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# Vision

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BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Transitions: New Sermon Series: June 26—July 17

In the book of Exodus, the Lord delivered the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt with a display of His mighty power. Their 400 years of slavery had come to an end. Have you ever considered that something has to end for something new to begin? Whether it's completing your education prior to starting a new career, selling the old house before buying the new one, or saying farewell to old friends before moving to a new city. Life is full of transitions.

During the past year Northside Baptist Church has been in an interim period. We were challenged by our interim pastors to worship and serve even while we're waiting. It has been a time of examining ourselves and learning patience.

Now as we look forward to a new era, we have to let go of some of our old ways and prepare for new things God wants to accomplish in our ministry.

*"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind." Philippians 4:12-16*



Dear Northside family,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! The Alexander family wishes to express our deep appreciation and sincere thank-you for the overwhelming welcome you have offered to us. Frankly, it has left us speechless at times.

We have experienced an unusual bond as pastor and people. From the early conversations with the Pastor Search Team to this past Sunday, our hearts have connected in an unusual manner. We share the same mission statement: Loving God and Loving People.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of the Pastor Search Team, who have honored our Lord and served the people of Northside with exceptional commitment. The members of the team were: Scott Westrum, Rick Shadiow, Jim Montgomery, Chad Long, Mary Harrington, Amanda Knowles, and Ann Potter. Thank you to each of them and their families who also supported them in their work.

This bond is much greater than our mutual edification. Our LORD has brought us together and united our hearts to love God and to love others.

This year's theme for the Southern Baptist Convention was, "A Great Commission People with a Great Commandment Heart." Northside Baptist Church, you have a great heart and I encourage you to channel your heart to fulfill the Great Commission.

In the coming weeks and months I hope to experience life at Northside. Please continue to pray for me and my family as we make the adjustment and transition. I am honored to serve and lead this called and gifted church staff.

And remember: God is great, you are an amazing church, and I love you!

Skip Alexander

*Photos are from our May 1st worship service in which we first heard our Senior Pastor preach. Northside welcomed the Alexander family and unanimously approved Dr. Skip Alexander as our pastor.*



**Coming to Northside on Saturday, August 20, 2011**

"To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" - Ephesians 4:12

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Location: Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis

Cost: \$5.00 for box lunch

For: Local church ministry leaders: This year's Crossroads Academy will focus on the multiplicity of ministry opportunities found in our churches. How do we ramp them up to be more effective for the Lord? Come learn how to take your ministry in your church to a new level. Leave this weekend encouraged and equipped to serve God more effectively.

Schedule:

8:30 Registration

9:00 Session 1

10:15 Break

10:30 Session 2

11:45 Lunch

12:30 Worship

1:00 Session 3

2:15 Dismiss

Take your ministry to the next level in these areas:

- Being a Supportive Deacon – Tommy Snyder
- Developing a Discipleship Process – Art Groomes
- How to Develop a Children's Discipleship Process –
- How to Implement a FAITH/Evangelism Strategy in Your Church – Jim Bohrer
- Mobilizing Men to Do Ministry – Keith Burkhardt
- How to Start a Ministry to Single Adults – Keith Lowry
- Healthy Small Group Ministry – Scott Smith
- Developing a Strong Women's Ministry – Simone Monroe
- Improving Your Worship – Patrick Watts (LifeWay); Steve Blanchard
- How to Reach Today's Young Married Adults –
- Idea's for Using Technology in Ministry Today – Yale Wall
- Youth – Student Leader
- Church Assessments – Garry Jones
- Annual Church Profile (ACP)/Electronic Offering/Treasurer Training – Debbie Hymer and Kyle Brennan

Register online at [www.scbi.org](http://www.scbi.org).



**AND THE WINNER IS.....Northside Baptist Church!**

We would like to thank Johnson Melloh Solutions, an Indianapolis renewable energy solutions provider for their part in sponsoring a local giveaway. Northside Baptist Church was the winner of a 2KW Solar PV system. The solar giveaway was open to all community members that wished to nominate a local Not-For-Profit, Charity, Church or School.

