

# THE VISION

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# EZRA

**A STORY  
OF  
REVIVAL**

## A Story of Revival

*by Jeremy Couture, Senior Pastor*

A new king means change. In the case of Cyrus the Great, the conqueror of the Medes and the Babylonians, the change meant a new policy for displaced people and their sacred places. In 539 B.C., Cyrus enacted a law allowing such people to return to their homelands and reestablish their previous places of worship with two important requirements. The first was that their worship was performed correctly according to their sacred texts. No modifications or shortcuts should be taken. The second requirement was that prayers for "a long life" would be offered to the various gods on behalf of Cyrus and his son, Cambyses. The new king of the Medo-Persian empire wanted to generate as much goodwill as he could so that he could build a dynasty.

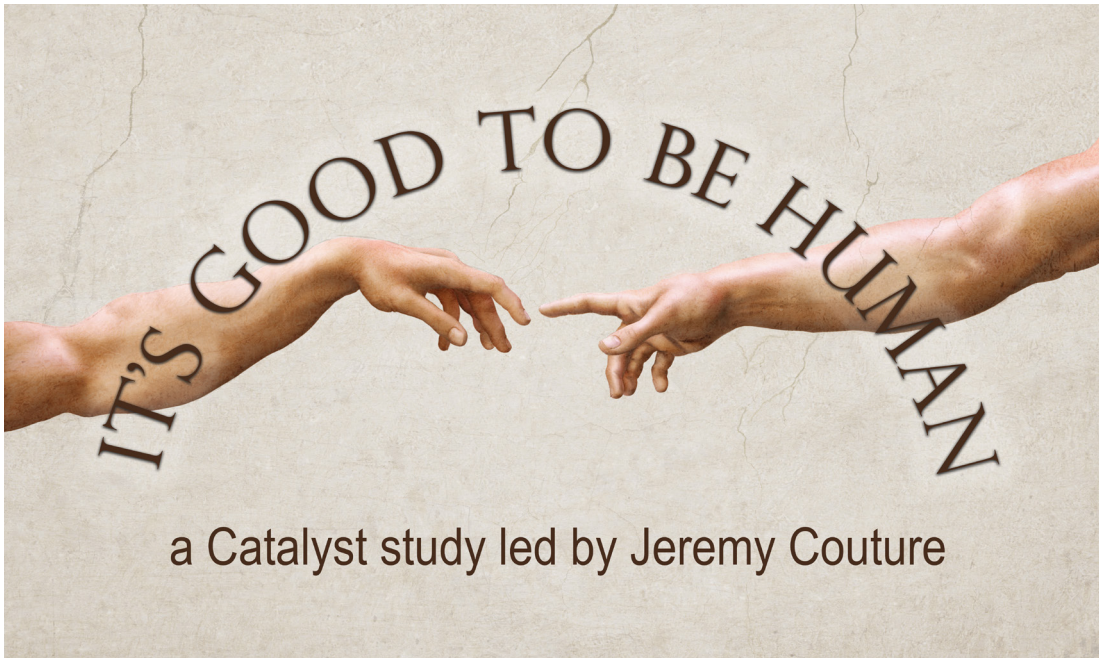
This policy was pleasing to one deity in particular, "the Lord, the God of heaven" (Ezra 1:2). This God was the one who had prompted Cyrus to enact the law which would ultimately fulfill the prophecies in Jeremiah in 25:11 and 29:10. Over the next century, God would move in similar ways through two more kings, Darius the Great and Artaxerxes I, to accomplish His will.

The first wave of Jews, who returned with Zerubbabel, concentrated their efforts on reconstructing the temple. Ezra worked with the second wave of returnees to reestablish their sense of community and identity. Nehemiah came 60 years later with a final wave to rebuild the city walls.

The story in this part of the Bible is not that different from the typical Baptist church that is focused on bodies (attendance), buildings, and budgets. But a closer look reveals much more. A renewed emphasis on worshipping God in the temple, praying with a humble heart, and studying God's Word and applying it are all really a story about spiritual revival. Ezra is all about a time when God's people are brought into a closer relationship with Him, despite all kinds of opponents and obstacles.

