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February Highlights:

- 12 New Beginnings Class
- 12 Parents' Night Out
- 17 Transformed



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Seeing the Vision through to Completion

by Dr. Skip Alexander, Senior Pastor

Finishing what you started was one of the first lessons learned at home and in the classroom as a child. The lesson has been reinforced from cleaning your plate to picking up your room. "Finish what you start," is sage advice and biblical advice.

The grand work of redemption by our Heavenly Father is moving toward completion. Our Lord will return and He will finish what He started. Evil will be punished and Love will be the victor! This lesson is important large and small ways. Before we boldly consider the next chapter in the life of our church family, we must finish what we started.



Foundational Truths: as part of our worship service on January 15th, members of the congregation were invited to write favorite scriptures on the floor under the new carpet.

There are two important goals that remain from 2011. First, complete the renovation of our entry and auditorium in the emphasis called, "Company's Comin'." Though much work has been accomplished, much work remains. Financial commitments need to be met and work accomplished. You can give to this need in two ways. First, when you give to the ministry budget, a portion goes to the cost of the project. Second, you can give directly to the renovation by identifying your gift as "Company's Comin'."

The second important goal is the calling of a Small Groups Pastor. Those we reach will be discipled. This commitment to discipleship through a small group format is central to our ministry. The Personnel

Committee has completed a job description and will be sharing this with the church family this month. We are in the very early stages of this search. The most important contribution you could offer to this critical decision in the life of the church is prayer. Please pray.

As we conclude these important goals from last year, the foundation for our future will be more solid. Thank you for your commitment to what the Lord has accomplished through our time together. Please join me, our staff and leadership in our efforts to fulfill these goals and finish what we started.

Remember, God alone is great, you are an amazing church and I love you!

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The Pew Crew: A big Thank You! goes out to the many volunteers who have helped our recent improvement projects go smoothly. The team pictured above helped move all the pews in the auditorium so the new flooring could be installed.



Company's Comin'

Throwing Temper Tantrums

by Tom Hall, Associate Pastor of Students

It is amazing how all children react the same way when being told “no.” My son, George, is a little over a year old and has proven he is not immune to these horrid and often embarrassing meltdowns. I should note that as I write this I am sitting in a public area where some sort of “moms group” just let out and tantrums are being thrown all around me. What is it that causes children to literally throw themselves on the ground kicking and screaming? Of course it is every parent’s goal to correct this behavior. It is embarrassing enough when my one-year-old throws a tantrum. I can only imagine the feeling if he were 10, 14 or 17 and still acted like this when he doesn’t get his way. Just imagine a high school student after being cut from the basketball team screaming and throwing his head back so hard it causes him to fall to the floor. Or after finding out she wasn’t accepted to the college she wanted she throws herself on the ground and begins kicking and punching the air.

This seems pretty ridiculous but this is exactly how we act with God. When things go wrong (or not how we



planned them) we get upset and throw a spiritual tantrum. We may not kick and scream throwing ourselves on the ground but we act out in other ways. You may get angry with

God or his bride the church and withdraw, or pretend God isn’t there or that He never said anything to you. Some may actively protest all things God-related or run fast and far away from Him hoping He forgets about them. If we don’t want our kids to act this way when we tell them “no” or ask them to do something, why then do we allow ourselves to behave this way with God?

I’ve noticed that tantrums (childish or spiritual) are thrown for one of two reasons; first, because we do not get what we want. The second reason we throw tantrums is to shame or guilt someone into changing their mind. Both of these show an incredibly sinful heart within us. God is in control of our past our present and our future, he has a plan for our life that will bring his name glory and we must realize we are vessels prepared to bring glory to Him, no matter the situation. When things don’t go according to our plan it is because we are outside of His plan. Throwing a tantrum only shows our lack of faith in Him being in control of our lives.

When we continue in our tantrum (sinful behavior) we are rejecting the word of God. Numbers 23:19 tells us “God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?” God’s plan is set. He will not change his mind. We may either get on board with His plan or get out of the way. It is time for us to stop throwing a tantrum or our personal pity party, God wants to use you if you will only obey Him. In the end we can take confidence that his plan is for our best plan as Romans 8:28 tells us. His plan for you involves His own glory and your good because your good involves His glory!



Get ready for UYC 2012! Summer will be here before you know it. If you are a student (or parent of a student) currently in grade 6-12, plan to be part of this pivotal event on the Northside Student Ministry calendar. All the details are being developed and will be announced soon. Cost is \$185.



