

THE VISION



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The Results of the Resurrection

by Jeremy Couture, Senior Pastor

How long can sports stars and other famous people expect to be remembered after they die? Cesar Higaldo is the Director of the Collective Learning Group at the MIT Media Lab. A few years ago, he released a mathematical model that calculates the rate of decline in the world's awareness of certain songs, politicians, movies, actors, patents, and other pop culture icons. They found that "The universal decay of collective memory and attention concludes that people and things are kept alive through 'oral communication' from about five to 30 years." After that, they tend to be forgotten.

Jesus died more than 2,000 years ago, and He is still remembered today! Why? Because He was resurrected on the 3rd day after his crucifixion and appeared to more than 500 people. His tomb was left empty, and no one was ever able to produce his body. Those who knew Him best were transformed by their encounter, and revival was unleashed on the world as a result.

Here are three more results of Christ's resurrection that we can celebrate today. First, the gap between heaven and earth has been closed. In Acts 1:7-11, we learn about Christ's ascension back into heaven. His glorified body prepared Him to rejoin the glories of heaven. He came from heaven to earth and then went back again, where He continually ministers on behalf of His people.

A second result is that Jesus is exalted both in heaven and on earth. He has the right to claim all authority in both realms since He has conquered death (Matthew 28:18-20). Eventually, everyone will bow their knee in worship to Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:9-11).

Third and finally, as believers, we can look forward to resurrected bodies as well. The Scriptures tell us that Christ is the "first fruit," which is an agricultural term that means there is more to come (1 Corinthians 15:20). The power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that is at work in all those who claim the name of God's Son (1 Corinthians 6:14). Our future bodies will be perfected and glorified, without defects or scars (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).

We might be 2,000 years removed from Christ's death, but we are still living in the light of His resurrection. And that's something we should never forget!



FIVE WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

by Alex Darnall

1. Spend time in the Word

You do not need a long session, but you do need something intentional. This helps center your mind and prepare your heart before the service begins. Pick a Psalm or read a chapter from the gospel of John.

2. Pray honestly

Simply be honest with God. Confess your sin, ask Him for focus and humility, and pray for your church, your pastor, and the people who will be gathering. I've found that honest prayer quickly brings your heart into alignment.

3. Deal with distractions

You already know what is competing for your attention on Sundays. Stress, conflict, anxiety, and frustration can follow you into the room if you let them. You should name these things and give them to God before you arrive (see #2). If you ignore them, they will only make it harder to engage in worship.

4. Use the drive intentionally

The time on the way to church matters more than you think. You can use that time to play worship music, pray, or sit in quiet reflection. This allows you to arrive focused instead of mentally scattered.

5. Make going to church about God, not your feelings

Some Sundays you will feel engaged, and some Sundays you will not. You should still show up ready to worship. Worship is not based on your emotions but on who God is. As Pastor Jeremy recently preached, our motivation for worship has to be based on the character of God. You are not there because you feel something in the moment. You are there because He is worthy.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

GOOD
FRIDAY
APRIL 3 AT 6:30 PM



NORTHSIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH

3021 E 71st Street
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- Celebrating our Savior in Song
- Observing the Lord's Supper
- Special Worship Party for Kids



DR. NICHOLAS CLARK
Executive Director



STATE CONVENTION OF
Baptists in Indiana

**SCBI Executive Board elects
Dr. Nicholas Clark
as Executive Director**

Seven-month search culminates
in selection of Indiana native
with passion for evangelism,
missions and church partnership

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana (SCBI) Executive Board has elected Dr. Nicholas Ryan Clark as the convention's next Executive Director. The decision follows a seven-month national search and interview process.

Dr. Clark will begin his new role on April 27, 2026, providing strategic leadership and ministry direction for Indiana Baptists to strengthen churches and advance the Gospel.

"We are grateful for the Lord's clear leadership throughout this process," said Tami Hubler, SCBI Executive Board Chairperson. "Dr. Clark brings a deep commitment to the authority of Scripture, a passion for evangelism, a strong focus on missions and a heart for partnering with churches to reach Indiana and beyond."

