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January Calendar:

1 New Year's Day
2-4 Senior High Ski Trip
13-22 Ethiopia Mission
14 Upward Games
15-16 Junior High Ski Trip
16 Martin Luther King Day
29 Send Indianapolis Luncheon



Perhaps you've heard the "buzz" about Send North America and Send Indianapolis, but you're still not sure what it's all about. The Northside Mission Team is planning a luncheon to explain the initiative and answer your questions. Join us immediately following the morning worship service on January 29 in the Fireside Room. We will hear from three men, Bob Burton, Tony Manning and Rodney Mileski. Each will explain his part in the strategy to reach North America. See page 4 to read a recently-published article from Baptist Press about Tony Manning and Hamilton Village, our church plant in Fishers. Also visit www.namb.net/indianapolis for videos and articles.

Have you made your resolutions? Pastor Skip begins a new sermon series on January 8.



New Beginnings

Congratulations to everyone who completed our very first New Beginnings class in November and December. This class is offered quarterly to help introduce new and prospective members to our church. If you have recently joined Northside or are interested in learning more about us, contact the church office to sign up for the class.



Answered Prayers Lead us to Embrace a People Group

by Scott Westrum, Mission Team Leader

In October, before Pastor Skip and I departed for the Pacific Rim, we asked that you would pray for us in the following ways:

- John 8:32 – that the hearts of those we encounter will be ready to receive the Truth of the Gospel
- John 14:6 – that we would clearly speak of Jesus as the only way to God
- Phil 2:13 – that we would be tools in the Lord's hands for His good purposes
- Rev 7:9 – that God would clarify how Northside could embrace a specific people group of the nations, to make an eternal impact there.

God answered your prayers! We were able to **share the Truth of the gospel** with many, many individuals. And though we were empowered to speak the name of Jesus clearly and boldly, we realized that the spiritual darkness the people

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live in is so thick that it blinds them from seeing the Truth. Together with Jacob and Alison, we traveled through four different cities, **sharing our faith** and our experi-

ences of peace that only comes from salvation in Christ. We are so thankful for your prayers and for God's answers to these prayers. For God has indeed clarified how we can **embrace** this specific people group of the Pacific Rim.

In 2012, we hope that you will **continue to pray** for God's guidance as we strategize and formulate a vision for reaching these people. One thing is certain, as in all things, this ministry must be grounded in prayer. In addition, we will **study the people** to learn all we can about them, identifying how and where we can be most effective. We will investigate all opportunities of ministry, as well as form partnerships with others who desire to reach them. We will train volunteers for short term trips, and **send willing hearts** like yours to share the gospel with them. And as we go, we will celebrate God's direction and His victories as we become "His Heart, His Hands, and His Voice" to this unreached people group of the Pacific Rim.

Covenant Foods Celebrates Christmas

by Mary Hall, Director of Covenant Foods Ministry

On December 10, 2011 Covenant Foods celebrated Christmas at our annual Shoebox Party with 18 of our families and their children, ages three to twelve. Forty-two children attended and enjoyed refreshments and games. One of the highlights from the past two years is the drama of the Christmas story re-enacted by members of our youth department. Afterwards the gospel was presented and each child was given a shoebox gift. Over 30 wonderful Northsiders volunteered to make this day a special one for the children of Covenant Foods. Thank-you to all who generously gave your time on a busy Saturday in December to make a difference in child's life.

See photos of the shoebox party on the next page.

God Supplies a Missionary Need!

Our congregation made a commitment to provide transportation for Jacob and Alison, our missionaries on furlough. There was no budget money set aside for this need, but we prayed that the Lord would supply. Scott Westrum, chairman of our Missions Team, contacted Tony Petrucci, the former owner of his company and explained the situation. Without hesitation, Mr. Petrucci stepped up to fill the need. His company donated, not just a car, but a very nice Volvo! This is a Christmas miracle and a real praise. Added to that blessing, Don Hinds Ford, via Pat Lennen, did a bumper to bumper inspection. They replaced the battery and fixed a couple of small dents in the vehicle all done at NO charge. Praise the LORD! What a joy to welcome Jacob and Allison home for Christmas and present them the keys to a car that is free and clear!



