

THE VISION

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Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the
Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with
gladness; come before
him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is
God. It is he who made
us, and we are his; we
are his people, the
sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with
thanksgiving
and his courts with
praise; give thanks
to him and praise his
name.

For the Lord is good
and his love endures
forever; his faithfulness
continues through all
generations.



Worshiping the Lord through Songs

by Alex Darnall, Worship Pastor

Have you ever wondered how we choose the songs we sing each Sunday? Worship is such an important part of our gatherings that every lyric, melody, and moment is chosen with care. It's not about finding the most popular song or what's trending on Christian radio. It's about finding songs that help us lift our eyes to Jesus.

When planning, prayer is the first priority. I ask the Lord what He wants to say to His people. Sometimes the message series helps shape our direction, and other times, a song's theme helps prepare our hearts for what God wants to speak through His Word. Every song has a purpose. They are a tool that helps us respond to who God is and what He's done.

I also think deeply about what we're singing. The words we declare together on Sundays shape what we believe about God. That's why we choose songs that are theologically sound, centered on the gospel, and full of Scripture truth. I want our lyrics to be more than catchy—they should be true and transformative.

Lastly, I think about you. Sunday worship isn't a concert; it's a family gathering. I aim for songs that are singable, familiar enough for everyone to join in, and rich enough to keep growing with us over time. We love introducing new songs, but we do so carefully, always making sure the church has time to learn and make them their own.

My prayer each week is simple: that every song draws us closer to the heart of God. Because when we worship together, we're experiencing a taste of Heaven. And that is a reason to sing!

ENGAGING
IN WORSHIP

GROWING
IN GROUPS

SERVING
IN MINISTRY

A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, both wearing white long-sleeved shirts, holding a thick, polished golden staff horizontally. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and warm sunlight filtering through the trees.

Why a Summer Internship Program?

by Jeremy Couture, Senior Pastor

Summer has come and gone. But before you know it, sunny days and warmer weather will be back again, and students of all ages will be looking for ways to stay busy. Summer is an ideal time for an internship focused on developing the next generation of church leaders. Our church would benefit greatly from such a program, and here are **the top five reasons**.

1. The growing shortage of pastors and other church leaders.

The current generation of church leaders is getting older by the day, and many are approaching retirement age. Ministry leadership can be a difficult and stressful vocation, and a surprising number of pastors quit each year. Many colleges and seminaries are experiencing a decline in enrollment, which means the pipeline of new graduates is shrinking. We must reverse this trend if we're going to see healthy churches multiply themselves.

2. There's no substitute for on-the-job training.

Colleges and seminaries do a wonderful job of passing on the theology and philosophy of local church ministry. Up-and-coming church leaders need to learn the "whats" and the "whys." But they also need to learn the "hows" of ministering to others. This means that the congregation and the classroom are inseparable partners in training up the next generation.

3. We put a high priority on "bridging the generations" in our church and a summer internship program is a special way to do just that. It can be a way to bring college and grad school students together with children and teenagers. It can also be a way to bring young adults together with senior citizens. This influx of youthful energy will be a blessing to everyone, no matter how young or old they are.

4. We should train others because we have a staff that is interested in teaching and discipleship. Developing others is part of our DNA as a church. If we aren't true to this gifting, it will go to waste.

5. We are all called to be part of a "sending" culture.

Jesus established this culture for his people in John's version of the Great Commission in John 20:21: "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." The apostles carried this emphasis in their titles as "sent one." The early church continued this emphasis by gathering Barnabas and Saul (under the direction of the Holy Spirit) and sending them away. It is good for a church to gather for discipleship and spiritual formation, but it is also just as important to scatter (or send) for evangelism and spiritual multiplication.

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The time has come for Northsiders to pray and embrace a summer internship program where we can equip a new group of church leaders and then send them out to their places of service in the Kingdom. Please join me as we prepare to launch such a program here next summer.



SOUP & CHILI COOK OFF

Members' Meeting
Sunday, November 16
Meal at 5 PM, Meeting at 6 PM
Christian Life Center

Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup or chili recipe and enter our annual friendly competition for "best soup" or "best chili" bragging rights.

