### **MEET OUR STAFF**



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## SHARE THE **JOURNEY**

#### GET INVOLVED

Sunday, July 25

9:30a Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:45a Worship Service Kid's Church 10:45a

Sunday Evening Worship 5:00p

Ecclesia 5:00p GroupLife 5:00p 5:00p Summit Huddle

Tuesday, July 27

6:00p Zumba Fitness for Women 6:00p Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday, July 28

6:00p Wednesday Night Connect 6:00p Extreme Kids Live Summit Pool Party

Thursday, July 29

6:00p

Zumba Fitness for Women 6:00p

6:15p Trail Life

Saturday, July 31

Incoming 6th Grader Party

CHURCH SECURITY: For security purposes, the doors to the church buildings will be open 30 minutes before a service or event. This includes Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

(Please note that the calendar was correct at the time of printing. Changes may have occurred after printing that would cause the calendar to be inaccurate.)

### **COUNT OUR BLESSINGS**

Budget Gifts Last Week \$ 15,385 Given Year to Date \$1,054,282 Need Year to Date \$1,213,340

## STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

Go to nbcvictoria.org/wg for a digital copy of this Worship Guide



#### **GROUPLIFE TEACHER TRAINING**

On August 15 there is a GroupLife teacher training right after the worship service. This is for teachers in every Sunday School department (children, students, adults) and anyone that leads a journey group. Registration is open on the events page of our website. Childcare is provided if requested at registration. Lunch will be served.

#### PROMOTION SUNDAY

Promotion Sunday is next Sunday! Babies through high school move up one grade in your Sunday School Classes.

#### NORTHSIDE BAPTIST SCHOOL

Our school is registering for the 2021-22 school year. The school is for 2 year olds - 5th grade. Extended care and early bird care is available. Contact the school at 361-578-5601 for more information, or visit their website at nbsvictoria.org.

#### KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We need teachers in our children's area. The curriculum is easy to follow. You can impact the children of Northside by helping in this area. Contact Dave Benefield if you are interested.

#### **CHURCHWIDE WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

After a summer of looking at your favorite Bible verses, we will celebrate the Ancient Words with a Churchwide Worship Celebration. Mark your calendars now for August 22 at 5:00pm.

#### SIXTH GRADE PARTY

Have a student going into sixth grade? Cody wants to intoduce them to the Student Department with a party at his house. Join Cody & Krystle Moore at 709 Angus on July 31 from 6:00 - 9:00pm. Call Cody at 979-338-9034 or the church office if you have any questions.



how we do things? Sign up for our New Member Class on August 1 right after the morning worship service. Lunch will be served. Register on the events page of our website. Childcare is provided if requested at registration.

#### UPWARD FLAG FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING

Registration is open for Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading. The season begins with evaluations on 8/23; 8/28; 8/29; and 9/1. Practices begin the week of September 20. Games are October 2 through November 6. Register on the events tab at nbcvictoria.org.

Register now for AWANA. Registration is open on the events page of our website. Parent orientation night is scheduled for August 11 at 6:00pm. We have a skating party on August 18 from 6:00 - 7:30pm. The first Awana meeting is August 25 at 6:00pm. Club dues are \$25. Call Dave Benefield if you have any questions.



#### **SUMMIT POOL PARTY**

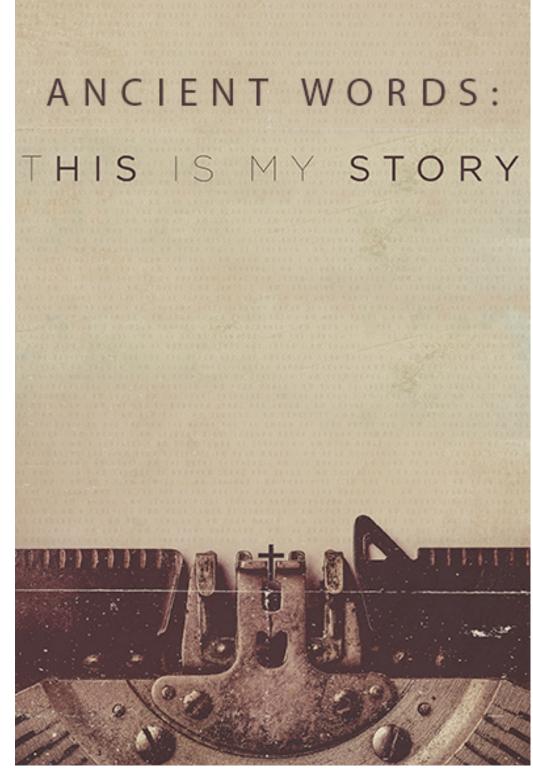
Students can get wet and have some fun on July 28 from 6:00 - 9:00pm. We are going to the Victoria Country Club pool for a pool party. Register on the events page of the church website, nbcvictoria.org. Cost is \$10.

