

# THE VISION



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**ENGAGING**  
IN WORSHIP

**GROWING**  
IN GROUPS

**SERVING**  
IN MINISTRY

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS



WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE

# Holy Spirit

(BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)

*by Jeremy Couture, Senior Pastor*

The Holy Spirit is discounted and overlooked by evangelical believers (especially the Baptists!) even though He is the third person of the Trinity. One reason for this neglect is confusion. There is no systematic description of the Spirit anywhere in Scripture, which means we must put all the pieces together and synthesize them into a coherent portrait. This is a difficult and daunting task. Many Bible teachers have focused on other things, leaving us with lots of unanswered questions about the Holy Spirit.

Another reason for this lack of attention is a focus on practical Christianity. Topical sermons, hands-on studies, and how-to podcasts are hot these days. Everyone seems interested in improving their Christian walk in a concrete way. There is certainly nothing wrong with this, but it leaves things like the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the back of the closet with little to no attention.

A final reason for this gap is fear. The excesses of the modern Pentecostal and charismatic movements have caused some people to distance themselves from the Holy Spirit. Many Baptists are afraid that they will be accused of being "one of those people" if they emphasize or talk about the ministry of the third person of the Trinity. Some are also anxious about losing their focus on the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ.

We can correct this situation by summoning up the courage to ask the right questions. In our Wednesday night Catalyst Study, this October and November, we will be addressing "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Holy Spirit but Were Afraid to Ask." We will be looking at what the Bible has to say about the Holy Spirit's place in the Godhead, His activity in the Old and New Testaments, and His ministry in the world, the life of believers, and in the church. We will also be answering questions about the modern charismatic movement and how to cultivate the Spirit's power and presence today.

Our Catalyst Study is focused on helping believers build a biblical view of the world and everything in it. Over the course of the last 2 and ½ years, we have focused on most of the doctrines in the Scriptures. We have also pieced together an overview of the Old and New Testaments. We are currently engaged in a study of the disciplines to facilitate spiritual growth. All of this is a part of Northside's overall disciple-making pathway of spiritual formation and spiritual multiplication.

I hope you'll jump in and join us starting on October 1 at 6:30 PM as we ask these key questions together!



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## A Catalyst Study

Led by Pastor Jeremy Couture  
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Fireside Room

### October 1:

Is the Holy Spirit Really God?

### October 8:

What Did the Holy Spirit Do in the Old Testament?

### October 15:

What Happened at Pentecost?

### October 22:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in the World?

### October 29:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in the Believer?

### November 5:

What About the Modern Charismatic Movement?

### November 12:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in the Church?

### November 19:

How Can I Cultivate the Power and the Presence of the Holy Spirit?

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The Holy Spirit is often overlooked and misunderstood in Christian circles today. One of the best-known pastors and authors of the last century, A. W. Tozer, once wrote, "If the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from the church today, ninety-five percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. But, if the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, ninety-five percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference." The Bible tells us more than we realize about the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit if we summon up the courage to ask.

## Objectives

1. To help believers gain a biblical view of the character and activity of the Holy Spirit in both the Old and the New Testaments.
2. To support believers as they cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the ministry of the local church and in their everyday lives.
3. To support Northside's overall disciple-making pathway of spiritual formation and spiritual multiplication.

"Good theology is essential for good discipleship and spiritual formation."



**Missions Fair Photo Album**

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# Northside Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Youth Pastor

Hello Northside Family!

I hope you have enjoyed your Fall so far. It has been an exciting month for Northside Youth and October has a lot in store as well!



September kicked off our Home Bible Study which has been incredible as we have looked at how to discern and find God's presence in the midst of the "wildernesses" of our own lives. Please pray for the rest of our Home Bible Study as we dive into God's Word.

Also in September, we had our Nerf and Hide & Seek event at the church. This was an awesome time of fel-



lowship as we played games with nerf guns and some exhilarating games of Hide & Seek around the church building. We had a fantastic turnout and several youth brought friends for the first time!

