

THE VISION



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After the Resurrection: Now What?

by Alex Darnall, Worship Pastor

Easter Sunday is one of the most meaningful moments in the life of the Church. We gather, we celebrate, and we worship because Jesus is alive. As Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday conclude, we are left with one remaining question: Now what?

Easter tends to become a spiritual high point in our walk with Christ. We build toward it, experience it deeply, and then slowly drift back into daily routines. However, the resurrection was never meant to be something we visit once a year and put away. It was meant to be something we celebrate every day. It should shape our lives.

Worship is not only a response to what God has done, but it is a daily response to what He is still doing. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us. That means our faith is not meant to be occasional. It is meant to be active and lived out in the ordinary parts of our lives.

So, what does that look like in practice? It looks like trusting God when circumstances feel uncertain and having faith in all seasons. It looks like offering our time, our attention, and our lives back to Him, not just on Sundays but throughout the week. He should be reflected in all parts of our lives, like the way we love one another.

Let's make it our goal to continue the Easter spiritual high point each day.

How will you continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus?

Romans 12:1 calls us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. That type of worship is not confined to a song on Sunday morning. It shows up in how we speak to our families, how we handle stress, how we serve others, and how we glorify our Creator.

As a church, our goal is not just to gather for meaningful moments or special occasions. It is to become people who live as transformed believers in the hope of the resurrection every day. As we move forward from Easter, let us not leave that spiritual attitude behind. Let's carry it on!

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Upper Room: An Opportunity for Dedicated Prayer

by Becky Reynolds

"All the moments you spend in prayer...are like streams flowing into the deep places of your soul, constantly replenishing the reservoir of peace that's already there."

This statement by Dr. Charles Stanley describes the benefits of regular, personal time with God in prayer. Northside Baptist Church provides an opportunity to put prayer into practice through the Upper Room prayer. For decades now Northside members have taken a Sunday worship time and spent that hour in the prayer room. The purpose is to pray for the church: for pastors, elders and deacons, for community groups and their leaders, for the activities and events of the church, for youth and children, for guests and for the sick.



Upper Room prayer is open (and asking) for those who would like to be scheduled once every three to four months to spend the worship hour in the prayer room. It is fine to schedule to be alone or to schedule with another person. The prayer room is located in D109. Everyone finds that it is a refreshing time to pray and praise the Lord for both personal and church needs.

For those who would like to join us, please email me at jandbreynolds@gmail.com. I will email to let you know when we plan to begin scheduling for this ministry. Thank you!

Father God, Dr. Stanley's comment is my experience. Our hearts, our faith, our obedience, our love for you and for others begins and is built through our prayer life. We ask your blessings as we meet to pray for Northside. Thank you Lord!

Wednesday Nights

Catalyst Study: A Tale of Two Trees 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.

A Catalyst Study
WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
FIRESIDE ROOM

A Tale of Two Trees

The Doctrines of Sin and Salvation

May 6:
What is Glorification?

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

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

NORTHSIDE youth ASSEMBLE

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

Awana May Calendar

6 – Awana Store!

13 – Awards Ceremony in Fireside Room!

Meet our Summer Intern Jackson Calhoun



Q & A with Jackson Calhoun

Northside's Summer Intern

Q: Tell us about yourself.

A: I'm from Sanford Florida. I started taking my faith seriously, accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior right out of high school. I was originally a computer science major and was going to go into video game development but the Lord moved my heart and called me into the ministry. I got my undergrad in Biblical Studies at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. My ministry goal is to go into Pastoral Care, Biblical Counseling, and Bible teaching.

Q: What's your coffee order?

A: Regular black coffee

Q: Favorite Snack?

A: Cheez-it DuoZ® bacon & cheddar crackers

Q: What is a 'life verse' or a specific story from Scripture that has shaped you lately?

A: A verse that has been shaping me lately would be Psalm 143:10 where David says to God "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!" This is important because it reminds me that it is the Lord that has to teach me to do His will. Since it is the Lord's will that must be done, not mine, and I can't do the Lord's will on my own. I need the Holy Spirit to guide me.

Q: Is there a specific moment or mentor that made you realize you wanted to serve in ministry?

A: I had been in the faith for a while, started serving at this church and one youth night, I saw the Pastor preaching on stage. I saw people praying for each other and in my heart I asked the Lord if He wanted me

to go in the ministry. The second I made the choice of going into ministry all these doors started opening up.