This is a story we all need to hear. Revival isn't an annual tradition or a date on the calendar - it's a move of God! As we familiarize ourselves with how God has moved in the past, we can get better at recognizing how God moves today and participate in it.

This spring and Easter season, we will be talking about Ezra's story of revival. We will also be talking about the revival that was unleashed when Jesus Christ stepped out of the grave on the third day after His crucifixion. Don't miss an installment as we study this story together starting on Sunday, March 8.

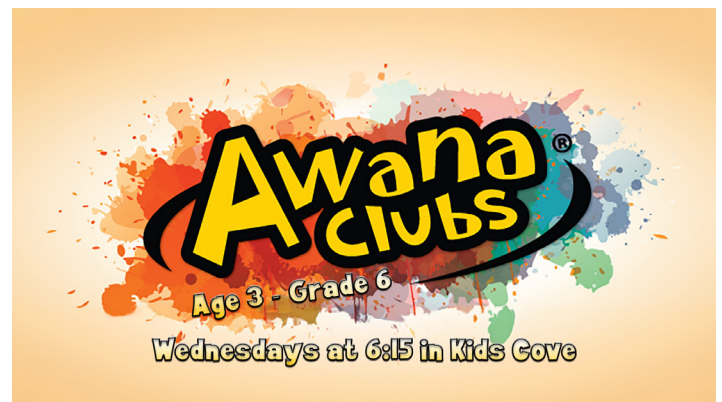


## Wednesday Nights

**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.



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# Summer Internship in Indianapolis

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## Four Things We Will Not Bring into Worship in Heaven

by Alex Darnall, Associate Pastor of Worship

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of worship around the throne of God. People from every nation, tribe, and language will be gathered together, focused on Jesus and filled with joy and awe. As we imagine that moment, it is meaningful to consider not only what will be present in heavenly worship, but also what will be gone forever. Here's a list of four things we will NOT bring into worship in heaven.

### Distractions

There will be nothing pulling at our attention. No noise competing for our focus. No worries waiting for us afterward. Our hearts and minds will be fully engaged, completely captured by the glory of God.

### Insecurity

We will not wonder if we belong or if we are doing it right. There will be no fear of being seen or heard. Every voice will be perfect, and every person will stand with confidence in the love of God.

### Comparison

There will be no preferences dividing us and no quiet competition beneath the surface. Worship will not be about style or familiarity. It will be about shared wonder as we stand together before the Lamb.

### Fear

No holding back. No second guessing. Our response will be free and wholehearted because fear will have no place in the presence of God.

As we live in light of His return, worship now becomes preparation for eternity. Each time we choose focus over distraction and surrender over self protection, God is shaping us for the joy of eternity.



## Thank you, Volunteers!

Above: Members of the Journey group helping at the Baptist Center. Right and below: Many showed up to help when the big snow storm hit the church.







## Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

Hello Northside family! We have had a great start to 2026 and have a lot more to look forward to! We started off the year with a fun parent meeting luncheon. We looked back at 2025 and ahead to 2026 and all that the Lord has in store. Assemble started back up and we kick started a series talking what we believe as Christians and why we believe it. We also played some fun games in the gym and worshipped with some of our Youth leading us vocally or by playing instruments. We have some talented teenagers! We also enjoyed our fellowship even together here at the church with a Nintendo Switch Night. We played some games and ate some snacks together and enjoyed each other's company in biblical community!

As we look ahead, we get to enjoy some more fun events, but also some great times of learning and growing closer to the Lord in learning about His Word and theological topics and learning how to carry out disciplines of the faith. We are excited for what God has in store especially as we anticipate DNOW and other great times to become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support, encouragement, prayer, giving, and service to our youth here at Northside!







