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# The NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Vision

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**Kathy Long**  
Director of Children's Ministry



## Introducing: Kathy Long, Children's Ministry Director

*by Hap Jolliff, Associate Pastor of Children & Ministry*

I normally write a Vision article in relation to the children's ministry at Northside. This time is no different, but what is different is I write welcoming Kathy Long to the staff of Northside as the Director of Children's Ministry. With praise being to the Lord, Kathy was unanimously approved in the September business meeting. This approval was in a direct answer to prayer and the Lord's continuous work in the people of Northside. God raises up servants for vocational ministry. Servants hear and pursue His call. The church recognizes this call and equipping. Affirmation is made, and a staff is in place to structure and equip the people of Northside Baptist for the work of the ministry. The staff role Kathy assumes does not change who she is. She is a woman in love with the Lord. She is a servant. She, in conjunction with her husband Chad, are lovingly leading their children to faith in Jesus. And she is equipped to help other families do the same as we partner together as the church.

I thank the Lord that I have been able to serve on staff for four years! Yet with a couple of month's remaining in my ministry here, I look forward to transitioning the responsibilities of the children's ministry to Kathy. She has my full support and I know she will be blessed by your partnership in reaching children with the good news of Jesus! Please join me in welcoming Kathy by continuing your labor in the truth and in teaching our youngsters and those around us!

## New Schedule Begins November 6!

On Wednesday, September 21, Northside's congregation unanimously approved a recommendation from our Chairman of Deacons, Jim David, that we change the start time of our Sunday morning schedule. Beginning November 6, the start time for Connection Groups will be one half hour earlier at 9 AM. The worship service will also be a half hour earlier at 10:30 AM. This date is also the end of Daylight Saving Time, when clocks are set back an hour. So, when you go to bed on November 5th, set the time on your clock back one hour and your alarm clock back 1/2 hour.

# NSM's WipeOut Kicks off the Fall Semester with a SPLAT

by Tom Hall, Associate Pastor of Students

If you missed WipeOut then you really missed out! Students jumped, crawled, hopped and spun around the obstacle course competing to be crowned Northside Student Ministry's first ever WipeOut Champion. Here is just a little bit of what you missed:

- Pool of Syrup and Marshmallows
- Army crawl through shaving cream and flour
- Greased inner tubes
- Dizzy bat
- Slip'n'slide.

The junior high girls got us started and 6th grader **Carlie Westrum** turned in the fastest time. The competition really heated up with the junior high boys got started, but no one could keep pace with **Simon Smith**. In the senior high girls division there was a close battle but **Lauren Dirks** managed to edge out **Caroline Alexander** for the win. Lastly in the senior high guys division **Connor Christian-sen** stormed the field to take home the win. Thanks to all the leaders who helped out and thanks to the students. Make sure you don't miss out on an event like this again students. Join the NSM Facebook group and come us every Wednesday night for a time of fun, fellowship and spiritual growth!



Scan to visit our Facebook page.



That's right - everyone's favorite weekend getaway is back! DiscipleNow will be here soon! If you are in 6th-12th grade you will not want to miss out on this amazing weekend. Save the Date November 4-6th and register online at [www.worshipfortoday.com](http://www.worshipfortoday.com).

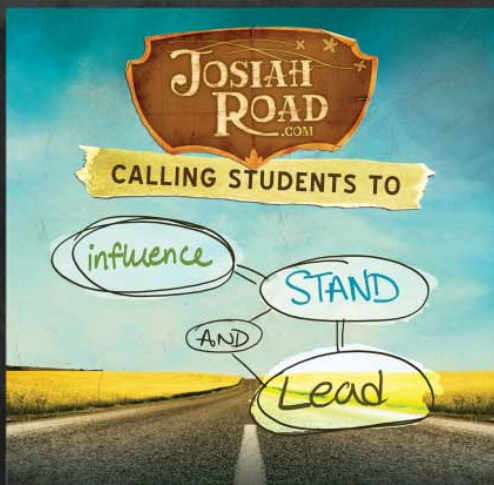
Adults if you would like to help with this weekend by hosting a family, providing a meal or setting up or tearing down please email Tom at [thall@worshipfortoday.com](mailto:thall@worshipfortoday.com).