Hubler said Dr. Clark's ministry aligns closely with SCBI's purpose: to Exalt Jesus, Encourage Pastors and Equip Churches, a vision guiding the convention's work.

"We believe the Lord has prepared Dr. Clark for this season of ministry in Indiana," Hubler said. "We are excited to see how God will use him to strengthen our churches and expand Gospel impact for kingdom advancement."

Dr. Clark serves as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Cadiz, Kentucky, a position he has held since 2019. He brings more than 15 years of pastoral experience, having previously served congregations in Indiana and Kentucky, along with active involvement in Southern Baptist life at the associational, state and national levels.

His ministry reflects a strong commitment to evangelism and missions, including leadership in cooperative efforts that have mobilized churches, ministry partners and communities for Gospel engagement.

"I have a deep conviction that every church has a role to play in advancing the Gospel locally and globally," Dr. Clark said. "I want to champion our cooperative work so we can exalt Jesus through the spread of the gospel."

Dr. Clark also expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve Indiana Baptists.

"It is a humbling honor to be called to serve as Executive Director of the SCBI," Dr. Clark said. "My family and I are eager to return to Indiana and partner with pastors and churches to advance the Gospel, strengthen local congregations and fulfill the Great Commission together."

A native of Evansville, Indiana, Dr. Clark will be returning to his home state. He and his wife, Callie, along with their four children, will relocate from Cadiz, Kentucky, in the coming weeks.

Dr. Clark holds a Ph.D. in Evangelism, a Master of Theology and a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as an MBA and bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Indiana. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Southern Seminary and has been actively involved in denominational leadership, including service as a trustee for the International Mission Board.

The Search Committee led a months-long process of prayer, evaluation and interviews in seeking God's direction for the role.

Dr. Clark's appointment comes at a strategic time as Indiana Baptists continue to engage their communities with the Gospel and strengthen cooperative ministry efforts through the Southern Baptist Convention.

Indiana Baptists are encouraged to pray for Dr. Clark and his family as they prepare for this new season of leadership.



Northside Youth Summer Camp
 June 22-26, 2026 at Highland Lakes
 \$200 (\$150 each for siblings)
 Contact Pastor Jared:
 jbarham@northsideindy.org
Parent Meeting: May 3

Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

Greetings Northside, March was an amazing month for Northside Youth and here is all you need to know about what we have been up to!

First, we started our Middle School Home Bible Study talking about Jesus's parables. It is great to gather the Middle Schoolers together for an intentional study of God's Word over some food and games as well.

Second, We continued our Assemble study on Wednesday nights as we look at what we believe as Christians and some of the tenet doctrines of our faith!

And last, we had our annual Disciple Now (DNow) weekend! This weekend featured some riveting teaching from Caleb Head from the SCBI as we looked at what following Jesus means over what the world tells us. Alex and Ali Darnall led us in worship, we had discussion groups after the sermons, and we played lots of games. We also had an Amazing Race across the whole campus, and some intentional free time away from our phones. The whole weekend was encouraging, refreshing, and amazing as God did some great things and really challenged our students through the teaching and discussion we had! Please enjoy some of the many awesome photos from this fantastic DNow weekend on page 5!

As we turn our eyes to Easter and beyond, we are grateful for all the Lord did in this month, and are excited for what he has in store for us as we grow closer to Him, closer to each other, in numbers, and as followers of Jesus! Please keep us in your prayers and thank you all for the wonderful support you constantly provide us with! Happy Easter!







A Tale of Two Trees

**A CATALYST STUDY
WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
FIRESIDE ROOM**

The Doctrines of Sin and Salvation

A Tale of Two Trees led by Pastor Jeremy Couture Like the Tale of Two Cities, the biblical story of redemption revolves around two key locations. The first location was in the shadow of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden which Adam and Eve fell into. The second location was outside of Jerusalem where Christ made an atonement for sin on a tree shaped like a cross. These events changed the course of human history more than any other. They also serve as focal points for studying the twin doctrines of sin and salvation.

Wednesday Nights

Catalyst for adults is in the Fireside Room at 6:30 PM.

Assemble for grades 6-12 begins at 6:15 PM in the Youth Room.