## ***Mother and Son: The Respect Effect*** by Emerson Eggerichs, PhD

*Book Review by Danielle Root, Children's Director*

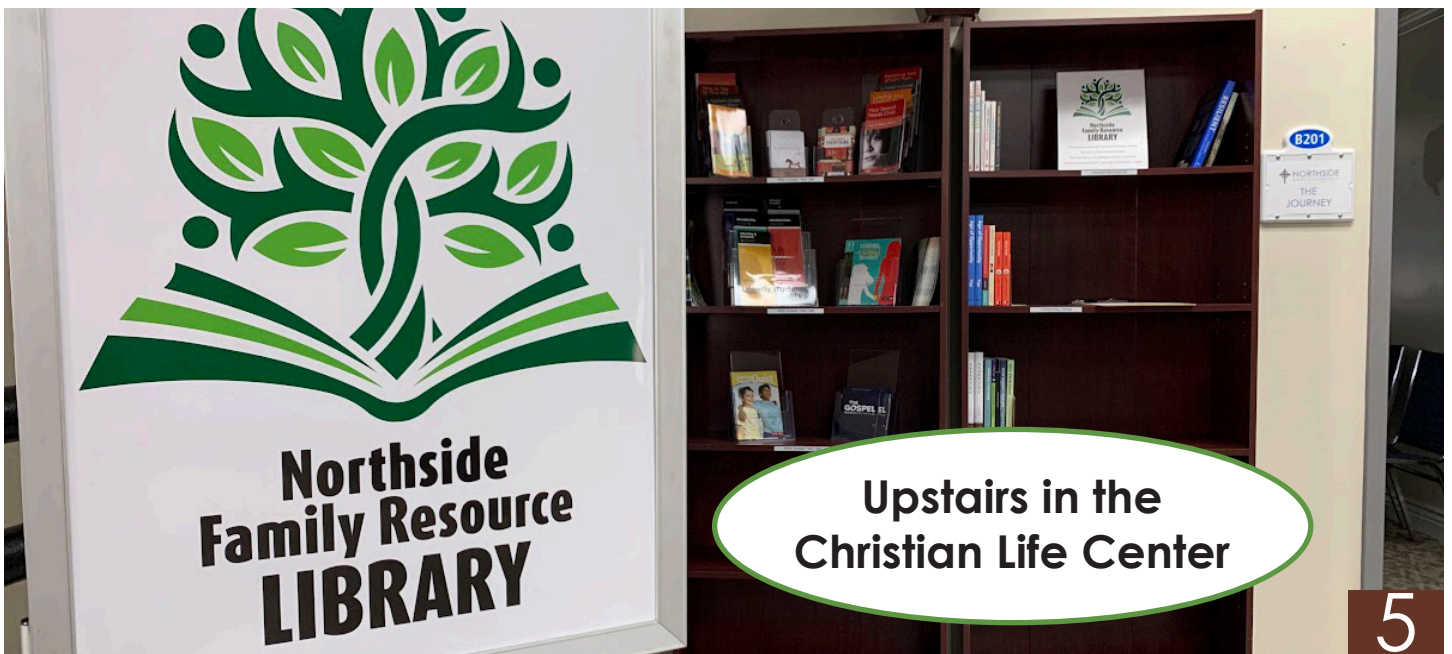
Although this book's target audience is for moms toward their sons, much can be applied for parenting both sons and daughters and can be useful for both moms and dads. From a biblical perspective, *Mother and Son: The Respect Effect* defines respect, shows countless examples of how to parent with respect, and why kids yearn for respect.

Emerson lays a foundation using an acronym he coined as GUIDES which stands for:

- G**ive so a child's basic physical needs can be met
- U**nderstand so a child is not provoked or exasperated
- I**nstruct so your child can know and apply God's wisdom
- D**iscipline so your child can correct poor choices
- E**ncourage so your child can courageously develop God-given gifts
- S**upplicate in prayer so your child can experience God's touch and truth

To me it seemed this book made some generalizations that aren't always true, but it has enough good insights that make it worth reading. Read this book as you would enjoy a potluck, take what works for you and your son and leave the rest for others to enjoy.

You can find *Mother and Son: the Respect Effect* in our family resource library.



# Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

## Kids Community Groups at 9 AM on Sunday

We meet each week in Kid's Cove to study God's Word. We have classes for birth through grade 6. We gather 15 minutes before adult community groups begin to allow parents to make it to their groups on time. In the month of February we'll be studying these topics:

### February Calendar

- 1** The Walls Rebuilt (Nehemiah 1-6)
- 8** Ezra Taught God's Law (Ezra 7-10 & Nehemiah 8)
- 15** The People Worshipped God (Nehemiah 7-13)
- 22** The Prophet Malachi (from the book of Malachi)

## Bible Explorers at 10:30 AM on Sunday

- 1** Jesus Heals on the Sabbath from Matthew 12:1-14
- 8** The Feeding of the 5,000 from John 6:1-15
- 15** The Transfiguration from Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36
- 22** Mary and Martha from Luke 10:38-42

## Awana at 6:15 PM Wednesdays

**February 4, 18, & 25** are Regular Meetings

**February 11** Wear pink or red for Valentine's Day and earn extra Awana bucks!



## Illumination Station VBS Training: March 21

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana (SCBI) will be here at Northside on Saturday, March 21 to conduct a statewide VBS clinic, 10 AM to 4 PM. All VBS volunteers are invited to attend. Our specific Northside training will be at 3 PM. If you can't make it for the whole day, come just for the 1 hour Northside specific training to get your teacher packet, manual, and decorating ideas! No cost.

**10:00 AM** Arrival, Welcome, Worship rally and songs

**11:00 AM** Base Session (Preschool or Elementary)

**12:00 PM** Lunch

**12:45 PM** Session 1 (Breakouts: Crafts, Decorating, Missions, Snacks & Rec)

**1:35 PM** Session 2 (Breakouts: Crafts, Decorating, Missions, Snacks & Rec)

**2:30 PM** Closing Rally & Giveaways

**3:00 PM** Northside Volunteer Training

## An ALL KIDS Skate Party



Bring a friend to win a prize!

A Northside Baptist Church &  
Fall Creek Church collaboration  
**For KIDS Grade K - 6th**

**Friday Feb 20th**  
**6pm**  
at Northside Baptist Church

Roller Skating in the Gym, Friday, February 20 for kids grade K - 6. Skates provided. No cost, but please sign up using the QR code above.



## Fusion Kids

Grades 3-6

**July 14-17, 2026**

at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp

Northside is providing a \$100 scholarship for each camper. This brings the out-of-pocket cost for families to \$150 per camper.

This summer, kids will discover what it means to shine bright for Jesus and make a lasting impact in the world around them! Inspired by Matthew 5:13-16, Salt & Light invites students in grades 3-6 to explore how they can be the flavor and brightness this world needs—sharing God's love boldly, living with purpose, and reflecting His light in everyday life.

Through exciting games, creative activities, powerful Bible teaching, and unforgettable worship moments, campers will be challenged and equipped to live as the salt of the earth and the light of the world—right where they are. Let's make this summer one to remember—full of faith, fun, and following Jesus!

# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>9:15a</b> Community Groups <b>10:30a</b> Kids Worship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>12p</b> Recharge Retreat	2	3 <b>7:30a</b> Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer <b>4p</b> Covenant Foods	4 <b>9:15a</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women <b>6:15p</b> Assemble <b>6:15p</b> Awana <b>6:30p</b> Catalyst	5 <b>7p</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women	6	7
8 <b>9:15a</b> Community Groups <b>10:30a</b> Kids Worship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>6p</b> Super Bowl Party	9	10 <b>4p</b> Covenant Foods	11 <b>9:15a</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women <b>6:15p</b> Assemble <b>6:15p</b> Awana <b>6:30p</b> Catalyst	12 <b>7p</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women	13	14
15 <b>9:15a</b> Community Groups <b>10:30a</b> Kids Worship <b>10:30a</b> Worship	16 President's Day Office Closed	17 <b>7:30a</b> Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer <b>4p</b> Covenant Foods	18 <b>9:15a</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women <b>6:15p</b> Assemble <b>6:15p</b> Awana <b>6:30p</b> Catalyst	19 <b>7p</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women	20 <b>6p</b> Roller Skating	21
22 <b>9:15a</b> Community Groups <b>10:30a</b> Kids Worship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>5p</b> Members' Meeting (& Meal)	23	24 <b>4p</b> Covenant Foods	25 <b>9:15a</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women <b>6:15p</b> Assemble <b>6:15p</b> Awana <b>6:30p</b> Catalyst	26 <b>7p</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women	27 <b>6p</b> Escape Room	28



Interested in learning more about membership at Northside? Come to this special one-hour class on Sunday morning, March 8, 2026 at 9:15 in Room D103.



# ENGAGING GROWING SERVING

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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

Gail Bland

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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