Indianapolis Hosts Super Bowl XLVI

The eyes of the world are on Indianapolis this February as the world championship game of football is played at our own Lucas Oil Stadium. What an opportunity for us as Christians to reach out with the gospel. Here are a few practical ways you can have an impact.

1. Pick up one of our hosting packets that includes invitations and a DVD to host a neighborhood Super Bowl party. Invite your neighbors to watch the game with you.
2. Pick up some evangelistic literature in the Welcome Center and carry it with you when you visit Super Bowl venues around the stadium. Pray and watch for opportunities to share it.
3. Educate yourself on the proliferation of Human Trafficking that is sadly so prominent at this event. Do some research on ways to counter it and pray for God to use Christians to make a difference.



"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"
Romans 10:15



BeautifulFeet-Ethiopia.Blogspot.com

CHANGED 2012: Mission to Ethiopia



On January 13th, six members of Northside teamed up with a group from Hope for His Children to participate in "Changed 2012" - a mission to work alongside several Christian organizations in Ethiopia. Next month's issue of The Vision will feature articles from our members, but for now we will share with you these photos from the trip. You may also want to check out Stephanie Valadez' blog beautifulfeet-ethiopia.blogspot.com. In the group pictured here, you may recognize Northsiders, Dave, Stephanie, Carlos and Kidist Valadez and Kathy Long with her son Deacon. Also in the group are Elizabeth Jolliff's father, Mark Purcell and Dave Valadez' sister, Theresa Valadez. Our 2011 Belles Brunch guest speaker, Michelle Timmons, who founded Hope for His Children, is part of this team as well.



Children at CFI



Kathy Long with one of the children from CFI.



"Yesus yiwadihal" (Jesus loves you!)



Carlos portraying Zacchaeus during Bible Story Time.

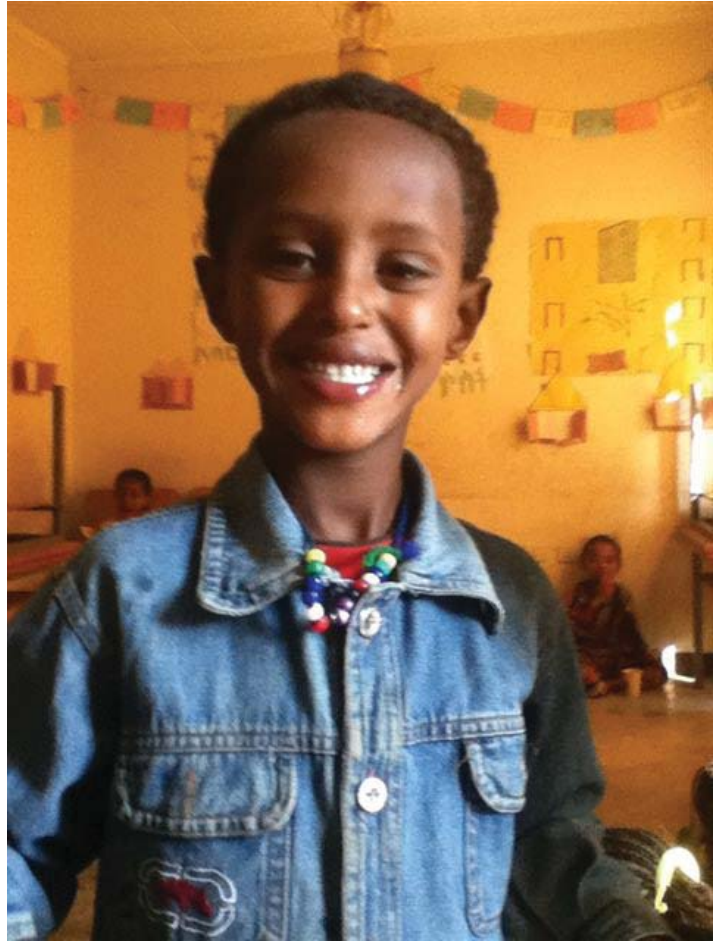
HOPE FOR HIS CHILDREN



Ladies in the courtyard preparing lunch for CFI Family Day.



Sports equipment our team brought over for the orphanage.



A big smile after creating the "salvation necklace" at craft time.



Deacon with a new friend. They loved to have their picture taken and then look at it.



One of our translators from CFI appreciating his new shoes



One of the beautiful views of Ethiopia. A reminder that our Creator is ultimately in control.



Dave, Kidist and Carlos interacting with the kids.