Q: Which area of church life are you most excited to 'get your hands dirty' in this month?

A: To be with people as a light of Christ and serve alongside brothers and sisters of the faith.

Q: What is your go-to "Sunday Afternoon" activity after the service is over?

A: I love to go on a walk and be out in God's creation, spending time with brothers and sisters of the faith.

Q: How do you integrate your faith with your daily life and your academic studies?

A: This is challenging for me because my faith and academic studies are closely intertwined, especially since I pursued a master's degree. Nevertheless, I make time for small moments of prayer before starting an assignment and reading the word at night before going to bed.

Q: What's your favorite hymn or worship song, and does it have a story behind it?

A: My favorite worship song is "Revelation Song" by Phillips, Craig & Dean. The story behind this song is that my dad used to play it frequently in the car. When I began to take my faith seriously, I revisited the song and discovered that they had taken a verse directly from Revelation 4:8. I enjoy this song because it is firmly rooted in the Bible and I believe it glorifies the Lord.

Q: What is something we can pray for you this summer?

A: Pray for salvation for the rest of my family. Please be praying for wisdom and understanding as I go through this internship so that I may faithfully serve the Lord.



Coming Events

May

16 Kings Island

6:30 AM – 10:30 PM

Meet at Northside.

Cost: \$35 plus money for food.

June

1-5 VBS After Party

Lunch and Games for Northside Youth volunteers until 2:30 PM

14 Home Hangout

(Time and Place TBD)

Dinner and games.

No cost.

22-26 Fuge Camp

Northside Youth Summer Camp

June 22-26, 2026 at Highland

Lakes, \$200 (\$150 each for siblings)

Contact Pastor Jared: jbarham@northsideindy.org

northsideindy.org

Parent Meeting: May 3

July

8 Home Hangout

(Time and Place TBD)

24 At the Movies

(Time and Place TBD)

Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

Hello Northside family, April has been a good time in the life of Northside Youth. We wrapped up Middle School Home Bible Study, we finished our 12 week Assemble Study on what we believe as Christians and some of the tenet doctrines of our faith, we had so many youth serve in various areas in our Good Friday and Easter services, AND we had some fun playing flag football outside, and watching the Mario Galaxy movie together!

April was so great in so many ways, and May promises to be even more jam packed as we look to the graduation of one of our most involved youth: Jake Kern. We will also be heading back to King's Island, finishing up Assemble with some practical evangelism training times, and preparing for VBS!

The Lord is working in the lives of our Youth and it is a blessing to be able to witness firsthand! Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement as God is truly faithful to our teenagers!



**FUGE
CAMP**
JUNE 22-26

@ **the
movies**



JULY 24

**HOME
HANGOUTS**
JUNE 14
& JULY 8

**NORTH
SIDE**
youth



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO

**Kings
Island**



SATURDAY, MAY 16

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION
STATION**
JOHN 8:12

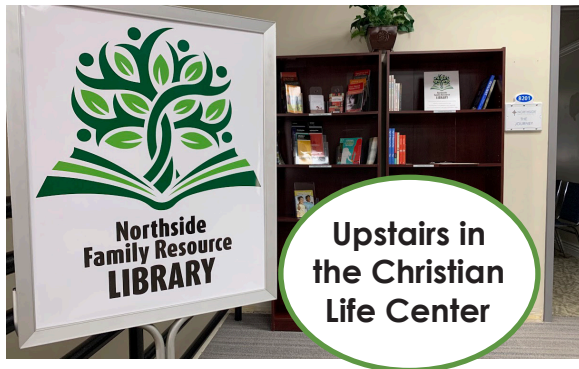
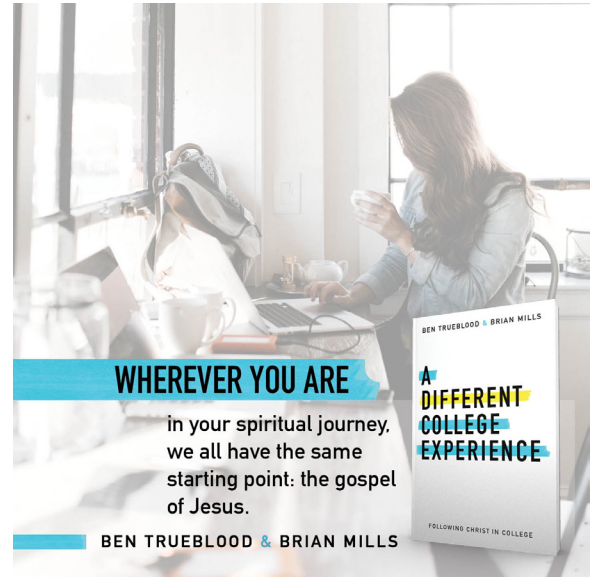
JUNE 1-5