Our November Members' Meeting features the annual budget presentation from our Stewardship Committee.

Voting on the 2026 budget will be Sunday, December 7 following the morning worship service.

Northside Youth Ministry Essentials

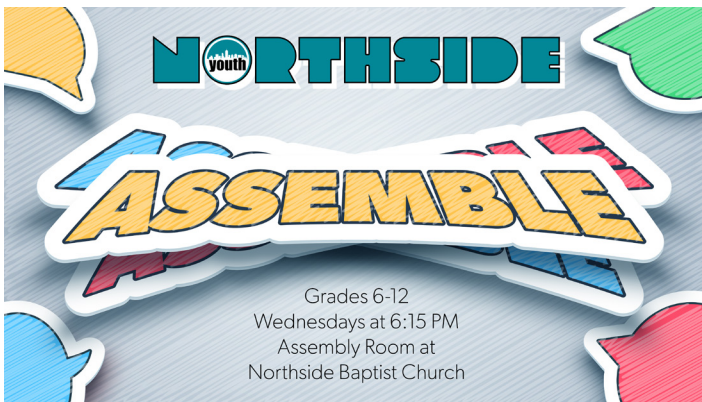
by Jared Barham, Youth Pastor

Hello Northside! We are finally into Fall weather and it could not be more exciting! October has been a great month for Northside Youth and November is here with some new exciting opportunities.

This past month we continued our **Home Bible Study** called "**He is Here**" as we examined God's presence in the wilderness, the Red Sea, through the Law, and other areas in Scripture. We have learned about dependence on Him and how to rely on God even when it seems like he is distant.



We also did a lot more painting and decorating towards the completion of the new Youth Room, and we will have an unveiling party in November so be looking for more information to come on that!



Through **Assemble** on Wednesday nights, we have concluded and started new mini series and invited some of our youth to help serve on the Praise Band for worship during Assemble!



Last, we enjoyed some time at Exploration Acres where we had a bonfire to cook food and sit around, the largest corn maze in the state of Indiana, and some other fall activities! Thank you for your support of our Youth here at Northside and please enjoy some photos showcasing all that God is doing in Northside Youth!

FUGE CAMPS
 TWENTY TWENTY-SIX

Northside Youth Summer Camp
 June 22-26, 2026 at Highland Lakes
 \$200 (\$150 each for siblings)
 Deposit due January 10.

Cost includes registration fees,
 transportation, all meals at camp,
 lodging, and camp T-shirt.

The GOOD SHEPHERD

A STUDY OF PSALM 23

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FUGE CAMPS

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Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

Kids Bible Study Classes at 9 AM on Sunday

We meet each week in Kid's Cove to study God's Word. We have classes for all ages, starting with babies up through 6th grade. Drop off as early as 9 AM.

In November we'll be studying how the Southern Kingdom of Judah experienced the reign of both good and evil kings. Yet, the people's allegiance was divided between the worship of God and the idols of foreign nations. God sent prophets to warn the people to turn back to Him, but they did not listen. God disciplined His people by sending them into captivity in Babylon but promised they would one day return home. What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.



Bible Explorers at 10:30 AM on Sunday

November's theme is "God is with us."

November 2

Solomon's Wisdom, 1 Kings 3:3-15; 4:29-34

November 9

Solomon Builds the Temple, 1 Kings 5-8

November 16

The Kingdom Divides, 1 Kings 11-12

November 23

Elisha is Surrounded, 2 Kings 6:8-23

November 30

The Story of Esther, Esther 2-8

Awana at 6:15 PM Wednesdays

November 5 & 12

Regular Meetings

November 19

Bring cereal, toilet paper, or another food donation for Covenant Foods for extra Awana bucks!!

November 26

No Awana. Thanksgiving Break



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!

Worship Music: CU Worship

CU Worship is the student-led worship ministry of Campbellsville University, dedicated to helping others encounter Christ through music. The team leads in camps, campus events, and churches, while equipping students for a life of worship leadership grounded in faith and excellence. CU Worship – Maroon is made up of Owen Tipton, Skylar Norton, Hayden Behmke, Andrew Pike, and Sydney Cotter. This team is led by Dr. Jamie Lawrence, adjunct professor of Worship Arts.



