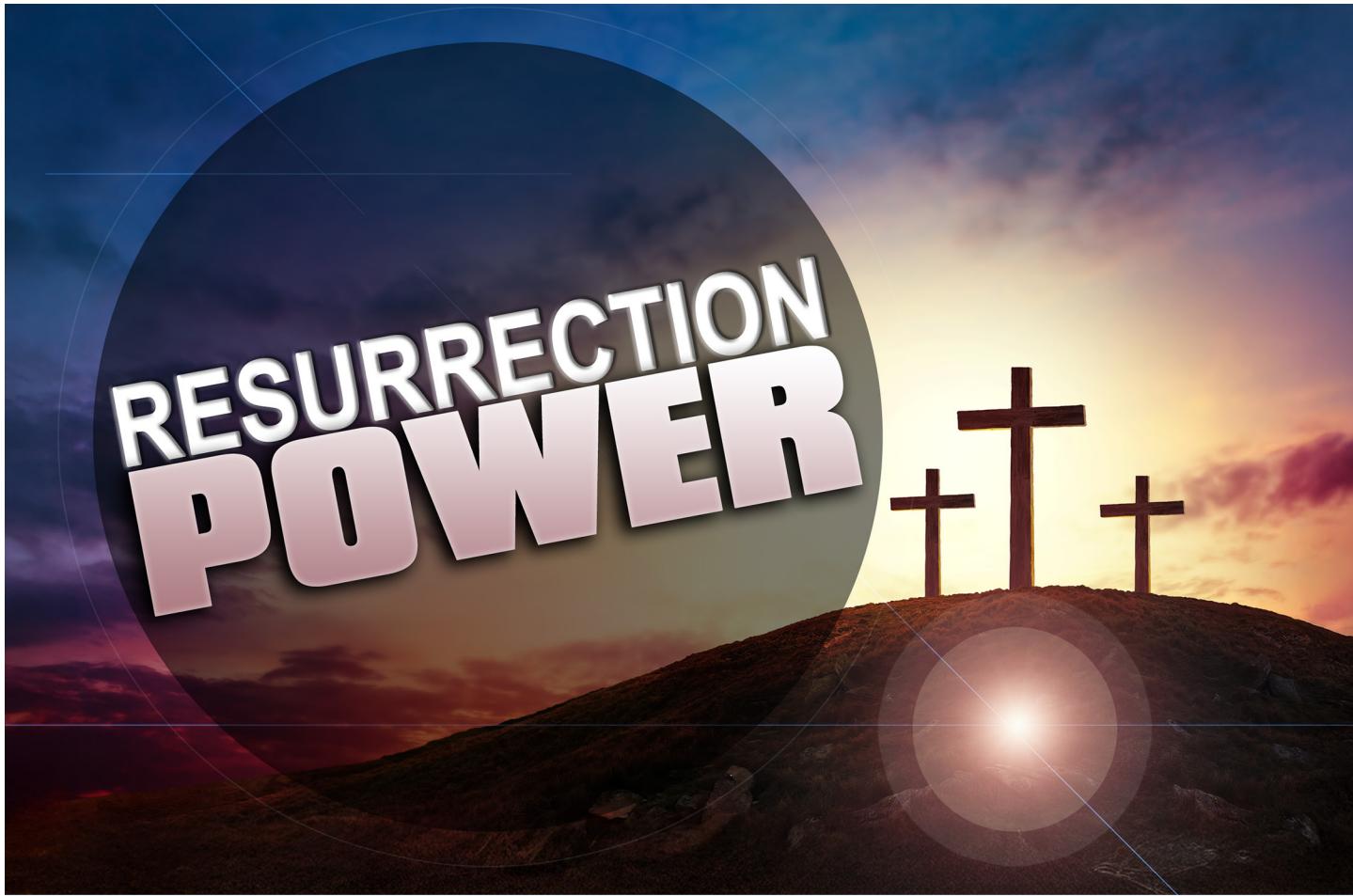
Easter is a time of dynamic and dramatic change. It's a season where we remember Christ's sacrificial death for sin. It's also a time when we celebrate His forceful exit from the grave. The power of God over sin and death is on full display at Easter.