As we turn to October, we have the final preparations for the Assembly Room renovation project through the Church Work Day on October 4th, a Corn Maze and Bonfire Event, and our Assemble Halloween Party.

Please continue to pray for the youth as they hopefully get some rest over Fall Break and as the Fall months continue with busy schedules that they keep their eyes on Christ and find their true identity and ultimate rest in the Savior. Thank you!

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





**4- YOUTH ROOM WORKDAY**

8AM- NOON- BREAKFAST PROVIDED

**OCT**

**25- CORN MAZE AND BONFIRE**

@ EXPLORATION ACRES- \$15- 3-9PM

**29- ASSEMBLE HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**NOV**

**14-15- FALL RETREAT- \$40**

5:00PM FRIDAY - 6:30PM SATURDAY

**30- COLTS GAME VS. TEXANS- \$75**

OPEN TO ALL AGES AND FAMILIES

**DEC**

**12- CHRISTMAS PARTY**

@ BARHAM HOUSE- 6-9PM

**14- JINGLE BOWL- 1-3:30PM**

**17- ASSEMBLE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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# I Would Die for You: One Student's Story of Passion, Service and Faith

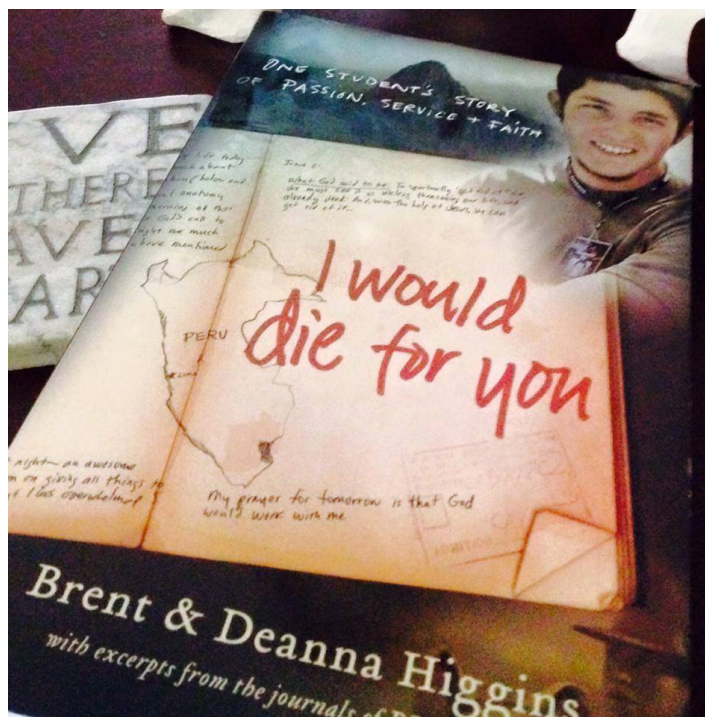
Book Review by Barbara Cross

This book about young missionary, BJ Higgins, is now available in our Family Resource Library (upstairs in the CLC). Not only is it challenging and inspiring, but the book, "I Would Die for You" is also very personal to Northside Baptist Church. Written by Brent and Deanna Higgins, the story is more than a story. If you've been around Northside long enough, you've experienced it first-hand.

Brent and Deanna were members of Northside in 1989 when their son, BJ (Brent Allen Higgins, Jr.) was born on October 1st that year. As a newborn, BJ played the role of Baby Jesus in Northside's Christmas pageant while his mom and dad played Mary and Joseph. BJ grew up here. The book is full of quotes from people who knew BJ and were close to him, including many members of Northside.

