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PLEASE READ: Why Worship Matters

by Alex Darnall, Worship Pastor

There is something deeply encouraging about hearing our congregation sing when you know what some of those people walked into church carrying. A worship service can look very routine from the outside, but every Sunday there are people in the room fighting private battles. Some are grieving, exhausted, and discouraged in their faith. Some are simply trying to make it through another difficult week.

That is part of why congregational worship matters. We do not gather together because every person arrives spiritually strong. Often, we gather because we need to be reminded of what is true about ourselves and God. A room full of believers singing about the goodness and faithfulness of God has a way of strengthening tired hearts.

One of the beautiful things about worship is that it shifts our attention upward. Most of the week our minds are consumed with schedules, stress, work, finances, parenting, responsibilities, and endless distractions. Worship interrupts all of that and reminds us

that God is still on His throne. The songs we sing are not filler before the sermon. They are declarations of truth meant to shape our hearts and make us more like Jesus.

As a worship pastor, I have learned that some of the most meaningful moments are rarely the polished ones people would expect. Sometimes the most powerful sound in the room is not the band at all, but the congregation singing confidently. Sometimes it's seeing a church member worship faithfully during a season you know has been painful for them. Those moments are reminders that genuine worship is not rooted in circumstances. It is rooted in who God is.

That's why worship will always matter in the life of the church. Long after trends change and styles evolve, the people of God will still gather together to sing the truths of the gospel. There is something profoundly encouraging about hearing the church lift one voice together and declare that Christ is Lord.

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Jumpstart to Transformation

A new season of Wednesday Night groups starts August 12. **Awana** for kids, **Assemble** for youth and **Catalyst** for adults will feature a new season of learning for all ages. Here Pastor Jeremy shares about the completion of the 3-year cycle for adults.

CATALYST

Learning to Serve

by Jeremy Couture, Senior Pastor

Jesus Christ said the Greatest Commandment is to love God with your entire being, including your mind or intellect (Matthew 22:37). This means that learning is an important part of Christian growth and service. In an article in Christianity Today some years ago, Theologian R.C. Sproul said "God has made us to be a harmony of head and heart...Religious thought is the prerequisite to religious affections and obedient action." So, good theology leads to a good passion for the Lord and a good service in His kingdom.

How exactly does learning support serving in the ministry? Here are 5 ways:

1. Learning imparts knowledge. This may be obvious, but it's a good place to start. Those who study the Bible learn about God, themselves, and the created order. They learn a view of the world that is shaped by God's self-revelation toward man. This is foundational to all the other connections between learning and service.

2. Learning imparts skill: Students learn about how things work and why. They are exposed to various approaches to life and ministry. "Book knowledge" may be undervalued compared to "real-world knowledge," but it's a necessary place to start for those who are learning to serve in their church and in the greater kingdom of God.

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3. Learning imparts curiosity: Education can satisfy a thirst for knowledge, but it can also increase it. Curiosity opens the door to

all kinds of opportunists for service. The best volunteers and Christian ministers are those who are curious about how the world works, nosy about why things are the way they are, and inquisitive about others.

4. Learning imparts discipline: The word "disciple" means follower of Jesus Christ, but it also means "a learner." Wisdom and understanding are an important part of knowing and serving the Lord. It takes a certain level of discipline to acquire new knowledge and then to apply that knowledge to your circumstances.

5. Learning imparts growth: This gets back to where we started. Education can and should increase spiritual growth, and spiritual growth should result in better service. In many cases, it's the "secret ingredient" that sparks transformation.

Learning can happen in many ways. It can happen by reading Christian books or listening to uplifting podcasts. It can happen in personal study, and it can also happen in a group setting. Learning can happen in a formal classroom setting, but it can also happen "along the way" in the regular patterns of life. The most important thing is that it happens.

Our Catalyst Study has come to the end of our three-year cycle of study. We have enjoyed our survey of theology, the Bible, and various spiritual disciplines. Please make plans to join us as we start up a new cycle this August.