Let me invite you to be an active part of our Easter celebration this year at Northside Baptist Church. You can do that by praying for our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services in addition to our egg hunt – Indy's Best Easter Egg Hunt. You can also invite some friends or family members to fellowship and worship with us on those days. Our worship services revolve around Bible teaching, so you can also come ready to listen and learn what God has in store for your life.

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INDY'S BEST EASTER EGG HUNT

A FREE FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, April 19

10:00 AM to Noon at Northside.

Egg hunts for all ages.
Bounce house, games, prizes, donuts, and more.
Visit and get pics with the Easter Bunny.

Enjoy a bonfire.
Rain or shine.

There's something for all ages at
Northside Baptist Church.



EASTER SEASON WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, 10:30 AM

Easter is April 20, 2025

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NORTHSIDE YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the BARHAMS' HOUSE

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Shane Pruitt



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the **Bible***

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MAY 10
7 AM - 10:30 PM
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MONEY FOR FOOD

FUGE Camp @ Highland Lakes Camp
June 23-27

**Cost for Northside Youth: \$200
(Sibling discount: \$150)**





Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Youth Pastor

Greetings Northside family! March 2025 was an incredible month for Northside Youth. We had the opportunity to start back our home Bible study at the Barham house. The study is Revival Generation by Shane Pruitt, and we are looking at what true revival from God is, and how we can experience personal and generational revival as the next generation. The study has been amazing so far and we can't wait to continue it over the next few weeks.

Also, March included our DiscipleNOW weekend! Scooter Kellum spoke to us about Abiding in Christ, Walking in the Light of Christ, and the cost of Discipleship. Our students were challenged to examine what they abide in that isn't Christ, to confess their sin or it will be exposed one way or the other, and that being all-in for Jesus is the best thing we could ever experience in our lives. On top of excellent teaching we worshipped through songs led by Pastor Alex and Jessica, we discussed the teaching in small groups led by Reese Couture and Matt & Anita Kern, and we had some exceptional fun playing Hide and Seek, Laser tag, and an adults versus youth basketball game. We also participated in various service projects around Northside's campus. At night we rested at our host homes and this was made possible by the Van and Erin Dickerson! Thank you to everyone involved in the weekend, everyone who prayed for us, and everyone who donated food or helped cook for us! We could not have had the amazing weekend of growing in Christ without your help so thank you very much and enjoy the pictures from DNOW!



Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director



Highland Lake's Fusion Kids Camp for kids who have completed grades 3-6 is July 15-18, 2025.

Join us for Fusion Kids and Armor Up! We will be putting on the full armor of God and discovering how to stand strong in truth, faith, and courage. In a world where there is chaos and confusion about what truth is, we can remain confident in knowing the one true God. Kids will explore the powerful message of God's love and protection, learning how to guard their hearts and minds with the Helmet of Salvation and Shield of Faith, and use the Sword of the Spirit, God's Word, to stand firm. Together, we'll discover how to navigate life's challenges with the strength and peace that comes from God alone!

Please contact Dani Root at droot@northsideindy.org for information on how to register.



We had an awesome time at Awana on March 5 when Pastor Alex visited us and answered our tricky theological questions! It was even better because we had popcorn! (See Pastor Alex's article on page 7.)

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Magnified VBS: June 2-6, 2025

Volunteer Training Schedule

SCBI is hosting a **VBS training day on April 12** at Hope Community Church in Brownsburg. All Bible study and rotation leaders are welcome to attend this free event. A group from Northside will be carpooling together.

Northside's VBS Leader Meeting will be on April 27 in the Fireside room. Anyone who plans to volunteer at VBS should plan to attend this event immediately following the morning service.

