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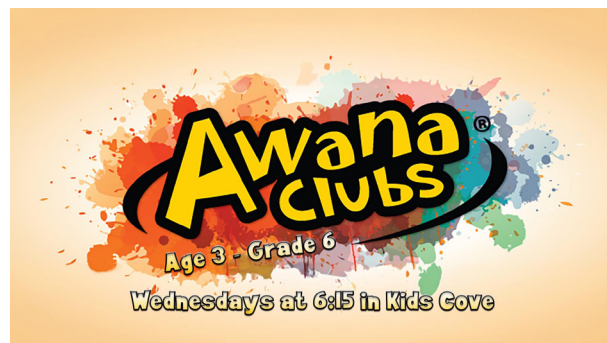
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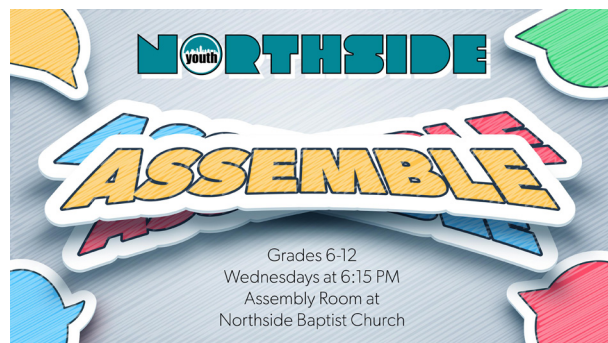
New Semester of Wednesday Night Classes Begins August 12

This month, we start a new season of "Something for Everyone" on Wednesday Nights.

Awana meets during the fall and spring semesters, 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM each Wednesday in Kids Cove. Awana stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" (based on 2 Timothy 2:15). Make sure your kids are grounded in God's word. Kids age 3 through grade 6 learn Bible verses and hear Bible stories in a fun, club atmosphere. Each child receives a workbook, vest and badges. (Childcare is available for kids under 3.)

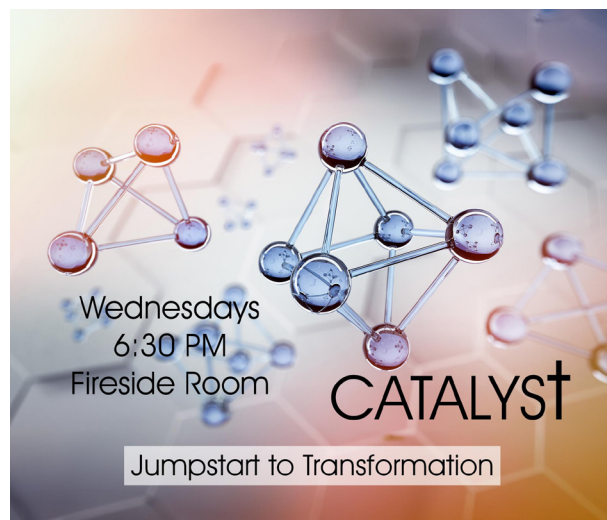


Assemble for Northside Youth, Grades 6-12, meets in the Assembly Room - upstairs in the Christian Life Center at 6:15 PM each Wednesday. This gathering includes worship, learning the Bible and participating in fun activities. Pastor Jared has exciting things planned for the youth this fall. See page 7 for more information about the new semester of Assemble.



Catalyst for Adults any age meets in the Fireside Room at 6:30 PM. Pastor Jeremy leads this time of learning and fellowship. As you may recall from Pastor Jeremy's article in the June issue of The Vision, Catalyst has reached a three-year milestone in completing the curriculum covering survey of theology, the Bible, and various spiritual disciplines. Be sure to be part of the new semester of studying God's word together.

See Pastor Jeremy's article on page 4 for more Catalyst information.



Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

Awana: New Semester Begins August 12

Awana restarts on August 12 and meets each Wednesday night from 6:15-7:30 PM. **Awana stands for Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed** and is a fun Bible memory verse club for 3-year-olds through grade 6. We have Cubbies for 3-5-year-olds, Sparks for kindergarten to 2nd grade, and Truth in Training for 3rd-6th grade. New and returning students can register online at northsideindy.org/ministries/kids. Registration is free!

Kids Community Groups: Sundays at 9 AM

Kids meet each week at 9 AM to give parents enough time to make it to their class by 9:15. Here is what we'll be studying in August!

