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Northside Welcomes New Senior Pastor Dr. Skip Alexander Joins the Northside Staff

We are so thrilled to announce that God has led Dr. Skip Alexander and his beautiful family to become part of the Northside family. After a weekend of getting to know the Alexanders, on May 1st the Northside congregation unanimously voted that Dr. Alexander should become our Senior Pastor.

The Alexander family comes to us from Campbellsville, Kentucky where Skip has been the Pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church since 2002. He was not seeking to move away from Campbellsville, but felt a nudge from the Lord when he was contacted by our Pastor Search Team. On that same day he had sent a text message to a group of college students in which he quoted the words of Jesus in Mark 2:14, "Follow me." Skip began to explore the possibility of minister-

Follow me. —Mark 2:14

ing in Indianapolis with Northside. When he told his wife, Leigh Anne, that he had been contacted by the search team from Northside Baptist Church, he learned she already had a connection to the church. Leigh Anne's father, Carlton Winters, was on staff at Northside as Minister of Education from 1980 to 1984 while Leigh Anne was in High School at Lawrence North. "I learned to drive in Northside's parking lot," she says, adding that their younger daughter Caroline will probably do the same. Caroline is just finishing her Freshman year of High School and her older sister, Meredith, will graduate this year. She plans to attend Campbellsville University in the fall.

In his very first message to the congregation (available for download from our website) Skip related the story of how he went from being an orphan to becoming a child of God. It is a very moving and awe-inspiring message of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ in his heart.

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Operation: Pray

by Tom Hall, Minister of Youth & Discipleship

It began for me as I met with Tony Manning to discuss an Applied Ministry project to finish up my Master of Arts in Missiology. I needed 7 credit hours to graduate 4 of those being Applied Ministry, so I was eager to come up with a project that I could complete to finish my degree. Tony told me about a ministry they do at Hamilton Village that consists of walking neighborhoods, knocking on doors and asking for prayer requests. It seemed like a simple concept, thus I agreed to take this on as my project and that next week I spent time in my own neighborhood knocking on doors and asking for prayer requests.



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Northside Welcomes Dr. Skip Alexander



Scott Westrum (left), chairman of the Pastor Search Committee, introduces the Alexanders at a reception in the Christian Life Center on April 30th. Alexander family (left to right) Caroline, Meredith, Leigh Anne and Skip.



Our seven-member search team worked and prayed for fourteen months for this moment when they could unanimously present our candidate. The team is pictured here with the Alexanders. (left to right) Scott Westrum, Mary Harrington, Leigh Anne Alexander, Chad Long, Skip Alexander, Caroline Alexander, Rick Shadiow, Meredith Alexander, Jim Montgomery, Amanda Knowles, Ann Potter.

A Note from the Pastor Search Committee:

It has been our honor and privilege to serve Northside in this capacity. From the time our team was assembled to now, we celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon this journey. Thank you for all of your prayers. Our team is truly excited and we know Northside's greatest times are ahead.

As this process comes to an end, may we rejoice in Isaiah 43:19 "Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

To God alone be the glory!

Dr. Skip Alexander

Philosophy of Ministry

"I have a love for people and a love of preaching,"

This is a phrase that summarizes my pastoral ministry of over twenty years. I give all the credit and honor to my Lord Jesus Christ.

Area of Calling

I am called to serve in the local church as pastor; therefore my interests include pastoral responsibilities with emphasis in preaching.

Mission Statement

My personal mission statement is to know Jesus Christ and to make Jesus Christ known. There are two loves in my ministry – people and preaching.

Education

Doctor of Ministry, May 2007

Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, Alabama

- Major area—Specialization in Christian Preaching
- Dissertation—"Renewing a Missional Identity by Preaching on the Kingdom of God"

Master of Divinity, December 1994

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

Concentration—Pastoral Care and Counseling

Bachelor of Arts Degree, May 1989

Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky

- Religion major
- Communications minor

Experience

- Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington, KY
Associate Pastor and Minister of Youth, 1988-1990
- Salem Baptist Church, Shelbyville, KY
Pastor, 1990-1995
- West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, KY
Senior Pastor, 1995-2002
- Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, KY
Senior Pastor, 2002-present

License and Ordination

- Licensed by First Baptist Church, Hilliard, OH, August 6, 1986
- Ordained by Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, June 11, 1989

Interests

- Reading
- Recreation
- Running (Skip ran in the 2009 Indianapolis marathon.)

“Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? —Isaiah 43:19”

Our New Senior Pastor and His Family!

