

# THE VISION

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**PASTOR  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH**  
OCTOBER

**Send a card.  
Write a note.  
Or simply  
say,  
Thank you,  
Pastor!**

## Before the Service Even Starts

*by Alex Darnall, Worship Pastor*

We might think it begins when the first song starts, when the sermon begins, or when we step into whatever area we are serving in that morning. In reality, ministry begins the moment we pull into the parking lot.

Every Sunday, people walk through our doors carrying things we know nothing about. Some are guests for the first time and aren't sure where to go. Some haven't been to church in years. Others may be dealing with grief, stress, loneliness, or questions about God. We may never know everything going on in someone's life, but we have an opportunity every week to make sure they know they are welcome here. Sometimes that can be as simple as holding the door for someone, introducing yourself to a person you don't recognize, helping a family figure out where their kids need to go, or taking a few minutes after the service to talk to someone instead of immediately finding the people you already know. Romans 12:13 tells us to "pursue hospitality." I love that word pursue because it means we aren't just waiting for an opportunity to be welcoming. We are actually looking for one.



I'm incredibly thankful for everyone who serves on our Welcome Ministry each week, but welcoming people to Northside isn't just their responsibility. All of us have a part to play in creating the kind of church where someone feels loved the moment they walk through our doors. So this Sunday, take a minute to look around before and after the service. Is there someone you haven't met yet? Is there a family that looks like they're trying to figure out where to go? Is someone sitting by themselves? Maybe there is someone you've seen for weeks but have never actually introduced yourself to. It doesn't have to be complicated, and you don't have to be scheduled to serve that morning. God can use a simple conversation, a warm welcome, or someone taking the time to notice another person.

You have an opportunity to minister to someone every Sunday, and that opportunity might come before the service ever starts.

**ENGAGING**  
IN WORSHIP

**GROWING**  
IN GROUPS

**SERVING**  
IN MINISTRY

# MAN UP

## INDIANA MENS CONFERENCE

### Man Up - Men's Conference

**November 14, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM at Northside Baptist Church**  
(A State Convention of Baptists Event)

Man Up is a one-day conference designed to encourage and equip men to follow Christ, lead their homes with integrity, and live on mission every day. Through powerful biblical teaching, practical breakout sessions, honest panel discussions, worship, and meaningful fellowship, you'll be challenged to strengthen your faith, invest in your family, and make an eternal impact in your church, workplace, and community. Whether you're a husband, father, young adult, or seasoned leader, you'll leave encouraged and equipped to Man Up and faithfully live out God's calling.

#### Speaker Spotlight: John Standeford

John Standeford is a former professional football player who spent seven seasons in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts and Detroit Lions. He was a member of the Colts' 2007 Super Bowl Championship team, a highlight of a journey that began in the small town of Monrovia, Indiana. His path from humble beginnings to the biggest stage in football is a testament to perseverance, dedication, and faith.



#### Chuck Lofton

In July of 2022 Chuck Lofton was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle, a rare lifetime achievement award that highlighted a career of excellence in television. Chuck has been a part of 13News Sunrise on WTHR-TV since the very first show in September of 1985. For decades, families, students and Hoosiers of every walk of life have started their day with his forecasts.



#### Worship Music- Alex Darnall

Alex was born and raised in northwest Tennessee. He has a degree in Worship and Pastoral Leadership from Boyce College. He has been serving in full-time ministry since 2017. His mission is to glorify God and serve others by means of biblical worship, practical teaching and intentional relationships. Alex and his wife Ali have been married since 2017 and have a daughter, Elliot, and a son, Shepherd. Alex enjoys watching and playing sports, reading, running, comic books and video games.



Scan here to visit [scbi.org](http://scbi.org) for more information and to sign up.

## Step into the Joy of the Christmas Season at Belles Brunch!

Ladies, Christmas is right around the corner, and there is no better way to welcome the season than to be surrounded by warmth, laughter, and community! Mark your calendars for **Saturday morning, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, as we gather for a morning of fun, inspiration and fellowship.

From the moment you arrive at the Christian Life Center, you'll be treated like an honored guest – starting with complimentary valet parking at the door. Step inside to discover a Christmas wonderland, where the room comes alive with dozens of uniquely decorated tables. No two are alike, each offers its own creative charm!

### Schedule:

9:30 AM: Doors open

10 AM: Brunch is served

11 AM - Noon: Program

The morning is crafted especially for women of all ages, friends and guests, church attendees or not. It's a lovely time to pause, reset, and feel truly cherished.

**Location:** Northside Baptist Church  
Christian Life Center  
3021 E 71st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Come celebrate, connect, and start your Christmas off in the sweetest way possible. We can't wait to welcome you!