Tony Petrucci and Pastor Skip





Indy Church Plant Buoyed by Partnerships

by Tobin Perry (Reprinted from Baptist Press, Dec 5, 2011)

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) -- Church planter Tony Manning can do a lot with a church of 60.

They can mobilize to canvass the neighborhood and pray for people door-by-door. They can host a "Parents' Night Out" to help out young families in the area and introduce them to the church.

But holding a marriage conference to help husbands and wives in the church and broken marriages outside of it would have been a tall order for Hamilton Village Church in Fishers, Ind., just outside of Indianapolis.

That's when one of the church plant's partners, Highview Baptist Church from Louisville, Ky., pitched in to help.

"We sent young couples from our church on a family mission trip to help Tony put together a marriage conference," Corey Abney, a teaching pastor at Highview who taught the seminar, recounted. "We want to be there to help the church planters with whom we partner in any way they need. This was just one example of that."

Last summer's marriage conference was the third mission trip by Highview members to help the church plant. Both trips involved entire families, engaging dads, moms and kids at the same time. Through the trips, Highview provided much-needed manpower for evangelistic ministry projects to help Hamilton Village disciple its members and reach its community.

That's just been one part of the comprehensive partnership that Highview has provided to Hamilton Village. The church regularly prays and financially supports the ministry as well.

It's that kind of partnership the Send North America: Indianapolis coalition hopes to multiply among other church planters in the years to come. The coalition -- consisting of local Southern Baptists, state convention partners and representatives of out-of-state churches -- wants to connect church planters with strong, established churches that can help them through prayer, mission teams and resources. Send North America: Indianapolis officially launched Dec. 5.

Send North America is the North American Mission Board's strategy for assisting and mobilizing Southern Baptist churches and individuals in hands-on church planting.

Those partnerships are desperately needed in the Indianapolis area. In recent years Fishers, the suburban Indianapolis community where Hamilton Village Church is located, has become a graveyard for evangelistic church plants of all denominations. Just four years ago, all 12 elementary schools in the city had a church plant in them. Now only a few remain. Most died because of the community's high cost of living and difficult evangelistic soil. Manning estimates

that less than 15 percent of the community attends church on a typical weekend.

That's why partners are critical, said Manning, who is also a NAMB missionary. He compares the tough-to-reach Fishers community to running a marathon.

"If you've ever run in a marathon, there are water stations every so many miles," Manning said. "They are there to help you get refreshed, get a burst of energy, get cooled down. That's how we think of partnerships. Partnerships are important because they help encourage and sustain us as we keep moving in the way God is leading so this community will have a Gospel presence."

Highview is among four Southern Baptist churches -- including Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis -- that have taken on the two-year-old church plant as a partner. It's been a win-win situation for families at Highview and the church plant, said Andy Crouch, who has been on family mission

trips to help church planters four of the last five years. Although he doesn't always see the long-term impact of the trips on the church plant or the community, the impact they make on the families who participate is obvious.

"You can see the difference that God is making in our kids' lives through these trips," said Crouch, who organized the marriage conference mission trip. "You can see it in the questions they're asking and the boldness they've shown in sharing their faith with their friends."

And at Hamilton Village Church, the influence also has been real. Of the seven local families who participated in last summer's marriage conference, two came from outside of the church. The conference allowed families inside the church a much-needed opportunity for support and recharging and it yielded evangelistic fruit as well, with one of the new families having become regular attenders at the church.

While Manning and Abney focused on helping the adults through biblical marriage principles for communication, finances and intimacy, the rest of the team -- 41 people of all ages -- used Vacation Bible School material to teach the kids. On the Saturday afternoon of the conference, they gave the participating couples a night out by themselves to talk about what they were learning. While the parents were out working on their marriages, Highview members set up a "block party" atmosphere for the kids, complete with outdoor water games and food.