Convention and Other Activities

- Who's Who Among College Students
- Presidential Scholar recipient of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- Participated in Kentucky / Russian Partnership, Sosnovi Bor, Russia, May 1995
- Greater Louisville Billy Graham Crusade, June 2001, Served as counselor supervisor and served on the Destination Committee
- Executive Board member of Long Run Baptist Association, 1997-2002
- Executive Board member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 1999-2002
- Adjunct professor for School of Theology, Campbellsville University, 2002-present
- Preached sermon for Kentucky Baptist Convention, November 2003
- Second Vice President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 2003-2004
- First Vice President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, (2009 - 2010)
- Led Campbellsville Baptist Church to plant churches in Costa Rica
- Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the SBC, trustee, (present)
- Vice Chairman, Kentucky Western Recorder (present)
- Participates in various community and civic organizations and activities



Leigh Anne

Enjoys leading women's Bible study. She will also be finishing her work towards certification as a teacher in Social Studies Middle School and High School. Leigh Anne's priorities in life: *"My Faith, My Family, My Church"*

Meredith

Will be graduating high school this May, and attending Campbellsville University in the fall. She enjoys music and drama. She has been on mission to Russia!

Caroline

Will be finishing her freshman year of high school. She enjoys sports, and show choir. She has been on mission to Northern Ireland in 2010! *"We do what we do; we follow God"*—Caroline

Family Interests

Skip says, "Together time as a family is very special. When the girls were younger I guarded Friday night as 'family night.' Even today we make being together at meal time a reality two-three times a week which is no easy task with two busy teenagers. This is a sweet time for Leigh Anne and me when we are enjoying the company and the Christian joy of our precious daughters. We love vacationing together, watching movies and playing with our family pets."



Summer in the SON



GATHER



CONNECT



SERVE

During the Summer, we want to keep our focus on Jesus. In place of a regular Wednesday night schedule, we are planning a series of events centered on the theme of Gather, Connect and Serve. We hope you will join us for some or all of these opportunities to spend this Summer in the Son.

Gather

June 3-5	Scripture Immersion	Northside
June 8, 6:30 PM	Prayer for UYC, Mission938	Northside
June 15, 6:30 PM	Worship, UYC Reports	Northside

Connect

June 22, 6:30 PM	Picnic at the Park	Sahm Park
June 29, 6:30 PM	Neighborhood Block Parties	Neighborhoods
July 6, 7:05 PM	Indians Baseball Game	Victory Field

Serve

July 13, 6:30 PM	Hamilton Village	Fishers
July 20, 6:30 PM	Local church and community	Northside
July 27, 6:30 PM	VBS families midweek party	Northside

Northside Kids & Families Events

May 28, 4-7 PM	Little 500 Trike & Bike 'Race' & Cook-out in the Back Parking Lot	
June 22, 3-6 PM	Water Day (in conjunction with picnic)	Sahm Aquatic Center
June 28, 10 AM	Zoo Day, meet at sea lion display	Indianapolis Zoo
July 15, 6:00 PM	Movie Night & VBS Registration	Northside Gym
July 31, 11 AM	Big Apple Adventure Celebration	Auditorium and Gym
August School Kick-off	Water Fight and Ice Cream Night	Northside

Summer in the Son . . . Let's Get Son-Burned!

by Hap Jolliff, Associate Pastor of Children & Ministry

Last summer the people of Northside engaged in a different summer routine, trading a 'normal' Wednesday night schedule for a variety of activities centered around the themes of GATHER, CONNECT, and SERVE. Some weeks we gathered for worship and at other times we connected through outdoor events like the Indians game and a Sahn Park get-together. A couple of times we conducted service projects and the week of VBS we even had a square-dance in the gym. Wow!

This summer the vision is to tailor these same events toward the same themes of GATHER, CONNECT, and SERVE but to do so with two other components in mind; one, Mission938, and two, the Scriptures!

Summer in the Son fits nicely into the mid-section of Mission938. April and May serve as the prayer foundation for those engaged in Mission938, but June and July serve to engage the people in our networks and discover their spiritual conditions/beliefs and worldviews toward life. Summer in the Son will provide a framework to do just that. Whether gathering for an informal worship service on a Wednesday night, or connecting at a ballgame with peanuts and crackerjacks, Summer in the Son will naturally provide the opportunity to invite those around you to meet your network of friends and fellow-believers here at Northside.

However, no matter how much fun and how many crackerjacks we can share with someone, if we are not operating by faith and seeking to glorify Him in all that we do – our lives are in vain. Therefore, in order to keep the proper perspective toward Summer in the Son, it will be wise for us to focus on the Son as revealed in the Scripture. So, to kick off the summer, we need to get Son-burned – totally immersed in Him as revealed in the New Testament!