Awana 6:15 PM in Kids Cove for age 3 through grade 6. **Childcare** is available for younger kids.

April 1
Easter Break

April 8
What is Repentance and Faith?

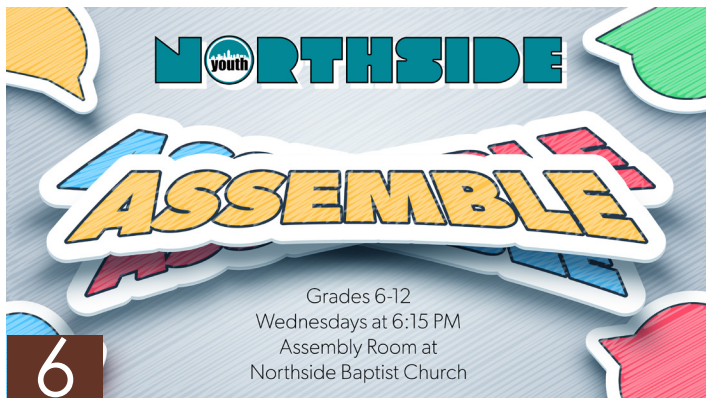
April 15
What is Regeneration?

April 22
What is Justification?

April 29
What is Sanctification?

May 6
What is Glorification?

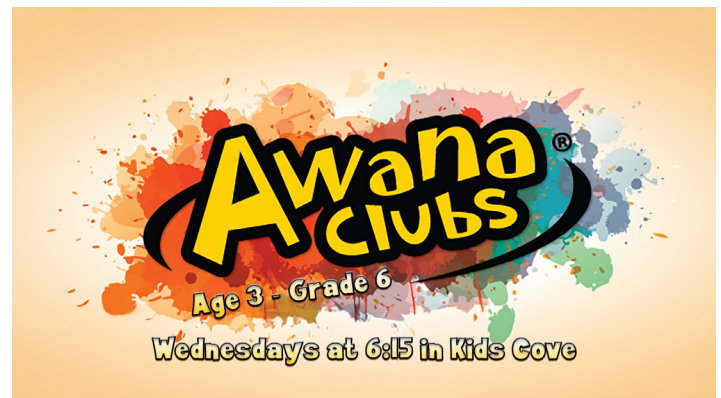
May 13
How Did It All Come Together at the Cross?



NORTHSIDE youth ASSEMBLE

Grades 6-12
Wednesdays at 6:15 PM
Assembly Room at
Northside Baptist Church

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Awana Clubs
Age 3 - Grade 6
Wednesdays at 6:15 in Kids Cove

Awana Calendar

April 1
Spring Break

April 8, 22, 29
Regular Meetings

April 15
Wear your favorite hat, a silly hat, or crazy hair for extra Awana bucks!

Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

Good Friday: April 3 at 6:30 PM

Join us in Kids Cove for a worship party!

For Babies through kindergarten, drop off & pick up is in their classrooms. They will join the elementary kids in Kids Cove for the worship party portion of the evening.

Easter: April 5- Join us for Community Groups for babies through grade 6 at 9 AM. During the main worship service at 10:30 AM, we'll have preschool worship and Bible Explorers.

Kids Community Groups

9:00 AM on Sunday

We have classes for babies through grade 6, please join us!

Community Group Calendar

- April 5** John's Ministry Began (Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1)
- April 12** John Baptized Jesus (Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1)
- April 19** Jesus was Tempted (Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 4)
- April 26** Jesus' First Followers (John 1)

Bible Explorers at 10:30 AM on Sunday

- April 5** - The Cross and the Empty Tomb (Mark 15:13-16:8; Luke 23:26-24:1-9)
- April 12** - The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
- April 19** - Jesus' Return is Promised (Acts 1:1-11)
- April 26** - The Holy Spirit Arrives (Acts 2:1-41)



A biblical worldview sees the world for the broken mess that it is, but at the same time understands the hope that Christ provides.