"Our commitment is not just to go on a week-long trip, share our faith and see people converted without a place for them to grow and be disciplined," Abney said. "We believe that where major concentrations of lostness exist, we need to plant churches where people who are being reached can grow and be disciplined." (Copyright (c) 2011 Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Press)





Belles' Brunch & Hope

Our ladies had a wonderful Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 3rd. The Annual Belles' Brunch in the Christian Life Center proved to please. The music was beautiful and the decorations were elegant. The food was delicious and our servers and valets were the best! (Thanks to our men who are wonderful to serve food and park cars during the event.) To top it all off, we enjoyed a message from Dr. Michelle Timmons about the Hope for His Children organization. Michelle shared her heart about this ministry to orphans in poverty stricken countries. At the end of the Belles' Brunch event, over \$800 was collected by way of Christmas stockings hung on the tree. These funds will go toward mission trips and supplies for orphans and families.

On January 13th, six Northside members will travel to Ethiopia with Hope for His Children. Our church has been collecting books and shoes for the children living in orphanages or in poverty. Our members, along with others who will travel to Addis Ababa, will hand-deliver these gifts while ministering to the children. Please pray for the Valadez family and the Long family as they are the hands and feet of Jesus to the children of Ethiopia.



Company's Comin'

Progress Report on Remodeling Efforts

Auditorium

- Fresh paint and the new lighting is nearly complete.
- Flooring is scheduled to begin Monday, January 9th. We will need 8 to 10 people each night that week to help move pews. If there is still time that week, we will also replace the flooring on the stage.
- Auditorium Lobby – waiting on an estimate for removing the vinyl wall-covering. We may need many volunteers to help with this, too.

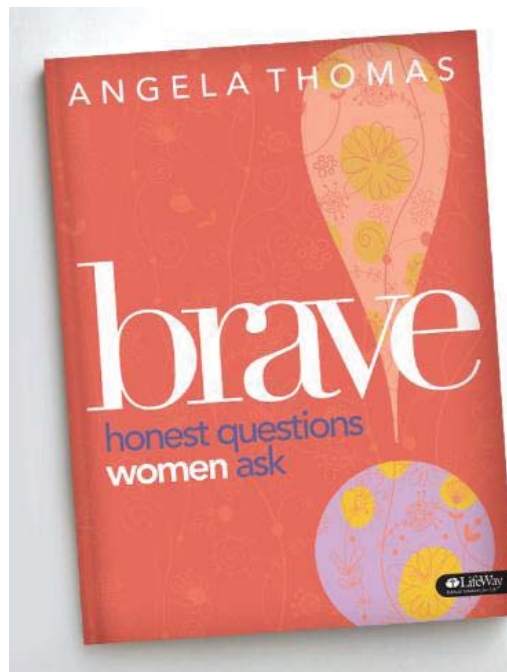
Welcome Center

- In December, rough plumbing was completed, the rough electrical was run, the drywall was installed, the mudding was finished, and the HVAC ductwork was installed.
- The Welcome Center was painted and a new ceiling was installed.
- The flooring installation is dependent on the Lobby progress.
- The cabinets should arrive January 24th.

Thank you, all who have volunteered your time and expertise. Your donation of time and talent is helping us to accomplish the task. If you would like to volunteer, contact Micah Langmaack at mlangmaack@worshipfortoday.com or call the church office.



New Bible Study for Women begins January 6



This Bible study for women looks at the heart of what women are thinking and feeling. Author Angela Thomas speaks to participants about deep feelings that all women have at one time or another. She looks boldly at some of the fears and struggles of being a woman, and she helps us see how we can be brave in the face of those challenges.

Facilitator: Gail Bland
 Friday Mornings at 9:30
 in the Fireside Room
 Book: \$12

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Saying Farewell to the Jolliff Family

December 11 was a milestone day at Northside. Though it is bittersweet to bid farewell to a family you love, we anticipate God will do great things through Hap and Elizabeth as they follow Him. Hap graduated from Southern Seminary in Louisville on December 9th. He and Elizabeth and their boys are spending time with their relatives in January prior to beginning their training which will last through March.