When is the last time you read the entire New Testament? When is the last time you completed reading a single book of the New Testament? Do you have a hunger to hear God's Word? Would you like to fall freshly in love with the writings which testify to and reveal our Lord Jesus to us? To kick off Summer in the Son we will conduct a public reading of the New Testament in the Northside Auditorium beginning on Friday night, June 3rd, and concluding on Sunday morning, June 5th at the beginning of the worship service. This will be a great way to hear the Word of the Lord, submit ourselves to it, gain a fresh hunger for it, and establish a foundation for the Summer in the Son activities to being used for His glory! Let's immerse ourselves in Scripture. Set apart these times on your busy calendar that you might be transformed by the renewing of your mind as you hear His Word proclaimed!



saturate
your
soul &
spirit

We will read aloud the New Testament in the Auditorium:

Friday night we will hear from the physician Luke in both his Gospel and Acts, as well as the Gospel of Mark.

Saturday we will hear the Gospel of Matthew, all of Paul's writings, Peter, Hebrews and James.

Sunday the reading will finish with Jude and John, including his Gospel, 3 letters and Revelation!



Holy Bible

Pursue Personal Revival

by John Reeder, Associate Pastor of Worship & Evangelism
Just last month, Dr. Greenway challenged us with the need for revival. No, not a series of meetings, but a fresh alertness to the Spirit of God at work in our lives. All of us have been through times when it seems like we are just going through the motions and God is not really at work in our life at all. Believe me, the enemy, Satan himself, would like to keep believers in that state of mind for the rest of their lives.

- However, God has so much more in store for those who keep their relationship with Him fresh and new every morning. There is no better way to accomplish this, than to spend time reading God's Word each and every day. It really is direct communication from God to each of us. When I read the Bible I pray three things:
1. Lord, speak to me through Your Word today.
 2. Lord, illuminate, give me understanding of what You are saying to me today.
 3. Lord, help me apply Your Word to my life today.

Perhaps you have fallen out of a routine that includes daily prayer and Bible reading. Perhaps your routine has become just that, routine, and there doesn't seem to be any communication or connection with God right now through the working of the Holy Spirit. This is not God's plan for you. Since Dr. Greenway's message, I have been thinking and praying more for personal revival in my life and God has reminded me of several favorite songs, (can you imagine that?) that have been part of my personal devotions. This song in particular came to mind.

My Eyes are Dry

by Keith Green
My eyes are dry
My faith is old
My heart is hard
My prayers are cold
And I know how I ought to be
Alive to You and dead to me
But what can be done
For an old heart like mine
Soften it up with oil and wine
The oil is You,
Your Spirit of love
Please wash me anew
With the wine of Your blood

My Eyes Are Dry
Words and Music by Keith Green

Freely, with expression

My eyes are dry,
my faith is old.
My heart is hard,
my prayers are cold.

Why not consider joining us for the reading of the entire New Testament June 3-5. I believe God is going to use this as a time of renewal in our fellowship.

Operation: Pray

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What a simple strategy, just asking people how you can pray for them and then actually doing it! God began to use these times to shape my heart for two neighborhoods. The first was my own as I began meeting my neighbors and praying for their needs barriers that previously existed began to fall. I began to be able to share life with my neighbors. The other neighborhood was just north of the church. I have spent many evenings walking these streets praying for the needs of the people, but ultimately that they would know Christ. These are the fields God has tasked me to labor in. So I will continue to pray for these two neighborhoods, knock on doors, ask the people how I can pray for them and seek how I can minister more effectively to these people. I trust that God will provide a harvest of souls from these neighborhoods if I continue to labor.

The goal of all this IS NOT to see them come to Northside, but that I would have a chance to share the Gospel with them. This is the beautiful thing of Mission 938, it is not Northside focused (seeking to bring people into Northside), rather it is kingdom focused as we desire to see our friends, neighbors, family members, coworkers and other acquaintances come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Your task: Begin praying. Pray that God would identify the field you are to labor in by putting people (neighborhood, coworkers, family members, friends) on your heart. If you know your field then begin to intentionally pray for those people there. Ask them how you can pray for them, keep a list of those requests, write them notes of encouragement and check back with them to see how God is working. Keep the harvest in mind as you pray and look for opportunities to deepen relationships that are beginning to form.