- August 2** John the Baptist in Prison (Matthew 11)
- August 9** Jesus Raised a Widow's Son (Luke 7)
- August 16** Jesus was Anointed (Luke 7)
- August 23** Jesus Taught about Prayer (Luke 11 & 18)
- August 30** Jesus Taught about Possessions (Luke 12)

Bible Explorers: Sundays at 10:30 AM

- August 2** Kids join the main worship service
- August 9** Wonderfully Made (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-25)
- August 16** The Fall (Genesis 3)
- August 23** Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)
- August 30** Abram and Lot (Genesis 12-15)



Kids Apologetics

July 8 marked the end of our 5-week Apologetics study. We had 13 different kids attend and it was a wonderful time of fellowship and growing in our knowledge of God.



Fusion Camp Recap (July 14-17)

We had nine campers, two little tag-alongs, and two adult counselors attend camp at Highland Lakes this year. It was an incredible week! We heard engaging sermons on being salt and light based on Matthew 5:13-16. We enjoyed silent disco, organized mass chaos, and a foam and water party. Save the date July 5-9, 2027 for next year's camp for kids who have completed grades 3-6. More photos on page 5.



VBS Missions Project

During Illumination Station VBS, we collected money to purchase gifts for the IMB missionary kids living in Colombia. A small group went shopping for the gifts, organized and labeled them, and packed them to send to Colombia with our missions team! Thank you to everyone who gave to make this happen. We raised \$3,005 during VBS to purchase gifts for 23 kids!



**Northside Kids at Fusion Camp
July 14-17 at Highland Lakes**



August Book Review

Read Scripture by Tim Mackie

Graphic novels are popular among kids right now because they're so engaging. Your child can enjoy reading about the Bible in this new GI-ANT graphic novel in our Family Resource Library. Tim Mackie summarizes each book of the Bible in one page which gives kids a good grasp of the main theme of each book. Mackie uses phrases found directly in the Bible and has attractive graphics to match. There are accompanying videos on YouTube which my family has enjoyed for a couple of years that go along with the book. The pairing of this book while watching the YouTube videos will make the Bible themes memorable for your kids while growing their faith. This book is definitely worth checking out from our Family Resource Library upstairs in the Christian Life Center!

Basic Training to Serve

by Jeremy Couture, Senior Pastor

Every branch of our United States military has a basic training program focused on turning enlisted civilians into disciplined service members. Even though each program has its own emphasis, they all have the same three foundational pillars. One pillar is physical conditioning. Recruits are expected to participate in group exercise and strength training to raise their capacity to operate in the field. Another pillar is service skills. New soldiers are taught how to handle and discharge their weapon, cooperate with their unit, and survive on the battlefield. The final pillar of basic training is core values. Newcomers learn about honor, courage, and an unflinching commitment to one's comrades. Progress in these three areas is critical to the success of any soldier.

Have you ever stopped to consider what is critical to the success of a follower of Jesus Christ? In what areas do Christians need to grow, learn, and develop so they can become contributing members of God's kingdom? What makes up the heart of discipleship?

Northside has taken an active approach to following Jesus Christ as we gather for spiritual formation and scatter for spiritual multiplication. Spiritual formation (or discipleship) happens when we engage in worship during our weekly worship services, grow in the right small group gathering, and serve on one of our many ministry teams. Spiritual multiplication occurs when we express our love for our neighbors, allow ourselves to be mobilized for missions activities, and work together to send out those who sense a special calling on their lives.

For the last three years, our Catalyst Study has been focused on the connection between "good theology" and "good discipleship." For the next three years, we want to tighten that connection, especially with effective service. In what areas do our people need to grow, learn, and develop so they can serve more effectively? The answer to that question will guide the next cycle of our Catalyst Study for adults, and that first part of that answer is Bible knowledge. We want participants to gain a deeper understanding of the overall storyline of the Bible. We'll do this by studying an overview of the books and the plot points that hold the Old and New Testaments together.

To continue with that answer is to talk about theological doctrines. We want participants to be equipped with the key doctrines of the Bible. First-order doctrines (like the deity and humanity of Christ) are fundamental to the faith. Second-order doctrines (like forms of church governance) are necessary for ordering life in the local church. Third-order doctrines (like the timing of the Millennium) are important, but not essential for Christian fellowship. As time allows, we'll emphasize first and second-order doctrines.