Decorating for VBS: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

In the week leading up to VBS, anyone willing to help decorate the main areas of the church is invited to come between 9 AM and noon on Tuesday, May 27. Teachers will be able to work on classrooms that day, during the week and on **Sunday, June 1, 12:30 - 3:00 PM.**

**Awana®
2024-2025
calendar**

April

- 2** – Regular Meeting
- 9** – Wear your favorite hat or make a silly hat to wear
- 16** – NO AWANA (egg stuffing party)
- 23** – Regular Meeting
- 30** – Regular Meeting

MAY

- 7** – Awana Store!
- 14** – Roller Skating & Awards Ceremony!



Pastor Popcorn Night

by Alex Darnall, Worship Pastor

My friend told me there's no such thing as infinity, so how has God always existed?

What do you say to people when they say the Bible isn't true?

How was the Bible made?

What would happen if Jesus was never born?

If Adam and Eve never sinned would Jesus still come?

What happens when you die?

Many grown men and women have asked these challenging questions at some point in their adult lives. These are common and legitimate concerns. However, would you believe me if I told you the questions listed above were all asked by kids aged 5-11 in our church's kids ministry? That's exactly what happened when I attended our annual Pastor Popcorn Night, a yearly event in our kids ministry in which children get to ask a pastor any Bible question they want.

It's great to engage our minds and ask tough questions. After all, we are commanded to love God with all of our mind (Matthew 22:37, emphasis added). Have you ever asked some or all of those questions? Have you ever sought answers? If not, consider meditating on some tough thoughts and questions and seeking answers from the Holy Spirit.

Christianity encourages a great deal of thought on various topics and doctrines. Are you asking tough questions that spur you on to greater faith? If not, you're a step behind our Northside kids!

SEND RELIEF SERVE TOUR EVANSVILLE

May 2-3, 2025

Make a difference in the lives of hurting people in Evansville!

May 2-3, 2025, volunteers will care for hurting communities in Evansville, Indiana, by serving local churches, bi-vocational pastors, low-income schools and other organizations in need of assistance. Projects may include light construction, painting, landscaping and hosting neighborhood grill walks or block parties.

By partnering with the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana and the Southwestern Indiana Baptist Association, Send Relief is making it easy for our Northside team to have a lasting impact on the lives of Evansville's most vulnerable.

Northside's Team

To register to be part of Northside's team, email Jared Barham (jbarham@northsideindy.org).

We will meet at Northside on May 2 and travel to Evansville, Indiana (about a 3-hour drive).

There is no cost to participate. This is a family mission trip and there are no age restrictions.

Housing

You may choose to stay at a hotel or one of our reduced-cost or free housing options.



Send Relief



A collaboration between the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board, Send Relief is the Southern Baptist compassion ministry that meets needs and changes lives in Jesus' name.



Schedule (subject to change)

FRIDAY

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Check-in at your hub location
8:30 a.m.	Welcome, morning devotion, instructions for the day, and prayer time
8:45 a.m.	Dismissal from hub/travel to project site
9:00 a.m.	Morning briefing at project site/project work begins
Noon	Lunch (at project site)
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Project work
4:00 p.m.	Debriefing at project site/pack up for return to hub
5:00 p.m.	Dinner

SATURDAY

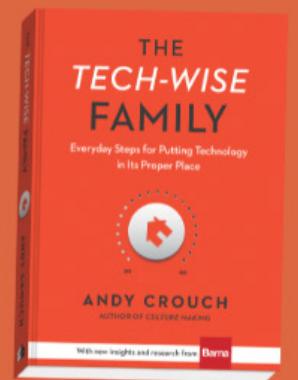
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4:00 p.m.	Debriefing at project site/pack up for return to your hub location
5:00 p.m.	Dinner and Rally
7:15 p.m.	Depart for home

Packing List

- Bible
- Cell phone and charger
- Insect repellent
- Personal first aid kit
- Sunblock
- Hat or cap
- Shorts
- Long pants
- Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets/blankets and a pillow if staying at a host church)
- Work shoes (closed-toed)
- Casual shoes (sneakers or sandals)
- T-shirts
- Toiletries
- Towels and washcloths (if staying at a host church)
- Umbrella and raincoat
- Work pants
- Work shirt (long sleeved)
- Work gloves
- Casual clothes for Rally



You can have a healthy family life with technology in its proper place!