Check out the Mission938 Blog:
www.mission938.wordpress.com

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Camp Speaker
WES FELTNER

JUNE 5-11

Camp Band
JAKE BROTHERS LIVE IT OUT

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\$200 after May 25th
Includes entrance to Cedar Point

Pleasant VALLEY RANCH & Cedar POINT

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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The Second Annual 5k Run with a Mission on April 9, 2011 helped raise funds for summer mission trips.

Left: Sarah Clemens and her boys celebrate a race well run.

Below: The Joshua Class was well represented in the Run with a Mission. (left to right) Amanda Knowles, Chris Bewley, Elizabeth Jolliff, Nick Ochieng





Photos from the Northside Student Ministry mission trip to Northwest Indiana, April 1-3, 2011



Northside WOMEN

Summer Book Club

Our ladies are reading some uplifting books this summer. Read along with us and join the discussion. You have a choice of two group opportunities. Our Friday morning group meets at Northside where childcare is available. The Monday evening group may appeal more to those who work during the day. No childcare is available during the evening session. The Monday night group meets at the home of SuzAnne Keith.

MAY

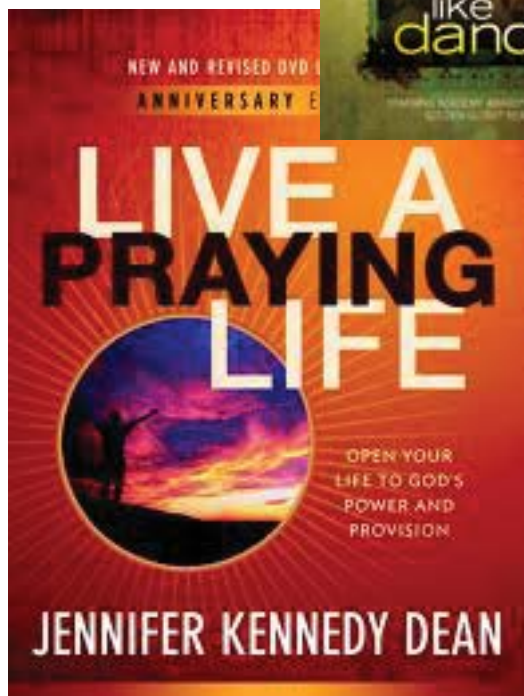
Friday, May 20 at 9:30 AM
Monday, May 23 at 7:00 PM
Book : *Like Dandelion Dust*

JUNE

Friday, June 17 at 9:30 AM
Monday, June 20 at 7:00 PM
Book: *Live a Praying Life*

JULY

Friday, July 15 at 9:30 AM
Monday, July 18 at 7:00 PM



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM	2	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	4 Dinner 5:15 PM Prayer & Praise 6:05 PM Spring Training 6:30 PM	5 National Day of Prayer Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM	6	7
8 Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Mother's Day Baby Dedication	9	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	11 Dinner 5:15 PM Prayer & Praise 6:05 PM Spring Training 6:30 PM Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 PM	12 Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Women on Mission 10 AM	13	14
15 Classes 9:30 AM Church Directory Photos 9:45-10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM	16	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	18 Dinner 5:15 PM Business Mtg. 6:05 PM Spring Training 6:30 PM	19 Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM	20 Books n Brunch 9:30 AM	21
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29 Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM	30 Memorial Day (office closed)	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM				

Highlights

- May 4 Minute to Win It at WNT for UYC sign-up night
- May 5 National Day of Prayer
- May 8 Mother's Day & Baby Dedication
- May 20 & 23 Summer Book Club for women
- May 24 JOY Luncheon
- May 30 Memorial Day – office closed

SCBI Calendar

- May 14 State Golf Outing
- May 20-21 Man Camp, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner 5:15 PM Prayer & Praise 6:05 PM Spring Training 6:30 PM	2 Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM	3 Scripture Immersion 5:30 PM	4 Scripture Immersion 7:30 AM
5 Pastor Skip's first day Scripture Immersion 7:30 AM, Classes 9:30 AM, Worship Service 11:00 AM Ultimate Youth Camp June 5-11	6	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM Covenant Foods 4:00 PM	8 Prayer for UYC & Mission938 6:30 PM Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 PM	9 Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Women on Mission 10 AM	10	11
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Highlights

- June 3-5 Scripture Immersion, Auditorium
- June 5 Pastor Skip's First Day
- June 5-11 Ultimate Youth Camp, Pleasant Valley Ranch/Cedar Point
- June 19 Father's Day
- June 19-25 NSM World Changers Trip

SCBI Calendar

- June 13-17 Mission Adventure Camp (MAC), Highland Lakes Baptist Camp
- June 12-13 SBC Pastors' Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- June 14-15 Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- June 20-24 Student Fusion Camp, 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