### Tickets: \$15/person

Purchase tickets online or  
in the Welcome Center  
October 18-November 22.



Scan to order tickets

### Featured Ministry: Life Centers

Learn more at [LifeCenters.com](http://LifeCenters.com)  
Donations can be made by cash,  
check or online at the Brunch.

The 20th Annual

*Belles'*  
BRUNCH

Presented by  
the Women of  
Northside Baptist Church  
December 5, 2026



# Northside Kids Ministry News

by Danielle Root, Children's Director

## Kids Community Groups: Sundays at 9 AM

Community Groups for kids meet at 9am to allow parents to be on time for their 9:15am adult Community Groups. In October this is what we'll be learning.

### October 4 Jesus Fed a Crowd

Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, & John 6

### October 11 Jesus Walked on Water

Matthew 14, Mark 6, & John 6

### October 18 Jesus Healed a Child and a Man

Matthew 15 & Mark 7

### October 25 Jesus Raised Lazarus

John 11

## Bible Explorers: Sundays at 10:30 AM

Bible Explorers is for kids in 1st grade through 6th grade and meet every week, except the 1st Sunday of the month, during the main worship service.

**October 4** Kids join the main worship service

**October 11** Deborah Leads (Judges 4-5)

**October 18** Hannah and Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)

**October 25** David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 20)

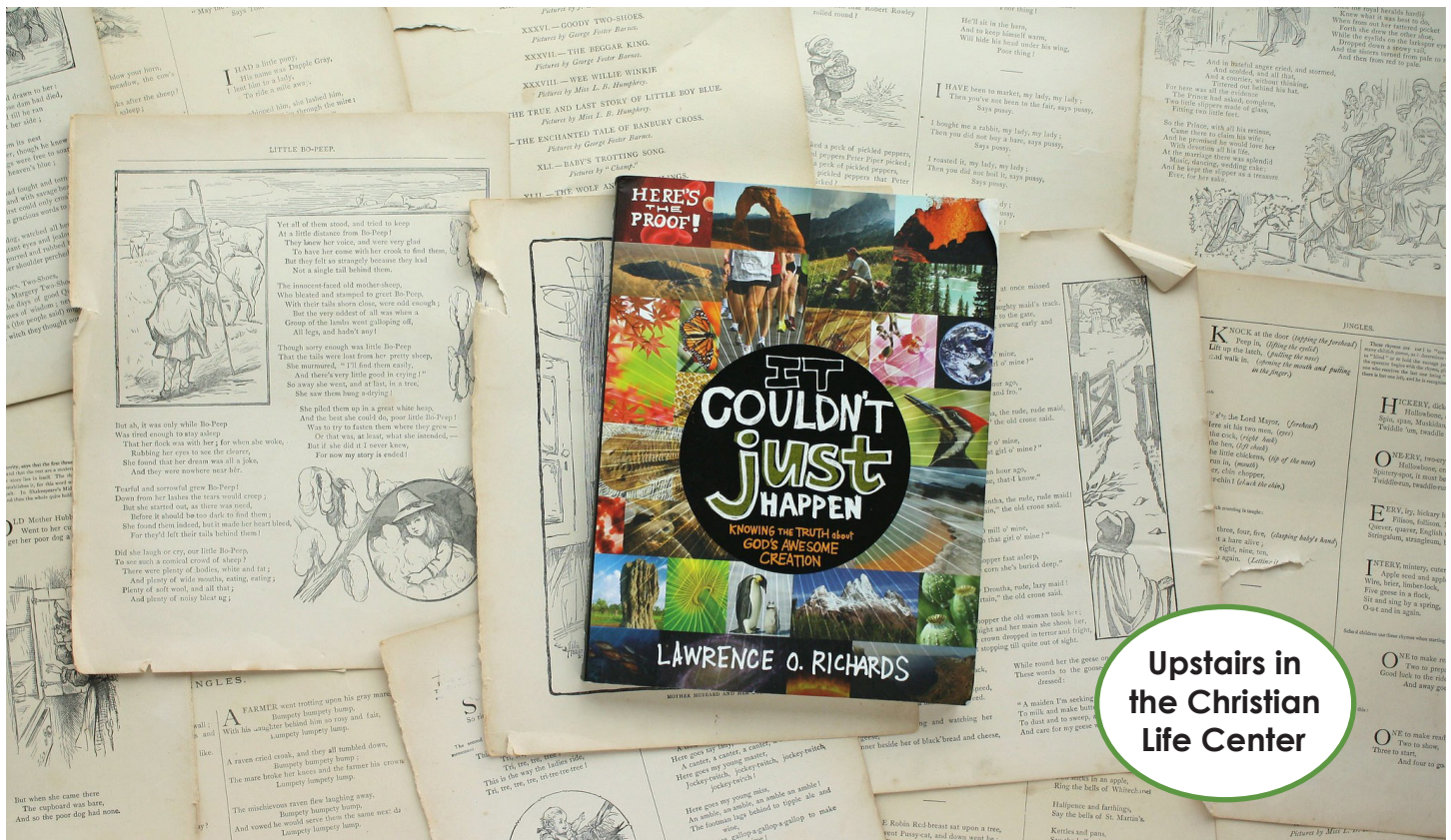
## Awana: Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