#### EXTREME KIDS LIVE

Wednesday, August 4, at 6:00pm is the final Extreme Kids Live for this summer. Extreme Kids is for kids entering kindergarten through exiting 5th grade.



JULY 25, 2021



## THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY



Marlon Vick

The call to ministry for me is more of a story of a call ignored. After a long while of ignoring the urging of the Holy Spirit, his call began to be dulled out by other things. I replaced them with other "noise" so that they wouldn't interfere in what I thought I wanted or needed from life. This probably went on for 20 or more years until the providence of God led me to a men's conference in Houston. After an incredible weekend, I started to hear that still, small voice once again. Since that weekend in 2012, I've tried to heed the call of God as best I can, with highs and lows ensuing.

I can get wrapped up in the past. What a waste of time! What could I have done for the Kingdom of God if I had only heeded his voice all those years ago? Why would he still have any use for me after all that I've done? How could I possibly serve the Lord after all "the stuff" I engaged in... "stuff" being sin. Why would he still want me at all, much less use me?

Enter Romans 8:38-39. For me, these verses hit home when Paul gives examples of things that we can encounter: death or life, angels or rulers, things present or in the future, ANYTHING we can come up with essentially... it doesn't matter, it will not separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

I must remind myself of that when fulfilling the call of God. How am I worthy? I'm not, Christ is. How can I be used after all I've done? Through Christ. Why, after all I've done, does he still love me? Well, the fact is, nothing can separate me from the love of God through Christ. HE is my building block, rock bottom, the cornerstone. When all else fails, when all else hits me in the face to knock me down, I can rebuild from the knowledge that what God is calling me to is built on the inseparable love he has for me in Christ Jesus, and nothing in all of creation can separate me from it, because as the beginning of the chapter says, "There is now, therefore, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

If you're in Christ, you're loved so much by God. Inseparably loved. No matter what. Build on that knowledge. Start today.

In Christ,

Many

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

House of the Lord (Smith/Wickham)

#### **WELCOME & PRAYER**

Way Maker (Okoro)

Your Love Never Fails (McClarney/Skinner)

Do It Again (Brown/Brock/Furtick/Redman)

MESSAGE
Ancient Words: This is My Story
Finding Joy
Psalm 37:4
DARRELL TOMASEK

#### TIME OF COMMITMENT

Through It All (Morgan)

#### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Here Again (Corbett/Brown/Furtick)

#### THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

House of the Lord (Smith/Wickham)

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## **SERMON NOTES**



# Ancient Words: This Is My Story Finding Joy Psalm 37:4

**THE BIG IDEA**: True joy and true delight can only be found when we pursue God on His terms.

| 1. | An    | : Delight yourself in the |
|----|-------|---------------------------|
|    | Lord. |                           |

| 2. | A                          | : He will give you |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------|
|    | the desires of your heart. |                    |

## WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



LISTEN ONLINE Sunday Sermons are on our website: nbcvictoria.org

## Connect @ Northside

Visit our website @ nbcvictoria.org for:

- Pastor's Blog
- Up-to-date Northside happenings
- Online event registrations
- Facebook
- Newsletter



## Connect with YouVersion

- 1. Open You Version Bible app.
- 2. Click more.
- 3. Go to Events and find Northside.

To get wi-fi in the Worship Center, choose the *northside mar* network. The password is *john 316*.

# **@ THE FRONTLINE**

- 1. Have you gone through seasons where you have felt unfulfilled?
- 2. How did you approach this season?
- 3. What did God show you during this season as it relates to walking with Him?
- 4. If you are currently going through such a season, what steps can you take to find fulfillment in God?