DISCIPLE-MAKING PATHWAY

GATHER FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Engaging in Worship

- Worship Services
- Engaging Multi-Ethnic Neighbors



Growing in Groups

- Community Groups
- Catalyst Study
- D-Groups
- Age-Graded Groups



Serving in Ministry

- Ministry Teams
- Leadership Development



Loving Our Neighbors

- Personal Evangelism
- Support Ministries
- Family, Health, and Crisis-Focused Ministries



Mobilizing for Missions

- Local Missions
- Regional Missions
- Global Missions



Sending Out the Sent

- Church Planting Projects
- Church Ministry Residency Program



The question cannot be answered without also including instruction on spiritual growth and leadership practices. We want participants to experience spiritual habits and techniques that will aid in their overall Christian growth. These items will be included throughout the course of the program.

Consider this an open invitation to join us starting on August 12. We will meet in the Fireside Room from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the same time as our midweek children's and youth programs. You can invite a friend and tell them, "There's something for everyone at Northside Baptist Church."

Young Adult Worship Night

by Alex Darnall, Associate Pastor of Worship

Our recent Young Adult Worship Night in the Fireside Room was a wonderful evening of worship, prayer, and meaningful fellowship. It was especially encouraging to welcome guests alongside many of our regular young adults as we gathered to grow together in our faith.

The evening was led in worship by Pastor Alex, Jerod Evans, Ali Darnall, and Jeremy Brooks, with the Fireside Room beautifully decorated by Ashli Evans. Jackson Calhoun, our Summer Ministry Intern, shared a devotional that challenged us to deepen our prayer lives and continue pursuing Christ wholeheartedly.

One of the greatest blessings of the night wasn't just what happened during the service. Perhaps the greatest blessing was what happened after the service. Long after the final song, young adults remained together talking, laughing, encouraging one another, and building deeper relationships. Those moments of genuine community are exactly what we hope to cultivate as our young adult ministry continues to grow.



We are grateful for everyone who served to make the evening possible and for each person who attended. We are excited about what God is doing among the young adults at Northside and hope this is just the beginning of many more opportunities to gather for worship, prayer, and authentic community in the future.

Summer Internship Wraps Up for 2026

Northside was blessed to have **Jackson Calhoun** as our summer intern. During his time here, he helped in special programs like our VBS and youth camp. He led the worship night for young adults and shared in presenting the morning message during Sunday worship. We will miss Jackson, but we're praying the Lord uses him in a special way to further His kingdom.



FUGECAMPS @HIGHLAND LAKES

Northside Youth had an amazing week at Fuge Camp in June. Here are a few photos and the takeaway from one of our students... "Camp is a week where we got to praise God and have fun all week, and that's the best kind of week you can have. It's a great experience to open up and get away from everything in our regular lives. Through camp, it has grown me more this year than ever during all the years I've gone. I learned to have peace in everything which can be hard, but it is so important. Through camp I've felt called to ministry more than ever. My favorite part of camp is the worship and how truly moving and powerful it is. I got a bit emotional one night during worship and I felt God comforting me. I am not an emotional person at all, and that experience showed me what God has the ability to do." ~Jay Brooks



Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

Hello Northside! In this special edition of "Youth Ministry Essentials" I wanted to take a moment and reflect on the awesome experience that is camp.

Summer Camp has always been my favorite week of the year (no really even as an adult... to this day). This is because of how much camp provides opportunities for God to move that almost nothing else throughout the year does. Camp is intentional time away from the rest of life, with your closest friends who mostly love Jesus too, with pretty much all distractions removed.

This year for our youth, they got to walk through Psalm 23 and see how Jesus is truly our Good Shepherd. This meant learning to give up anxieties and worries (which teenagers have a lot of). It meant learning to walk deeper and more intentionally with God in order to know and hear his voice. And it meant knowing how to better walk through the "valley of the shadow of death" moments of life.

Camp this year allowed for some of our students to become closer to our youth group. For some, it allowed them room to grieve and wrestle with real loss in their life. For others it was a time of outright uninhibited praise and worship of God Almighty. No matter what, you can know that Camp changes lives. And this year was no exception. God was active in the hearts and



minds and lives of our youth. So, if you need to hear more about camp, please ask a student. I am sure they would love to tell you all about it!

Assemble for Northside Youth, Grades 6-12, meets in the Assembly Room - upstairs in the Christian Life Center at 6:15 PM each Wednesday, Fall-Spring semesters.