Johnson Melloh Solutions partnered with Level Solutions, a provider of "state-of-the-art" renewable energy and HVAC products by Sanyo and other industry leaders, who generously donated the Solar PV system and installation.

The installation is being completed this month and will help our church save on energy bills. We are so grateful to all the organizations who had a part and to Mark Frost for nominating Northside for the giveaway.

**New Ways to CONNECT!**

If you're following [hillbillytohoosier.com](http://hillbillytohoosier.com) (Pastor Skip's blog) you may already know about his new discipleship group for young men who are seniors in High School or in college. This group meets Wednesdays for breakfast. Contact the church office if you're interested in joining.

Last month, a group of college students began meeting on Thursday nights for study and fellowship. The group sometimes meets at Northside in the Fireside Room and on other occasions at the Reeder's house. If you are a college student and would like to join this group, contact the church office to let us know you're coming.



# Vacation Bible School July 25-29

**9 AM to Noon each day, Monday through Friday**

## Saying YES to VBS!

by Hap Jolliff, Associate Pastor of Children & Ministry

In the last week of July the Northside Auditorium will daily be filled with over 120 children and 50 leaders who are registered and engaging the Lord through VBS (Vacation Bible School). As with other children ministry programs, the two necessary and central components are . . . Kids and Leaders! However, the most central conviction we must have is in regard to the B of VBS – the BIBLE.

Everything comes together the week of VBS to create a memorable and eternally impactful experience in the children's lives. All the parts are useful, but not all the parts are central! That meaning – crafts, decorations, recreation, snacks, music and fun – are all elements which we teach through. But foundational and life-transforming is what we teach from – the BIBLE!

'Saying Yes to VBS' is really saying 'Yes, I believe the Bible is God's Word to us' and that 'it reveals the Son through whom I have salvation' and that 'the BIBLE contains the truth which is able to transform lives from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of the light!' OK – so maybe you don't think of all of that when you 'say yes to VBS', but I remind us today that if we really believe the BIBLE to be God's Word then we cannot help but teach it to others and call on them to trust in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

'Say yes to VBS' . . . by signing up to serve before, during or after July 25-29 in some capacity or role. Plan on attending the Faculty Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> to get equipped to carry out the tasks ahead. Yet even if you are not able to contribute to VBS, 'say yes to the BIBLE' in your daily life if you affirm the following convictions we share about the Word of God:

- Scripture is inspired by God as men were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21).
- Scripture is inspired and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).
- Scripture is able to equip the believer for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17).
- Scripture reveals the Lord to whom every knee will bow and every tongue will confess who and what He is (Philippians 2:10-11).

**Friday Night, July  
15 at 6:30 PM**

Movie Night and Big Apple  
Adventure VBS Registration  
in Kids Cove (back entrance)

**Wednesday Night, July 27 at 6:30 PM:**  
VBS Street Fair in the Christian Life Center  
with lots of snacks and fun activities.

**Sunday Morning, July 31 at 11 AM:**  
During the morning worship service we  
will have a celebration followed by  
a time for fun and food after  
the service.

**sign up at  
worshipfortoday.com**

# Summer in the SON



**GATHER**



**CONNECT**



**SERVE**

In place of a regular Wednesday night schedule, we have been participating in a series of events centered on the theme of Gather, Connect and Serve. Here is what we're planning for the month of July. We hope you will join us for some or all of these opportunities to spend this Summer in the Son.

July 5, 10:00 AM	Indianapolis Zoo	Meet at Sea Lions
July 6, 7:05 PM	Indians Baseball Game	Victory Field
July 13, 6:30 PM	Hamilton Village	Fishers
July 15, 6:30 PM	Movie Night (Kids)	Northside Gym
July 20, 6:30 PM	Business Meeting/Serve	Northside
July 27, 6:30 PM	VBS Street Fair	Northside
July 31, 11 AM	VBS Celebration	Auditorium and Gym

Coming in August!  
Registration now open!