Wise Up by Marty Machowski

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

We as Christian parents all want to instill God's Word into our kids' hearts. How we should do that practically in the small amount of time between school, sports, orthodontist appointments, laundry, and dinner is the hard part.

Wise Up by Marty Machowski does all the work for us by taking Proverbs and breaking it into 10-minute devotions.

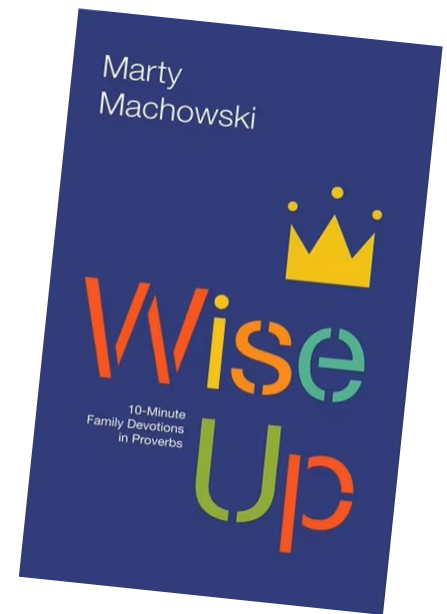
My family went through this book a few years ago and we're about to go through it again. It is made for a variety of ages making it great for families with a wide age range.

This 12-week study only asks for 10 minutes a day. Another option would be to do one or two devotions a week and make the study last around a year.

Each week, there is one easy prep activity that ties in with the lesson. These activities help the lesson stick.

Some of the weekly lessons include *The One We Must Learn to Trust*, *The heart of the problem: All we do flows from our hearts*, *The Greatest Treasure*, and *Learning to Give*.

Enjoy all of the practical direction in Proverbs, but remember, don't try this without turning to Jesus for forgiveness, help, and direction. Jesus lives in the hearts of his people, empowering them to become like him, the wisest King of all.



Upstairs in
the Christian
Life Center

Christmas Cookie Decorating

**Grades 3-6
(Drop off)
December 12
6:30-8:30 PM**

**Grade 2 & under
(Parents stay)
December 13
10:30-11:30 AM**

In Kid's Cove

- **Christmas Cookie decorating party on December 12 for grades 3-6.** This drop-off event will be in Kid's Cove 6:30-8:30 PM. It's free and supplies are provided.
- **Christmas Cookie decorating party on December 13 for all kids grade 2 and under** 10:30-11:30 AM. Parents are invited to decorate cookies alongside their younger kids. Enjoy this fun tradition without the hassle of messing up your own kitchen! It's free and supplies are provided.



The 19th Annual

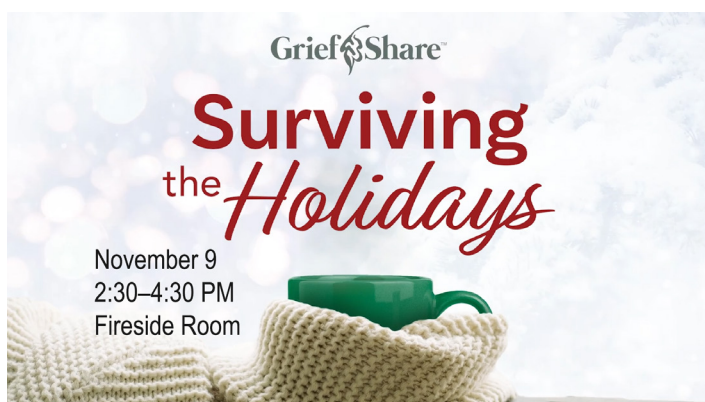
Belles' BRUNCH

Saturday, December 6
10 AM in the Christian Life Center
Northside Baptist Church
\$15/person



Belles' Brunch: Saturday, December 6, 10 AM, Christian Life Center

Ladies, don't miss this wonderful chance to kick off the Christmas season with our annual Belles' Brunch featuring elegantly decorated tables, delicious food and Christmas songs. Tickets are available in the Welcome Center each Sunday for \$15 each. You may also sign up to be a hostess and/or purchase tickets on our website at northsideindy.org/events/belles-brunch



GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Sunday, November 9, 2:30 PM, Fireside Room

Grief is harder around the holidays
Know how to deal with the challenges

When you're asking questions about your grief, a quick, cliché response is not what you need. At GriefShare, you'll meet people who will listen, without judgment, and share helpful insights and advice.