The Biggest Story Bible Storybook

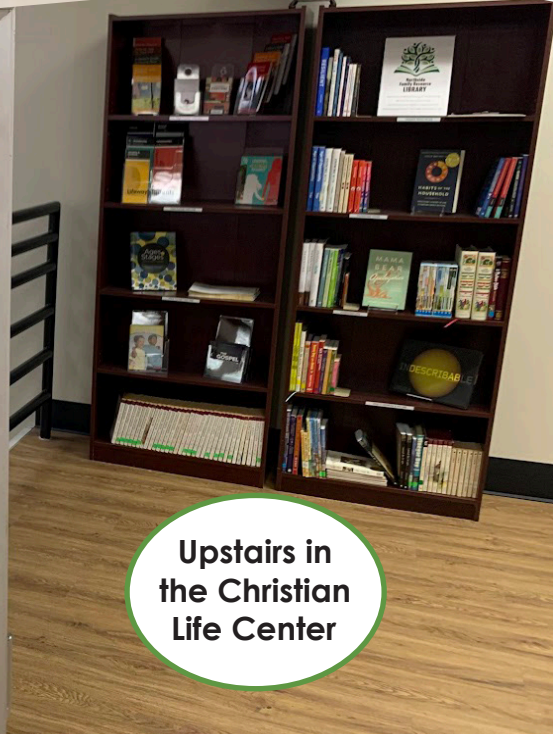
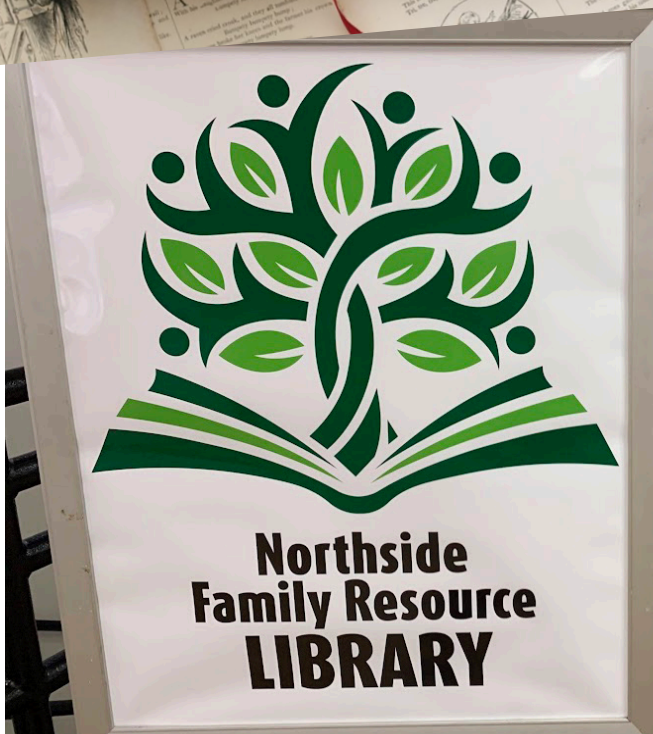