A Different College Experience

Book Review by Jared Barham

This is a great book that we are giving to our High School graduating seniors. This book takes students through the gospel, what it is, and how to have your own faith. Then it walks through what life looks like as believers become more like Jesus.

The second section covers identity and a person's true identity in Jesus while also examining how they might see themselves and what the world says. The rest of the book goes on to cover various areas of college life and what teenagers might think they need or want out of college, and what being a Christian in those areas actually means for life. Topics covered in the book include relationships, the church, wisdom, working hard, making mistakes, and a lot more.



One of the coolest features of this book are the many testimonials from real life college students that are found are various points in different chapters. They provide an authentic look at what college students have to say about their college experience or a different topic covered in the book. Not all of them were Christians when they started college so the testimonies offer a wide range of experiences and guidance. Overall, I am excited to give this book to our graduates as they begin this new stage in their journey of life!



We will honor our graduates during the morning service on Sunday, May 17. Contact the church office with information about graduating Northsiders, whether high school or college. We'd like to congratulate them on their achievement.

Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

Kids Community Groups

9:00 AM on Sunday

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

Community Group Calendar

- May 3 Jesus' First Miracle (John 2)
- May 10 Jesus at Passover (John 2)
- May 17 Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3)
- May 24 John Pointed to Jesus (John 3)
- May 31 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4)

Bible Explorers at 10:30 AM on Sunday

- May 3 1st Sunday, Bible Explorers remain in the service
- May 10 Philip and the Ethiopian from Acts 8:26-40
- May 17 Peter's Rescue from Acts 12:3-19
- May 24 Paul in Athens from Acts 17:16-34
- May 31 Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos from Acts 18:18-28

BIBLE EXPLORERS
SUNDAYS 10:30 AM
GRADES 1-6

NEW PICKUP PROCEDURE BEGINS MAY 10

Come to Kids Cove to pick up your kids after worship.
 Note: preschool kids will still follow the same procedure of room pickup.

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!



Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10

Celebrate our mothers by being at Northside for worship with your family.

We will have flowers for all the ladies on this special day when we honor the moms and women of Northside. Happy Mother's Day!



11:30 AM in the Fireside Room

JOY Luncheon: May 21

Northside's JOY group (Just Older Youth) meets in the Fireside Room on the third Thursday of the month for food, fellowship and fun. If you are a senior adult, please join us on May 21 for a special time together.

Our lunch pitch-in this month is sandwiches. Please bring a tray of sandwiches to share with the group. We will play a fun game of Bingo. Don't miss it!

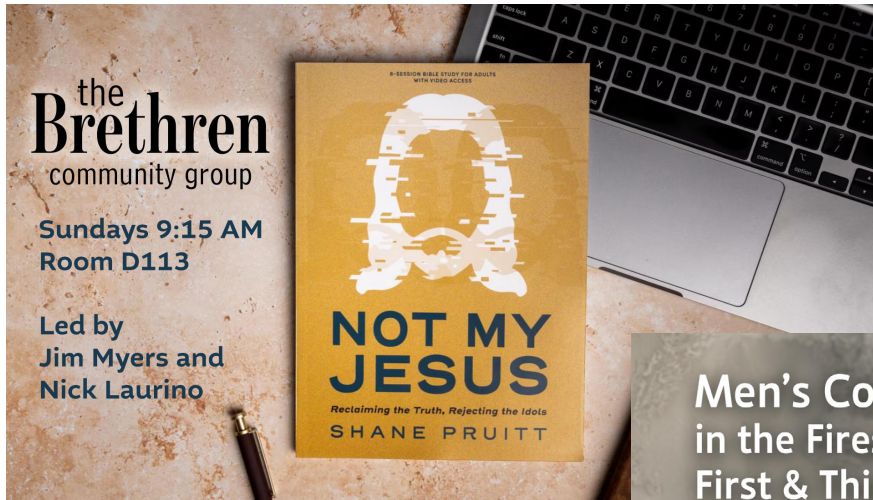
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Rooted Women Bible Study

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.