**October 7** Regular Meeting

**October 14** Missionary Focus (Gwion Family)

**October 21** Regular Meeting

**October 28** Painting Pumpkins!



Upstairs in  
the Christian  
Life Center

## It Couldn't Just Happen

Book Review by Danielle Root

Does your child love science, but you wish there was a science book coming from a Christian perspective instead of a secular perspective? Check out a new arrival to our Family Resource Library, ***It Couldn't Just Happen, Knowing the Truth about God's Awesome Creation*** by Lawrence O. Richards.

This book is a perfect independent read for fourth-sixth graders or a parent/child read aloud for first-third graders. *It Couldn't Just Happen* shares scientific evidence for creation to strengthen kids' faith in God.

It answers questions such as why homology is not good evidence for evolution, why similarity is not proof of evolution, and how our world is balanced so exactly to sustain life that it couldn't have just happened.

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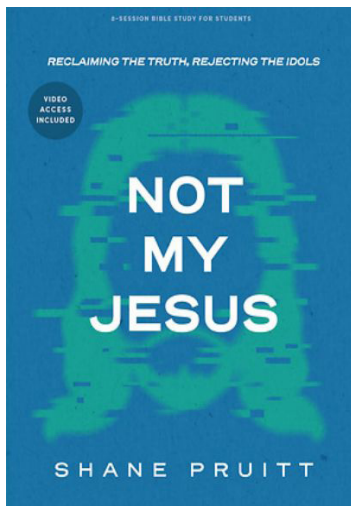
Check out this book along with other wonderful books in our Family Resource Library located upstairs in the CLC.



## Youth Ministry Essentials

by Jared Barham, Associate Pastor of Youth

Hello Northside! I pray that by the time you read this it actually feels like Fall. September has been a great month for Northside Youth. We are almost done with our study through the "I Am" statements of Jesus which has been a fruitful study!



Home Bible Study has kicked off and we are going through "Not My Jesus" by Shane Pruitt. This is a Bible Study designed to look at who the real Jesus of the Bible is, while also examining some misconceptions the world has about who they think Jesus is. Please continue to pray for us in these two studies!

Event wise, we had our Hide and Seek event at church. This is always a huge hit as we play Hide and Seek throughout the church building (with its many twists and turns and exceptional hiding places). I am always blown away by the new and creative places that our youth find to hide!

October is an exciting upcoming month of ministry but also features Fall Break at all of our schools. We have our Corn Maze and Bonfire event at the end of the month, and on October 16 we have a very special and fun event that we get to host called The 5th Quarter. This event is in partnership with Panther FCA from North Central High School and will be a time of fun, food, and the sharing of the gospel with as many students that show up after the last football game of the season. If you are interested in helping with this in any capacity please contact Pastor Jared for ways you can help!

Thank you for your prayers and support and please pray that our teenagers find rest over Fall Break and grow in their reliance on God during their busy lives!



**Assemble: Wednesdays at 6:15 PM**  
**8-week study: I AM**



**CORN MAZE AND BONFIRE**  
**OCTOBER 24 \$15/PERSON**  
**MEET AT NORTHSIDE**  
**3 PM - 8 PM**



Linda Donaldson, Jeff Palmer and his wife, Kathy (not pictured), serve on our flower team.

Jason Boykin and Cliff Pittman are a couple of our mowing volunteers. Paul Haag and Daniel Wright (not pictured) serve on the team, too.

## Secret Service: Landscaping

by Phyllis Rudisill, Controller

Our October focus of behind-the-scenes volunteers are for those who faithfully serve outdoors during the growing season. Do you know we have men who faithfully mow our campus each week? We also have several people who purchase, plant, and water the beautiful flowers in the flower pots all summer. Next time you see these unsung heroes, please let them know how much you appreciate them!



### Work Day: October 3, 8 AM - 12 PM

Breakfast will be in the Fireside Room at 8 AM.

Projects will include indoor dusting, trimming shrubs, pulling weeds, repairing shed floor and ramps, and organizing the shed.



### Grill Walk & Food Drive

This great group of volunteers showed up to help at our Grill Walk in September. The group served food to the nearby Ravenswood neighborhood that is still recovering from historic floods.