Kids at Hope for the Hopeless country orphanage enjoying crafts and sharing their stories



Cost: \$35 per person by February 27; \$40 after February 27.
 For: Girls ages 8-12 and their mother, aunt, grandma, or mentor
 Register Online: www.scbi.org

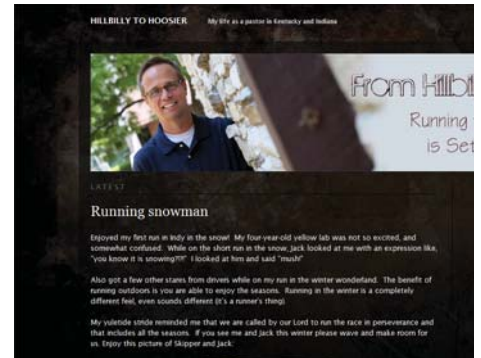
Special Speaker Leslie Hudson

Leslie lives in White Bluff, Tennessee with her husband and their two children. As a child she regularly got in trouble for being bossy, but realized later that God wanted to use her know-it-all tendency to make her a passionate teacher. These days, she teaches Bible at a small Christian middle school, piano lessons out of her home, and 10th grade girls' Sunday School. She speaks to groups of women and girls about God's Word and how to know Him better.

Worship Leader Autumn Wall and Indiana Girls Band

Autumn is back leading worship again this year at Pure Girl with her worship band of girls from all over Indiana. Autumn is the worship and student leader at Living Faith Church in Indianapolis. She has been loving every minute of leading in worship at churches and events for the last 16 years. Get ready to be on your feet moving and celebrating and on your knees pouring out your heart in worship at Pure Girl.

Instead of our normal pajama fashion show...Friday night everyone is encouraged to bring their craziest Hawaiian shirt to show off at the Beach Party! For those who would like to participate, we will end the evening with a crazy Hawaiian shirt fashion show!



Northside on Social Media

If you haven't stopped by to visit Pastor Skip's blog, you are missing out and have a lot of catching up to do.

HillbillyToHoosier.com already has 50+ posts and is updated regularly. Skip's writing is much like his sermons: humorous but also insightful and spiritually charged.

Northside also has accounts on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Just visit our webpage: www.worshipfortoday.com and click on the links.



UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING
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Upward Awards Celebration
Sunday, March 4th
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Northside Auditorium

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Parents' night out

4 pm to 7 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM Precept: 6:30 PM	2 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM, Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	3 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	4 Upward Games 8:30 AM
5 Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM (Super Bowl Sunday)	6 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 7:00 PM	7 Men's Bkfst 7:30 AM, JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM, Cov. Foods 4 PM, Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: Questions 6 & 7 PM	8 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM Precept: 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting 8:00 PM	9 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM, Women on Mission 10 AM Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	11 Upward Games 8:30 AM
12 Connection Groups 9:00 AM New Beginnings 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Parents Night Out 4-7 PM	13 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 7:00 PM	14 Men's Bkfst 7:30 AM, JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM, Cov. Foods 4 PM, Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: Questions 6 & 7 PM	15 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM Business Meeting 6:30 PM Precept: 6:30 PM	16 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM, Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	17-18 Upward Games 8:30 AM Transformed (Women's Event)	
19 Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	20 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 7:00 PM	21 Men's Bkfst 7:30 AM, JOY Luncheon 11:30 AM, Cov. Foods 4 PM, Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: Questions 6 & 7 PM	22 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM Precept: 6:30 PM	23 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM, Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	24 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	25 Upward Games 8:30 AM Nigeria Mission: Feb. 25 – March 10 State VBS Training
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Dates to Remember:

- February 12: New Beginnings Class; Parents' Night Out
- February 17-18: Transformed Women's Retreat
- February 25: Vacation Bible School - State Training
- March 4: Upward Awards
- March 4-11: North American Mission Board Week of Prayer
- March 7: New Wednesday Night Schedule begins
- March 16-17: Pure Girl - Beach Party
- March 31: NSM Indiana Mission Trip
- April 5: Living Lord's Supper
- April 8: Easter Sunday
- April 14: Run with a Mission
- April 21: Northside Women's Event
- May 13: Mother's Day



Vacation Bible School will be July 16-20

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Worship Times

Sunday Bible Study - 9:00 AM
 Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM



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How to Drown a Jeep in 1 Easy Step
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Skip and the Wrecking Ball
 Have you ever thought of God as someone who was watching you, waiting for you to do something wrong?

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