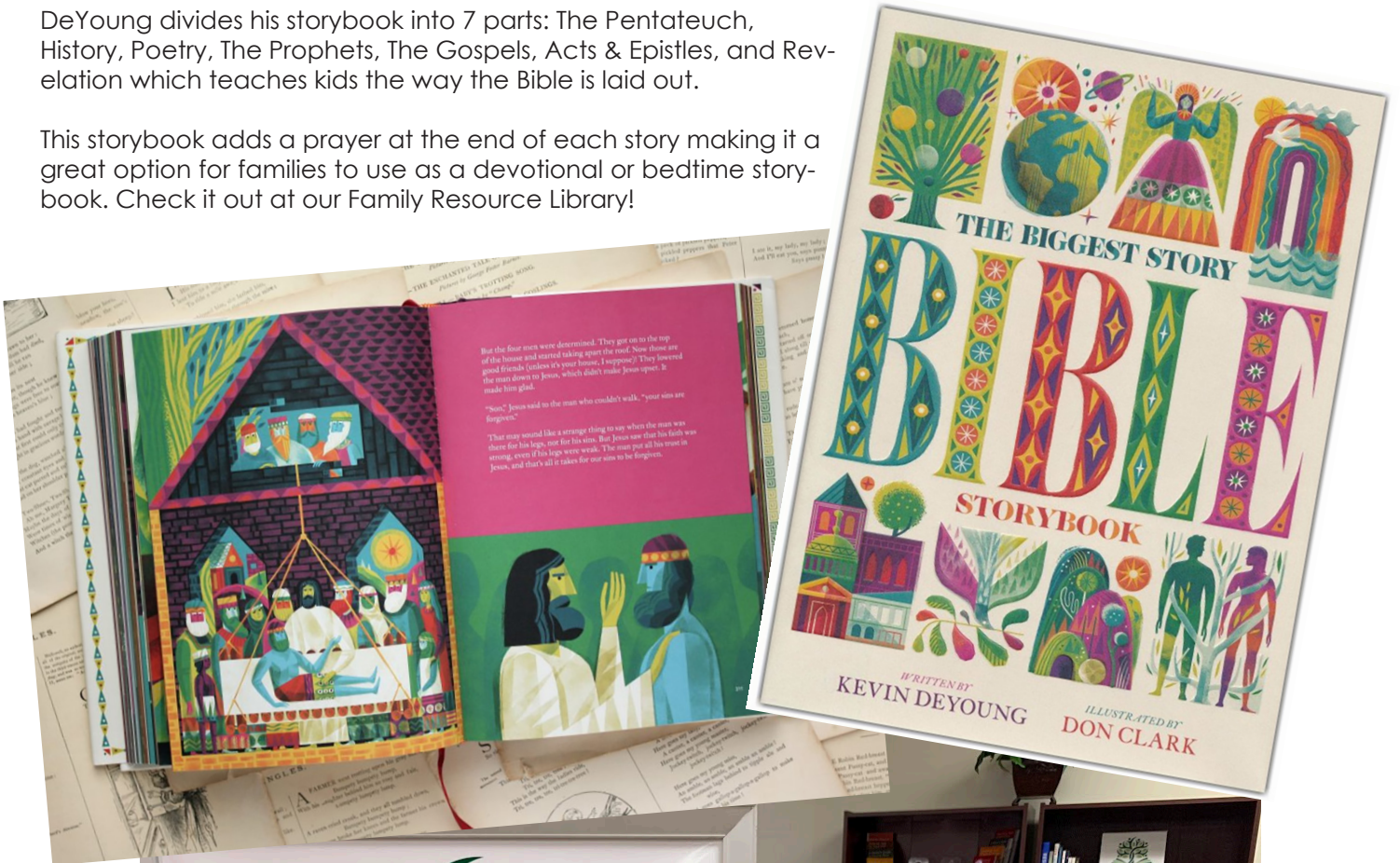
By Kevin DeYoung | Book Review by Dani Root