Northside members also stepped up in a big way to restock the **Covenant Foods** pantry as we prepare for increased need this fall and winter. Thank you for being a generous church, always going the extra mile to show God's love in our community.

Hosted by  
Northside Baptist Church



OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 19



- Open play for all ages and skill levels
- Come with a group, with a friend, or by yourself.

#### ***Schedule***

Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

- Bring your own equipment. (limited amount available)
- Northside Baptist Church  
Christian Life Center Gym  
(Entrance B4)  
3021 East 71st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46220  
317-255-6692

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*Grief recovery groups*

**GRIEFSHARE.ORG**



## What is GriefShare?

A support group to help you move through the grief process...

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

GriefShare meetings will be at Northside in the education building located on the west side of the church. Signage will be provided to direct you from the driveway entrance and around the building to the designated entrance.



**October 4-January 10**

**3:00 - 4:30 PM**

[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)



**Thursday, October 15**  
**Fireside Room**  
**11:30 AM**



## **JOY Luncheon**

**October 15 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room**

Senior adults are invited to bring your favorite dish or dessert to add to our pitch-in this month as Northside's "Just Older Youth" enjoy a time of food and fellowship.

Members of the Knights of Columbus from Zionsville will provide a presentation on the **"History of the Flag of the United States"**. The presentation includes a display of several US Flag designs leading up to the current 50-star version of "Old Glory". A discussion of flag etiquette and the traditional flag folding ceremony will also be presented.



**Join us on our mission to Chicago next April.**  
**Information meeting after the service: Sunday, October 18**  
**\$125 deposit due December 4**



# Don Agnew GOLF TOURNAMENT Photo Album & Results



1st place: Kevin Janowicz, Glen Christie, Ron Bland, Ron Cox -9



2nd place: Cohl Dickerson, Cooper Gentry, Brandon Sorrell, Cooper York -8



3rd place: Matt Walkup, Nic Walkup, Bruce Shadiow, Scott Comer



Cliff Pittman, Erin & Van Dickerson, Paul Newsome



Jordan Carlos, Roman Ogle, Noah Dickerson, Jay Brooks



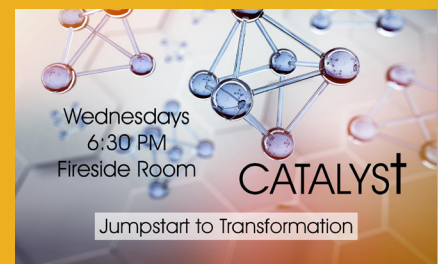
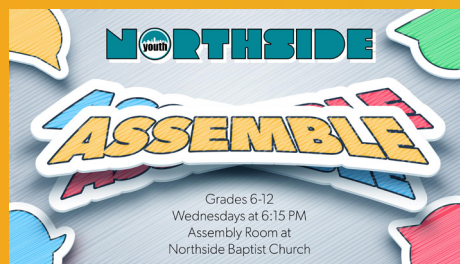
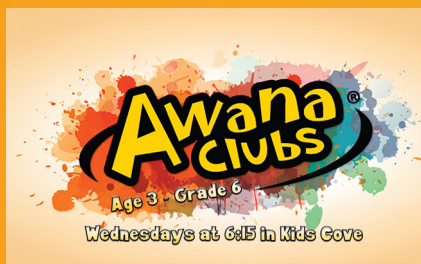
Casey & Rachel Reames, Tim Schlotterbeck, Lance Berryman



Men's Longest Drive – Cooper York  
Women's Longest Drive – Erin Dickerson  
Closest to the Pin #4 – Cooper York  
Closest to the Pin #8 -Brandon Sorrell  
Closest to the Pin #14 – Cooper Gentry  
Closest to the Pin #11 – Kevin Janowicz

# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                          | Monday                       | Tuesday                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                            | Friday                        | Saturday                                     |
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|                                                                                                                                 |                              |                                                              |                                                                                                   | 6p Pickleball<br>7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women                           | 1                             | 2 8a Church Work Day 3                       |
| 4 9:15a Community Groups<br>10:30a Kids Worship<br>10:30a Worship<br>3p GriefShare                                              | 5                            | 7:30a Men's Coffee, Fellowship & Prayer<br>4p Covenant Foods | 6 9:15a Creative Living Bible Study for Women<br>6:15p Assemble<br>6:15p Awana<br>6:30p Catalyst  | 7 6p Pickleball<br>7p Creative Living Bible Study for Women                         | 8                             | 9 10                                         |
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There's Something for Everyone on Wednesday Nights!

# ENGAGING IN WORSHIP

# GROWING IN GROUPS

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## Sunday Morning Worship

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

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**317-659-6348**