This gathering includes worship, learning the Bible and participating in fun activities. We're kicking off the new semester on **August 12** with a new study called **I AM**. It is an 8-Session Study: I AM explores the identity of Jesus through His I Am statements, helping students discover who God is, what truly satisfies, and how to follow Him with confidence and clarity in every area of life.



More than Enough

Sundays at 9:15 AM in D100

Our Legacy Ladies have begun a new study entitled More than Enough. In this 8-session, verse-by-verse study on 2 Corinthians, Christine Hoover guides you through one of Paul's

most personal letters to discover how God is the ultimate source of the strength and sufficiency you need. You'll find that God gives you strength to go on—through troubles, disappointments, and temptations—and strength to go forth, equipping you to serve Him and compelling you to share the gospel. Weakness is not a disqualifier or a flaw in our design. In fact, God shows Himself most powerfully in and through our fragility and vulnerability. We're called, then, not to work harder or to hide our weaknesses, but to call upon God's infinite resources and rely on Him.



Sundays
9:15 AM
D100

LEGACY
Ladies

If you're interested in helping with another **Grill Walk** community outreach, please meet at Northside at 10:30 AM on August 15 as our volunteers take the portable grill to surrounding neighborhoods.

Grill Walk

August 15
10:30 AM - 2 PM



INDIANS GAME AT VICTORY FIELD

FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 7:05 PM
MEN AGES 2 - 102 \$18.25/PERSON

OPTIONAL BRING-YOUR-OWN DINNER: 5 PM, FIRESIDE ROOM

CARPOOL FROM NORTHSIDE: 5:45



All males of Northside ages 2 through 102 are invited to an **Indians baseball game** on Friday, August 21. We plan to meet at the church at 5 PM for an (optional) bring-your-own brown bag supper, and we will carpool to the game at 5:45 PM. Gametime is 7:05 PM if you'd like to meet us at Victory Field. Cost is \$18.25. Please contact Rick Madsen with any questions.

Cookout at the Members' Meeting

MEAL 5 PM
MEETING 6 PM

Bring a side dish.



August 23 in the Fireside Room

Don Agnew
MEMORIAL

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
LABOR DAY



4-person Scramble
starting at 8:00 a.m.

Price \$45.00 - includes
18 holes of golf, cart,
and food tickets.

SAHM GOLF COURSE

Donuts, coffee, water, and prize money have been donated in loving memory of Don Agnew and Rick Shadiow. Sign up at northsideindy.org by August 28.



the Immanuel Quilt

Making Christ Known One Block at a Time

The **JOY Luncheon** for senior adults on **Thursday, August 20** will begin at **11:30 AM in the Fireside Room**. Bring side dishes and desserts to pair with fried chicken supplied by the church.

This month's program features **The Immanuel Quilt** presented by author, storyteller and creator of the quilt, Joni Wolf. The colorful quilt portrays more than thirty names of Jesus, is a puzzle, has hidden images, and has plenty of Biblical symbolism stitched within it. On its own, it is just another beautiful quilt, but its story makes it something extraordinary. God even gifted Joni a bus to tell its story!



Joni Wolf

Each Immanuel Quilt block represents a different Name of Jesus. His Names reveal His attributes; His attributes, His glory; and His glory His presence.



"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his Name, make known among the nations what he has done." --Psalm 105:1



August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship 1p Grief Share Ministry	27	28 4p Covenant Foods	29	30	31	1
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9 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	10	11 4p Covenant Foods	12 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	13	14	15 10:30a Grill Walk
16 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	17	18 7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods	19 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	20 11:30a Joy Luncheon	21 5p Men's Pregame Gathering	22
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COMMUNITY GROUPS: SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM

The Journey

Room B201

Adults in their 20s

Led by Alex Darnall

Freed to Lead

Adults in their 30s

Room B206

Led by Jerod and Ashli Evans

Parents and Professionals

Room B203

Adults in their 40s

Matt Donaldson and Matt Kern

Moran Group

Room D114

Adults any age

Led by Jim Moran

James 1:22

Room D110

Adults any age,

Cliff Pittman and Veda Dickerson

Living Stones

Room D109

Adults any age

Christie/Schlotterbeck/Greenly

Legacy Ladies

Room D100

Women any age

Senior Women's Group

Room D102

Women age 70+

Led by Donna Kreke

The Brethren

Room D103

Men any age, Single or Married

Jim Myers and Nick Laurino

Grades 6-12

Assembly Room

Elementary/Preschool

Kids Wing

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