The school year is ending, and parents will be spending more time with their kids each day. It's a great time to either start the habit of reading together or increase the time spent reading together.

One book to consider adding to your reading list is The Biggest Story Bible Storybook by Kevin DeYoung. The Biggest Story Bible Storybook is an excellent and engaging Bible story book for kids. DeYoung's book covers 104 key stories from Genesis through Revelation and does a thorough job presenting the Bible as one unified book.

DeYoung divides his storybook into 7 parts: The Pentateuch, History, Poetry, The Prophets, The Gospels, Acts & Epistles, and Revelation which teaches kids the way the Bible is laid out.

This storybook adds a prayer at the end of each story making it a great option for families to use as a devotional or bedtime storybook. Check it out at our Family Resource Library!



Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

Awana: End of Year Celebration

We ended a fabulous year with a cookout, award ceremony, and roller skating! (Photos on right) Thank you to everyone who made it a great success! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year beginning August 12!



Kids Community Groups: Sundays at 9 AM

- June 7 Jesus' Second Miracle from John 4
- June 14 Jesus Rejected in Nazareth Luke 4
- June 21 Healings in Capernaum from Mark 1 & Luke 4
- June 28 Healings in Galilee from Mark 1 & Luke 4-5

Bible Explorers: Sundays at 10:30 AM

- June 7 - Kids join the main service!
- June 14 Faith from Hebrews 11:1-12:2
- June 21 Timothy from 1 & 2 Timothy
- June 28 James from James 2: 1-17

Parent Child Dedication: June 21

New parents are invited to publicly declare their intent to raise their child for the Lord during the service on June 21 (Father's Day). Please contact Dani Root if you'd like to dedicate your child.



Apologetics for Kids: June 10-July 8

This summer for 5 Wednesdays, 3rd-6th graders will be meeting at the Finnigan house for dinner and to strengthen their faith. We'll be covering a new topic each week such as Who is God?, How was the Bible made?, Jesus in the Old Testament, and more! The intent is for kids to leave this study with a deeper understanding of who God is and a strengthened belief in the Bible as God's infallible Word. Please contact Dani Root or Garrett and Rene Finnigan for their home address so your child can join this study!




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 1-5 9AM - NOON
FREE! AGE 4 - GRADE 6
SIGN UP AT
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NORTHSIDE KIDS Summer 2026

June 1-5

**Illumination
Station VBS**
(Age 4-Grade 6)
Monday - Friday
9 AM - Noon

June 21

**Parent-Child
Dedication**
during worship
(Father's Day)

June 28

**Hang out at
the Roots' House**
after church
Grades 4-6
Community
Group

June 10 - July 8

**Apologetics
for Kids**
(Grades 3-6)
Finnigans' House
6:15-7:30 PM

July 14-17

**Fusion Camp
at Highland Lakes**
Grades 3-6

July 26

**Promotion
Sunday**
during worship
Rising First Graders
join Bible Explorers

Join us
this week!

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**FUGE
CAMP**
JUNE 22-26

@ **the
movies**



**HOME
HANGOUTS**
JUNE 14
& JULY 8

SCAN FOR
MORE INFO



JULY 24



Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

Greetings Northside family! It has been a great and supremely busy May due to end of the year activities, graduations, and looking ahead to the Summer!

Assemble concluded with a short 3-week dive into the gospel and what it is, how to share it, and why we share it. Assemble has been amazing and transformative time and we look forward to restarting in the Fall!

We got to enjoy our yearly trip to **King's Island** which was a great time of fellowship and rollercoasters. We also welcomed our new church ministry intern: Jackson Calhoun. Jackson has jumped right in to help out with Northside Youth in some key areas and we are glad to have him for this Summer!

Last, we celebrated the **graduation** of Jake Kern in a couple of different ways through the worship service and a recognition dinner where memories and favorite moments of Jake were shared by family and close friends. We are sad to see Jake leave us in August, but excited to send him out to Southern Indiana University where God is going to do amazing things in his life! Congratulations Jake!

Looking ahead to June we are excited to see our youth serve in some important ways for **Vacation Bible School**, enjoy some **hangouts**, and head to **Summer Camp!** Please be in prayer for our youth as they prepare for camp and all that God is going to do in their lives this Summer! Thank you for your continued support, you are a blessing to Northside Youth!



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9a Illumination Station VBS	2 7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 9a Illumination Station VBS 4p Covenant Foods	3 9a Illumination Station VBS	4 9a Illumination Station VBS	5 9a Illumination Station VBS	6
7 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	8	9 4p Covenant Foods	10	11	12	13 2p A Taste of Liberia
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21 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	22 FUGE Camp @ Highland Lakes	23 FUGE Camp @ Highland Lakes 4p Covenant Foods	24 FUGE Camp @ Highland Lakes	25 FUGE Camp @ Highland Lakes	26 FUGE Camp @ Highland Lakes	27
28 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	29	30 4p Covenant Foods				

Bring a dish to share.

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LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 18, 11:30 AM
in the Fireside Room
Pastor Jeremy is speaking.

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10:30 AM

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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

Welcome, New Members!

Ron & Colleen Chelf

Russ Davis

Renee Furrow

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