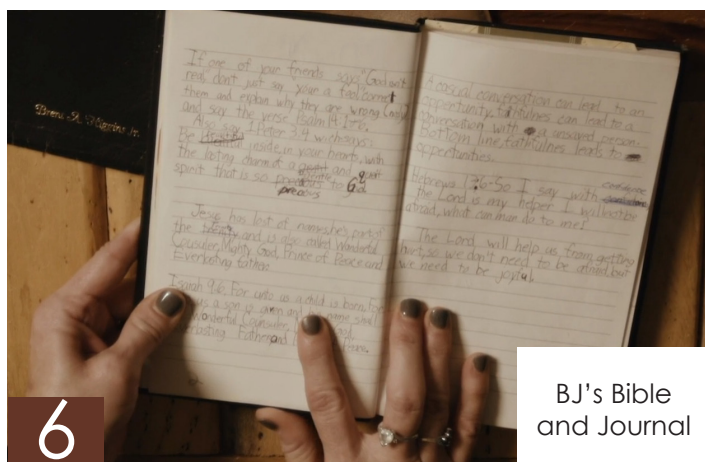
In slightly less than sixteen years of life, BJ Higgins experienced a full and amazing relationship with his Savior. It was a relationship that few people realize so fully, even if they live many years. We can't second-guess God, or ask what might have been. BJ was willing to die to further God's kingdom.

From a personal perspective, I remember hearing that BJ had become ill. It was August of 2005 and I knew he had just returned from his second mission to Peru. He had contracted a serious respiratory illness. Northside members were asked not to visit the hospital and overwhelm the family. During that time, my son Jeff called me and said he had been asked to set up a blog for the family so friends and church family could stay up to date on BJ's condition. Blogs were not so commonplace back then, but this one became a phenomenon, especially after MercyMe, Northside's longstanding "camp band" shared the link on their prayer page. People around the globe were logging into the blog every day to check BJ's status and to see how to pray for him. I read the updates every morning, crying and praying and being inspired by excerpts from the journals of a very godly teenager.



When BJ died, it brought some things to light that we otherwise might not have seen or understood. This book, the blog ([prayforbj.com](http://prayforbj.com)), the memorial service and even the calling upon his parents' life were all letting us see God at work. He is moving in this generation. He is raising up young people who will go where he sends them.

BJ's memorial service, here at Northside, concluded with young people flooding to the front of the auditorium saying, "I will take BJ's place" (on the mission field). That event reminded me of Jesus' words in the book of John when He said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:23-26 NASB)



BJ's Bible and Journal



BJ sharing the gospel in Peru



# Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

## Kids Bible Study Classes at 9 AM on Sunday

Our store will be open on October 5 from 9-9:15am. You may notice at drop off each week, that kids get a sticker for being there, a second sticker for bringing their Bible, and a third sticker for reciting a Bible verse from memory. October 5 is when kids will get to spend their stickers in our store.

**Memory Verse for the month of October** "You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him." Deuteronomy 13:4

## Bible Explorers

### October 5

Israel's First King from 1 Samuel 8:1-9; 13:1-14, 15:10-29

### October 12

David is Chosen from 1 Samuel 16

### October 19

David and The Ark from 2 Samuel 5-6

### October 26

God's Covenant with David from 2 Samuel 7

## Awana

**October 1, 8, 15, & 22** Regular Meetings

**October 29** -Painting Pumpkins!

## Parents' Night Out

On August 22, Northside hosted Parents Night Out which meant all the kids stayed at church and partied while the parents had a date night! We had 18 kids, 3 teen helpers, and 9 adult volunteers participate. We roller skated, played in the ball pit and on the new playground, built Lego creations, colored, and enjoyed a cookout by Luis.

We had a blast! Thank you, Luis Llerena, Nancy Laurino, Jerry & Meme Sikes, Curt Waters, Glen Christie, Jim Moran, Rick Williams, Bryan Root, Kai Finnigan, Jubilee Root, and Ella Fife for making Parents Night Out a success!