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.

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. The men also have a video prayer meeting on other Tuesdays. Please contact the church office to get more information.



Work Day at Northside
May 16, 8 AM to Noon
Breakfast provided!

Projects will include :

- repairing the understructure of our bridge
- clearing out areas to create new flower beds
- cleaning out our shop
- cleaning out our smaller shed
- washing windows etc
- Something to do for all able-bodied folks

Members' Meeting
Sunday, May 17
Meal at 5 PM, Meeting at 6 PM



Bring your favorite salad.
Sundae bar & drinks provided.

Kids Hope Inc. Indianapolis

A Story of Calling, Compassion, and Christ-Centered Impact

Kids Hope Inc. Indianapolis exists to serve some of the most vulnerable children in Liberia— providing access to education, essential resources, and the hope found in Jesus Christ. What began as a simple request became a life-changing mission rooted in obedience, compassion, and a calling to care for “the least of these.”

The Beginning: A Founder's Calling

Founder Robert Henninger first traveled to Liberia at the request of a school leader in Ganta. What he encountered there would forever change his life—and the lives of countless children.

“My first going was because of the request of the president of the new Liberia school in Ganta. Later while there, I saw a vision... to look into the community and discover what was going on.” What he saw was the lasting devastation of the Ebola crisis—children left orphaned, overlooked, and without support.

“I saw the deprived orphans... I was left with a broken heart that could not be healed by walking away.”

Moved by Christ and guided by Scripture—“visit the orphans and widows...” (James 1:27)—he responded by partnering with a former student to establish a school focused on the poorest of the poor.

Though Ebola is not a current threat, the need remains:

- Children still lack access to education
- Caregivers struggle to support adopted children
- Families live without a safety net

“When I see them, they are a gift of God... an opportunity to aid them in their growth in Christ alone.”

For Robert, this work is not temporary—it is a lifelong calling.

“To become more formed into the image of our Father... to look after the fatherless and the vulnerable.”

Leadership Through Lived Experience

Today, the mission continues under the leadership of Arthur-Zarddy Gwion Jr., whose story reflects the very challenges Kids Hope exists to address.

A Liberian and survivor of civil war, Arthur grew up facing uncertainty without consistent meals, early education, or the basic stability many children take for granted. That experience now fuels his purpose.

With a deep understanding of Liberia's realities, Arthur is committed to ensuring that no child experiences the hardships he once endured. His leadership is driven by compassion, resilience, and a belief that every child is created by God with purpose.

Through Kids Hope Inc., he works to:

- Provide access to education
- Support caregivers and families
- Create safe, Christ-centered environments
- Restore dignity and opportunity

His mission is deeply personal transforming past hardship into present hope.

A Continuing Mission

Kids Hope Inc. Indianapolis remains committed to expanding access to education, strengthening communities, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with every child served. This work is not done alone. It is sustained through partnership through those who choose to give, support, and stand in the gap for children who would otherwise be left behind. Together, we are not just meeting needs—we are building futures.



3RD ANNUAL *Taste of Liberia*

13 JUNE 2026

5:30 PM -8:00PM

3021 E 71ST ST
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46220

A Fundraising Effort for the orphan children of Ganta, Liberia, and a warm send-off for the Gwion family.

Join us for a delightful evening filled with Liberian music and a cuisine that boasts rich and diverse flavors. From savory stews to spicy jollof rice, there's something to satisfy every palate.

Liberian Dishes • Music • Raffle Prizes

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

\$15 INDIVIDUALS \$50 FAMILIES



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2 1p Women's "Get to Know You" Bingo
3 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	4	7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods 6:15p Rooted Women	5 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	6	7	8 9
Mother's Day 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	10	11 4p Covenant Foods 6:15p Rooted Women	12 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	13	14	15 16 6:30a Northside Youth at Kings Island 8a Work Day
17 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Members' Meeting (& Meal)	18	7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods	19	20 11:30a Joy Luncheon	21	22 23
24 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	4p Covenant Foods	26	27	28	29 30
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ENGAGING
IN WORSHIP

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IN GROUPS

SERVING
IN MINISTRY

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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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