HILLARY MORGAN FERRER
Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies



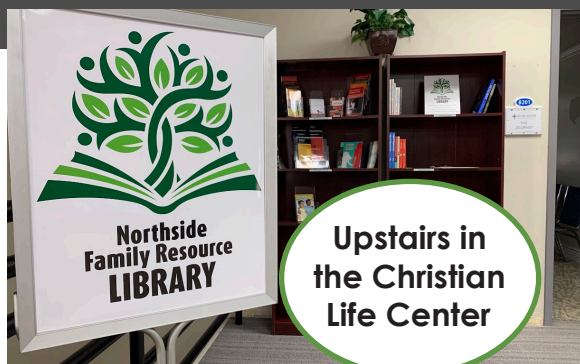
by Danielle Root, Children's Director

Most of us Christian moms are teaching our kids Bible verses and Bible stories as we should be! We care about training up our kids to have a strong faith in Jesus. In addition to these important and necessary parts of raising children in the faith, Hillary Morgan Ferrer, author of Mama Bear Apologetics says, "We need to teach our children critical thinking skills and prepare them to defend their faith – if not to others, at least to themselves." (page 37)

Ferrer explains, in chapter 3 of Mama Bear Apologetics, that often parents will be careful about what their children watch or are exposed to. That's great! It's similar to parents cutting food for their small children. As parents eventually stop cutting their children's food and teach them to cut their own food, we too need to teach our children how to "chew and spit" as they are exposed to the philosophies (and often lies!) that the world teaches. We can't avoid being exposed to the world, so learning to discern the good from the bad by chewing and spitting is necessary.

Mama Bear Apologetics covers relevant worldviews (naturalism, postmodernism, moral relativism, self-helpism) that permeate every area of culture our kids are a part of and how to navigate them with a biblical lens.

Stop by our Family Resource Library to check it out!



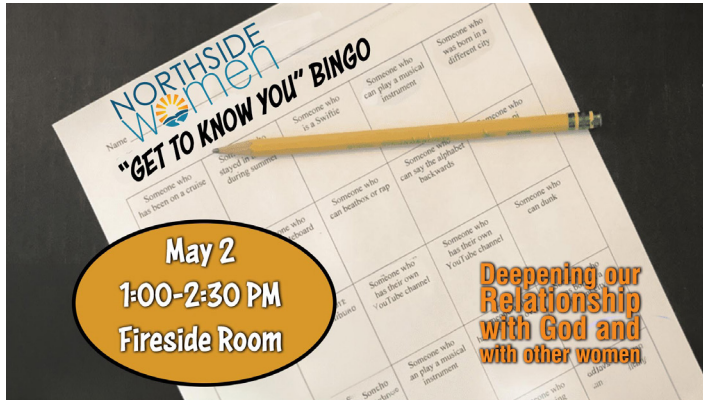


Tuesdays
6:15-7:30 PM
April 7- May 12

in the
Fireside Room

Rooted Women Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, April 7, Northside Women will have a Bible Study in the Fireside Room, 6:15 - 7:30 PM. The group will study Ephesians 1-3 and will meet every Tuesday through May 12. All ladies are invited to join this study.



May 2
1:00-2:30 PM
Fireside Room

Deepening our
Relationship
with God and
with other women

Ladies, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 2 as we have a fun day of getting to know each other. "Get to Know You" Bingo will begin in the Fireside Room at 1 PM. This is part of the Northside Women's ministry goal of deepening our relationship with God and with other women. We hope you'll join us!