A Family Resource Library Book Review

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

The Tech-Wise Family is a book that was recommended to me by a professor when I was in seminary in New Orleans. I always had it in the back of my mind but when I became a Youth Pastor I decided it was time to read it, and what a wealth of knowledge it is!

The blessing and struggle of technology is a widely accepted one by almost all parents today.

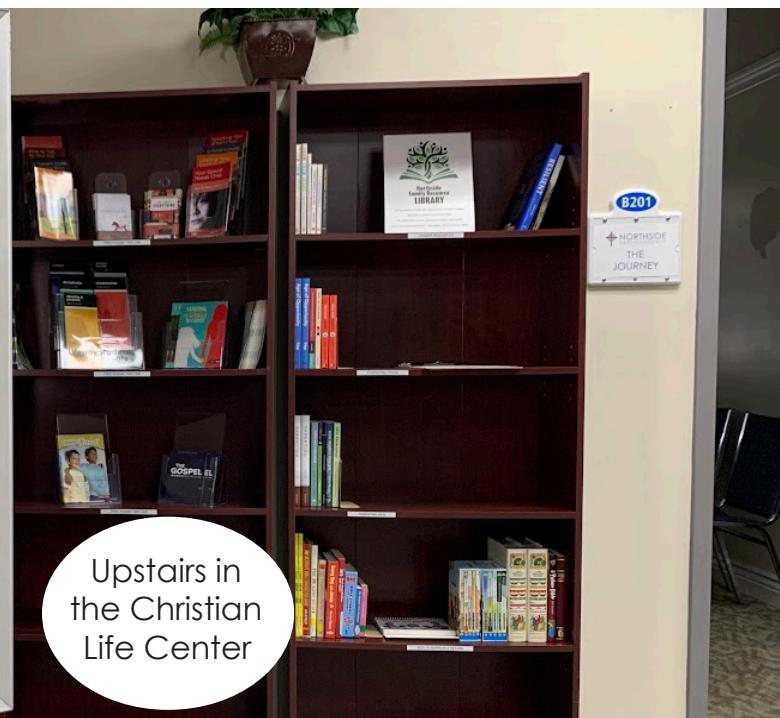
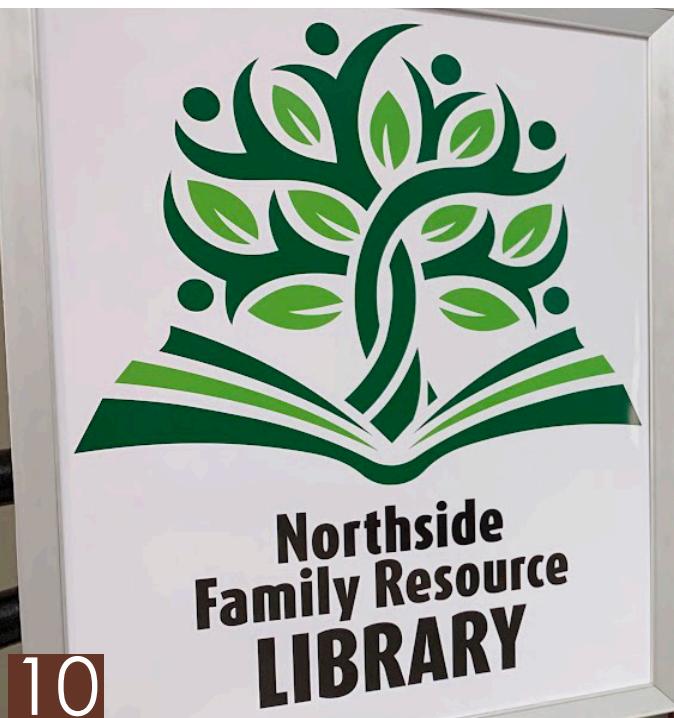
Andy Crouch takes us through what it means to be a Christian and parent in this modern day and age of technology. He provides us with 10 Tech Wise Commitments as he calls them, which can help us as parents and families decide the best use of technology and its proper place in our lives. He also uses personal examples of both successes and failures with his own children and admits that this aspect of parenting is one that he is not perfect in but is committed to always trying to improve.