**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT PHOTO ALBUM**





\$75/person

# FAITH AND FOOTBALL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
TEXANS VS COLTS | 1:00 PM



## POSTGAME EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

COLTS GAME DAY TICKET

TESTIMONIALS FROM COLTS PLAYERS, COACHES AND CHEERLEADERS

POSTGAME ON-FIELD ACCESS FOR PHOTOS





## Don Agnew Memorial Golf Tournament Results

### First Place Team

Tim Schlotterbeck, Lance Berryman, Casey Reames, Brad Frost - 3 under par

### Individual Awards

Ryan Grismore: Closes to Pin #4  
 Mark Raney: Closest to Pin #8  
 Ryan Grismore: Closest to Pin #11  
 Lance Berryman: Closest to Pin #14  
 Men's Longest Drive: Ed Williams  
 Women's Longest Drive: Erin Dickerson

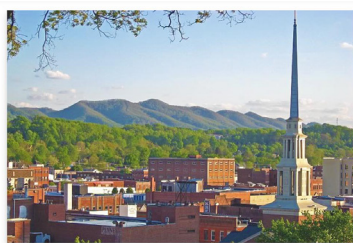


## October Calendar Highlights

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will have a place to write and drop off cards for the pastors and children's director each Sunday in October.



There will be a **Work Day** on Saturday, **October 4** for any able-bodied volunteers who can help with projects around the facility. **8 AM to noon**. Breakfast will be served in the Fireside Room at 8 AM.



ASHLAND/APPALACHIA  
**Appalachia Mission Trip**  
2/28/2026 — 3/6/2026

Appalachia is known for its misty mountains and expansive wooded trails, but beneath its natural beauty lies a region facing significant challenges. With some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, many communities are struggling with hunger, low literacy, and the devastating effects of the opioid crisis. The need for compassion ministry and the hope of the gospel in this area is clear.



### Ashland Mission Trip Interest Meeting: October 5

Northside will send a team to Ashland, Kentucky, February 28 - March 6, 2026. Pastor Jeremy will have a meeting following the worship service on October 5 for anyone who has an interest in participating. Pick up more details in the Welcome Center.

### Special Called Members' Meeting: October 12

There will be a brief Members' Meeting following the worship service on October 12 to elect messengers for upcoming meetings in our state.

**Pickleball Open Play in the gym:** Tuesdays, 5 PM - 7 PM, Thursdays, 6 PM - 8 PM, October 7 — November 6  
No cost, no sign-up required, no experience or equipment needed. Just come play or learn how to play pickleball in a fun and recreational environment.



Our JOY group (Just Older Youth) will have a JOY Luncheon in the Fireside Room on Thursday, October 16 at 11:30 AM. Details about the meal will be announced soon. Our Facility Director, Luis, will be the special speaker that day, sharing about his experience on the mission field in Ecuador.



### Discovering Northside Luncheon: October 19

If you're new to Northside and would like to learn more about our church, please come to a special informative lunch. Our next luncheon will be on Sunday, October 19. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to let us know you're coming or scan the QR code to RSVP online. Find more information on our website: [northsideindy.org/events/discovering-northside](http://northsideindy.org/events/discovering-northside)



Northside's Deacons and Elders will host another Grill Walk on Saturday, October 25. More details coming soon.



# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<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	<b>9:30a</b> The Chosen (Season 5) <b>7p</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women		<b>8a</b> Work Day
<b>9:15a</b> Community Groups <b>10:30a</b> Kids Worship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>12p</b> Mission Trip Interest Meeting <b>5p</b> Youth Bible Study	<b>6p</b> GriefShare	<b>7:30a</b> Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer <b>4p</b> Covenant Foods <b>5p</b> Pickleball	<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	<b>9:30a</b> The Chosen (Season 5) <b>6p</b> Pickleball <b>7p</b> Creative Living Bible Study for Women		
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# ENGAGING GROWING SERVING

IN WORSHIP IN GROUPS IN MINISTRY

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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

### 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 (New location)

Various Studies

### Grades 6-12

Upstairs CLC

### Elementary/Preschool

Kids Wing

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