Deck the Halls: November 23

Help decorate the facility for the Christmas season after the worship service on November 23.

STRENGTHEN
COMMUNITIES

ASHLAND/APPALACHIA

Appalachia Mission Trip

2/28/2026 — 3/6/2026

Appalachia Mission Trip

Ashland, Kentucky

February 28 to March 6, 2026

Age limit 22+, training and background check required

Volunteers will serve meals and address immediate needs while offering comfort or assistance at the **Lovewell Initiative**, where homeless and low-income individuals are shown care and compassion.

Total cost \$400 (includes food, housing, transportation, & ministry materials – partial scholarships available through the BJ Higgins Missions Fund). Registration and \$200 deposit due November 16, 2025. Final \$200 payment due January 25, 2026.

Bogotá, Colombia – Summer of 2026

The city of Bogotá is the capitol of Colombia. It's located in a high-altitude basin within the Andes Mountains. Known as "The Athens of South America," Colombia's economic, cultural, and political center is home to more than 11 million residents, many who need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

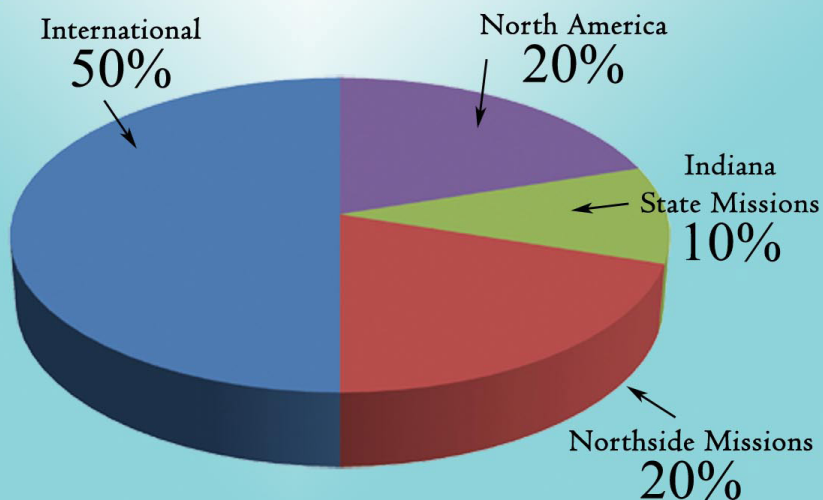
Northside is planning a mission trip to travel to Bogotá and work alongside our missionaries in the city. An interest meeting is being held in the Fireside Room on Sunday, November 2, 2025 following the morning service.



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WEEK OF PRAYER
for International Missions
November 30–December 7, 2025

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® emphasis. God works through your prayers to change lives.

How will you continue to respond through your prayers and financial support?

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Daylight Saving Time ends 9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship	6p GriefShare	7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer 4p Covenant Foods 5p Pickleball	9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	9:30a The Chosen (Season 5) 6p Pickleball 7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women		
9:15a Community Groups 10:30a Bible Explorers 10:30a Kids Worship 10:30a Worship 2:30p Surviving the Holidays	6p GriefShare	4p Covenant Foods	9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women 6:15p Assemble 6:15p Awana 6:30p Catalyst	7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women		
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JOY Luncheon

November 20 · 11:30 AM · Fireside Room

Bring sides & desserts to go with Turkey & Gravy
and bring a story of gratitude to share.



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IN WORSHIP IN GROUPS IN MINISTRY

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Groups and Classes - 9:15 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

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COMMUNITY GROUPS: SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM

The Journey

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B201

Bible Studies for Life

Parents & Professionals

Couture, Donaldson

& Kern in B203

Bible Studies for Life

The Well

Jessica Barham

B206

James

Moran Group

Jim Moran, Mark West

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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