You ARE an AMAZING church!

by Hap Jolliff

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (this is NIV as my HCSB is in the truck.) (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

My friend and our pastor, Skip, routinely shares with conviction 3 statements at the end of our worship celebrations. You know these, and have heard him say 'We serve a great God' or 'God alone is great', 'you are an amazing church', and 'I love you'. He is amazed at the connection and bond that has taken root in the Alexander family in only 6 months. And yet, the amazement that he has toward their connection to Northside – Elizabeth and I continue to have after 42 months of ministry with the Northside body!

The Jolliff's want to echo the message 'You are an amazing church' as you have demonstrated it in your concern and love for us here, as you have committed to seeing that our work overseas will be supported by your prayers and presence, and as you have adopted us and will look to welcome us 'back home' upon stateside assignment!

All 5 of us say 'THANK YOU' for the outpouring of your love. We will be praying for your welfare, for your continued labors in the advancement of the kingdom, and for the Lord to continue to transform lives as hope is placed in the Prince of Peace – our Lord Jesus Christ!

"And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us." (1:7-9a)



Stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a prayer card for the Jolliff family. You can keep up with them on their blog at www.thejolliffs.blogspot.com

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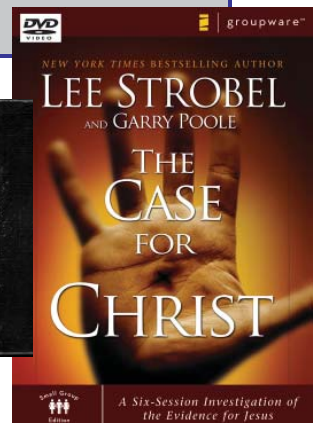
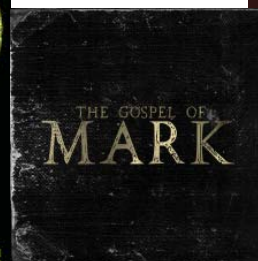
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	2 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Senior High Ski Trip: January 2-4	3 Men's Bkfst 7:30 AM, JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM, Cov. Foods 4 PM Upward Practice 6:00 PM	4 Upward Practice 6:00 PM	5 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM Upward Practice 6:00 PM	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	7
8 Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	9 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 6 & 7 PM	10 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	11 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	12 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM, Women on Mission 10 AM Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	13 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Ethiopia Mission Trip: January 13-22	14 Upward Games 8:30 AM
15 Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Junior High Ski Trip	16 <i>MLK Day</i> Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 6 & 7 PM	17 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	18 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM (No Business Mtg.)	19 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	21 Upward Games 8:30 AM
22 Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	23 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 6 & 7 PM	24 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	25 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	26 Ladies Prayer 9:00 AM Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Case for Christ 6 & 7 PM	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	28 Upward Games 8:30 AM
29 Connection Groups 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Church-wide Luncheon 12 noon Introducing Send Indianapolis	30 Upward Practice 6:00 PM Class: The Gospel of Mark 6 & 7 PM	31 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				

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading:

Week of January 2 – Practices Resume
 Week of January 9 – Classes for parents begin
 January 14 – First Game Day
 March 3 – Last Game Day

Class Schedule

Mondays at 6 PM or 7 PM
 The Gospel of Mark
 Tuesdays at 6 PM or 7 PM
 Questions: Everything You've Wanted to Ask in
 Church but Couldn't
 Wed. & Thur. at 6 PM or 7 PM
 The Case for Christ



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Worship Times

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



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February 17-18, 2012

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\$55 by January 15; \$65 after January 15 *

* The senior pastor's wife of an SCBI church receives free general registration if she registers by January 9.

Women (18 and over) will take flight as they trust God with their hearts, minds, souls and mission. They will be captivated by His transforming presence as they fellowship, study His Word, worship and are challenged to be His mission force to reach the world for Christ.

For more information and to register
go to www.scbi.org/transformed

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