Choosing Character

Shaping Space

Structuring Time

I think this book is the perfect read for soon-to-be parents, new parents, or even seasoned veterans due to the rapid changing nature and evolution of technology and its presence in our world. We as Christian parents must decide how we are going to set limits and boundaries on something that can sometimes be a good and helpful tool, while also continuing to foster a sense of wonder and creativity in our children. Will we allow technology to become a distraction or even a hindrance in how we train children up in the way of the Lord? This book challenges parents to evaluate their own habits and how they can keep the gospel of Jesus at the forefront of this matter as they lead their children and families in our technology centric culture.



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods	9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women	3 SCBI Women's Conference	4 SCBI Women's Conference
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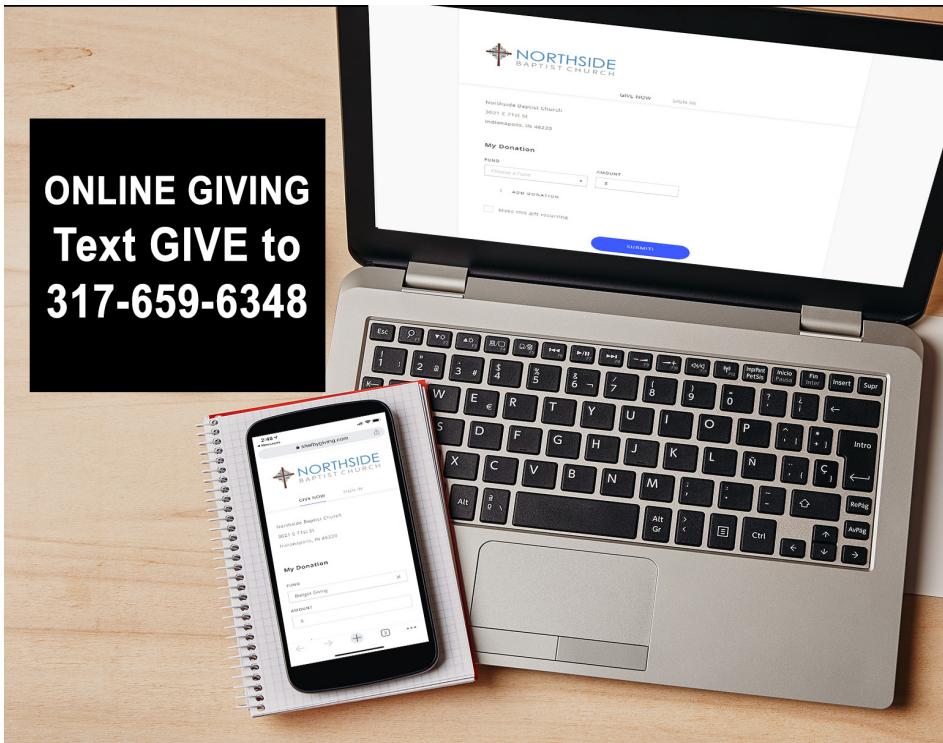
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SMALL GROUPS: SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM

The Journey

Alex Darnall
B201
Bible Studies for Life

Parents & Professionals

Couture, Donaldson
& Kern in B203
Bible Studies for Life

Moran Group

Jim Moran, Mark West
D114
Various Topics

James 1:22

Pittman/Dickerson
D110
Explore the Bible

Living Stones

Christie, Schlotterbeck
& Greenly in D109
Bible Studies for Life

Women's Bible Study

Gail Bland
D100
Various Studies

Senior Women

Donna Kreke
D102
Explore the Bible

Beacons

Mike Bowman
D104
Explore the Bible

Men's Bible Study

Jim Myers/Nick Laurino
D103
Various Studies

Grades 6-12

Upstairs CLC
Elementary/Preschool
Kids Wing