Sundays 9:15 AM

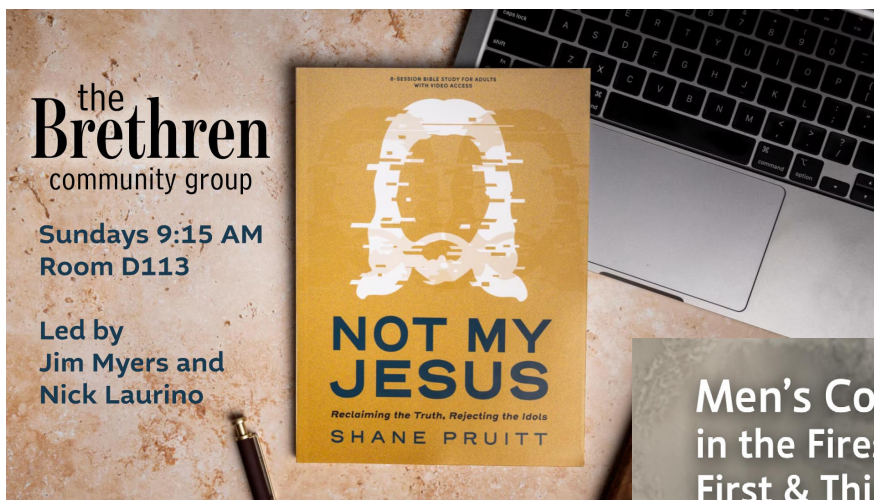
WHAT
LOVE IS
kelly minter

The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John

LEGACY
Ladies

Not My Jesus: Sundays at 9:15 AM

Reclaiming the Truth, Rejecting the Idols
Join the men of Northside for this timely study. To know the real Jesus, we must see Him through the pages of the Bible. This Jesus doesn't change based on our feelings or opinions; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Only this Jesus can save and transform our lives.



the
Brethren
community group

Sundays 9:15 AM
Room D113

Led by
Jim Myers and
Nick Laurino

NOT MY
JESUS

Reclaiming the Truth, Rejecting the Idols
SHANE PRUITT

Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer
in the Fireside Room
First & Third Tuesdays
7:30 AM



Men of all ages are invited to the Coffee, Fellowship and Prayer in the Fireside Room on the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:30 AM.

Thursday, April 16, 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room



SPECIAL GUEST
ERIC SHAW

joy LUNCHEON

Bring a casserole or salad.

Northside's senior adults (Just Older Youth) JOY Luncheon April 16 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Bring a dish to share. Our special guest will be Eric Shaw, a familiar face from our praise team and Indiana Gospel Music.



Students from Heritage Christian School attended a conference with Get Real Ministries at Northside on March 9-10. The following Friday many students returned to help our Facility Director, Luis, with work projects inside and outside our facility. We are so encouraged to see the next generation worshipping and serving. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped!





DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER TRAINING

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SCAN ME!



OR USE LINK:

<https://scbi.org/event/disaster-relief-volunteer-training-2/>



APRIL 18, 2026



8:00 AM - 2:30 PM



NORTHSIDE BAPTIST

3021 E 71ST ST.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46220

Cost:

Orientation \$45.00

Recertification \$25.00

**Free if certification is current*

Must be 18 years old to register

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION
STATION** JOHN 8:12

Coming to Northside June 1-5
9 AM to Noon, age 4 through grade 6
Scan the code to sign up!

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Palm Sunday 29 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	30	31 4p Covenant Foods	1 9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women	2 7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women	3 Good Friday (Office Closed) 6:30p Good Friday Worship Celebration	4
Easter 5 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	6	7 7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods 6:15p Rooted Women	8 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	9 7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women	10	11
12 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	13	14 4p Covenant Foods 6:15p Rooted Women	15 9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	16 11:30a Joy Luncheon 7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women	17	18 8a Disaster Relief Training
19 9:15a Community Groups 9:15a Membership Class 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship 1p Flag Football	20	21 7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods 6:15p Rooted Women	22 9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	23 7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women	24	25 9a Community Group Leader Checkup
26 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	27	28 4p Covenant Foods 6:15p Rooted Women	29 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	30	1	2 1p Women's "Get to Know You" Bingo



Interested in learning more about membership at Northside? Come to this special one-hour class on Sunday morning, April 19, 2026 at 9:15 in Room D103.

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Sunday Morning

Groups and Classes - 9:15 AM
Worship - 10:30 AM



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**COMMUNITY 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
D114
Various Topics

James 1:22

Pittman/Dickerson
D110
Explore the Bible

Living Stones

Christie, Schlotterbeck
& Greenly in D109
Bible Studies for Life

Legacy Ladies

D100
Various Studies

Senior Women

Donna Kreke
D102
Explore the Bible

The Brethren

Jim Myers/Nick Laurino
D113
Various Studies

Grades 6-12

Upstairs CLC

Elementary/Preschool

Kids Wing

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