## UPWARD SOCCER

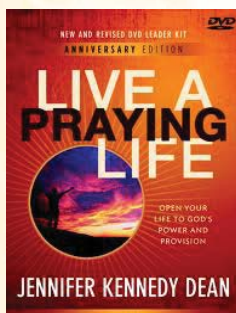
Download a registration form for Upward Soccer at [www.worshipfortoday.com](http://www.worshipfortoday.com)

## Northside WOMEN

*Women encouraging women in all seasons of life to deepen their daily spiritual walk with God.*



## Summer Book Club



Our ladies are reading some uplifting books this summer. Read along with us and join the discussion. The group meets once a month at Northside. Childcare is available. Next meeting is Friday, July 15 at 9:30 AM in Ed 112.

### Dip into Relationships

Sunday, August 7 at 3:00 PM in the Fireside Room

Join the ladies of Northside as we get better acquainted with our new pastor's wife, Leigh Anne Alexander and daughters Meredith and Caroline. This casual time of fun and fellowship will feature various kinds of foods with dips. Women and girls of all ages are welcome to participate.

# Northside on Mission

# 2011 worldchangers

world-changers.net



## World Changers

by Sarah Clemens, Volunteer Leader

(Editor's Note: a team of 2 adults and 6 students traveled to Springfield, Illinois June 19-25 to participate in construction and other projects to help needy people in the city. World Changers is a ministry of the North American Mission Board.)

When I left Northside on Sunday, June 19th, I was ready to change the life of one person. Little did I know that I was that person. "Unless" is the theme of World Changers this year. About 100 people embarked on a trip to Springfield, Illinois that day, all of us uncertain what was to take place in the week that followed. Nine groups of students and adults worked on nine projects over the next five days. We roofed houses, built ramps (and friendships) with our teams. Each project had a story - some simple, some more complex. Our homeowner sat under the shade of his trees to watch us almost every moment. His story was one of sorrow over the loss of a brother who was dear to him. The neighborhood was quiet by day, but came to life at night. As I came into contact with people that week, I saw them as more than a face, a name and a memory of a mission trip. I met a lost soul needing love and comfort that only Christ can give. These are the same people who come and go in our lives but do we really take time to share the gospel? That is my fresh, new vision - one of reaching out next door, the next street or the next city. You plant the seed of God's love and grace in the yard of that home. Then stand back and watch God's hand at work.

Psalm 122:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Unless we go, they won't know. Unless...



# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Baptist Center Block Party
3 Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM	4 Independence Day (office closed)	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Zoo Day 10 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	6 Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game at Victory Field 7:05 PM	7 Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM College Outreach 7 PM	8	9
10 Classes 9:30 AM VBS Workers Training 9:45 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM	11	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	13 Hamilton Village in Fishers 6:30 PM	14 Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Women on Mission 10 AM College Outreach 7 PM	15 Summer Book Club 9:30 AM Movie Night and VBS Registration 6:30 PM	16 July 16-30 PacRim Trip
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24 Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM	25	26 Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	27 VBS Street Fair 6:30 PM	28 Upward Soccer Evaluation 6 PM College Outreach 7 PM	29	30 PacRim Group Returns
BIG APPLE ADVENTURE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 25-29, 9-NOON						
31 Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM VBS Celebration						

**SCBI Calendar**

July 9 State Golf Outing (SCBI)

July 27-30 Jesus Arts & Music (JAM) Camp & Super JAM, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp

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**Gather**



**Connect**



**Serve**

## Worship Times

Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 AM  
 Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM  
 Wednesday Night Classes - 6:30 PM



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## Sunday Morning connection groups



### Preschool Rooms

Purple: born before 7/2006  
 Red: 7/2006-6/2008  
 Orange: 7/2008 - 6/2009  
 Yellow: 7/2009 or after

### Elementary Students

252 Basics: Grades 1-5 in Kids Cove

### Junior and Senior High School Students

CLC Assembly Room

### Adults

Singles (Whitely) ED114  
 Joshua Class (Knowles/Long) ED204  
 Parents by Design (Dickerson) ED115  
 Godly Parental Solutions (Westrum) ED102  
 Cross Class ED207  
 Living Stones (Christie/Pole) ED117  
 40's (Donaldson) ED112  
 50's (Justice) ED111  
 60's (Woessner) Fireside Room - CLC  
 Ladies' C (Carter) ED106  
 Senior Men ED113