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Northside Student Ministry

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## DiscipleNow Weekend 2011



"...while he was yet a boy, he began to **seek** the God of David his father, and in the twelfth year he began to **purge** Judah and Jerusalem of the high places..."  
2 Chronicles 34:3

Registration opens October 5th  
Early bird registration deadline Oct. 26th  
Early bird price \$50  
Regular price \$65

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# Alpha Program Provides Answers for Inmates

by Mark Fidler,

NAMB Missionary/Associate Chaplain, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Ever wonder what really happens behind closed doors of a federal, state or local prison and/or jail? Some of what you see on television does happen, and that is what usually makes the news or headlines in the local papers; but, there is something more going on than meets the eye. Inmates are searching for answers to questions like: Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? They are getting those questions answered through programs such as the Alpha Program.

The Alpha Program is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The course meets once per week for six consecutive weeks. The course repeats again after a few weeks of not meeting.

## Frequently Asked Questions...

**Q:** "Who can attend the Alpha Program?"

**A:** Inmates from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints who are seeking answers about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and much more. Some want to get past religion and find out about a personal relationship with God, one that really changes their life. Some have attended church and some have never crossed the church's threshold. Some understand the basics of the Christian faith, and some have no idea, but they are curious and seeking the truth.

**Q:** "What can I do to get involved?"

**A:** Contact our church office and let us know of your interest to serve.

**Q:** "Will I be trained?"

**A:** Yes, all volunteers will go through three separate training sessions.

**Q:** "Do they need both men and women to serve?"

**A:** Yes, the Alpha Program has just expanded to include Community Corrections, as well as, the jail and we need volunteers.

My name is Mark Fidler and my wife, Michele, and I have been part of the Northside Baptist family since Easter of 2009. I am currently serving through the North American Mission Board as an Associate Chaplain at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The Lord continually blesses me with the opportunity to share the Good News with the incarcerated and to join Him in His work at the Sheriff's office. Will you pray for me and consider working alongside me in this ministry?



## Grab Your Passport: the Gospel Says Go!

by Scott Westrum, Mission Team Leader

Perspective. Sometimes it takes a little perspective. There are almost seven billion people in the world, over four billion of whom are lost without the Gospel. Strategically, the International Mission Board and other mission agencies have identified groups of people, those sharing language and culture, as Unreached People Groups (UPGs) with less than 2% Christians among them. There are over 16,000 people groups in the world, and 6,890 are considered unreached.

One area of unreached people is a large island in the Pacific Rim with 52 UPGs. Most of these people follow false hopes in another religion, living in spiritual darkness, and they don't even realize it. Over the last two years, 18 Northsiders have volunteered to work with our friends, Jacob and Alison, on this island and to share the Gospel with those who have not yet heard it. In October Pastor Skip and I will travel there to do the same – to seek out people of peace and to share the Gospel with them.

Will you commit to pray for us in these areas?

- The hearts of those we encounter will be ready to receive the Truth of the Gospel. (John 8:32)
- We will clearly speak of Jesus as the only way to God. (John 14:6)
- We will be tools in our Lord's hands for His good purposes. (Philippians 2:13)
- God will clarify how Northside can adopt one of these UPGs, and make a long term impact among the nations. (Rev 7:9)

Some have asked, "Why do we go [there]?" We go, because they need to hear (Romans 10:14). We go, following Jesus' example of first loving us and coming from heaven to us (John 3:16). We go obeying His command to go, even to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). We go, looking forward to celebrating His second coming (Acts 1:11), when they haven't heard about His first. Grab your passport: the Gospel says Go!

## Crossroads Baptist Association: Missions Outreach Challenge



### Missions Outreach Challenge

"I will make you a light for the nations, to be My salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6

As we look toward the end of another year, it is with great anticipation that we look forward to the Northside October and November focus on global missions. That means missions here in our "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

We have an amazing list of missionaries and ministries that are going to be setting up displays at four churches within the Crossroads Baptist Association over the span of three days. The impact on the greater Indianapolis area is expected to be great!

You, as ambassadors of Christ Jesus, are being invited to come join in these events to be given the opportunity to:

- Discover Possibilities open for you
- Develop your gifts
- Deploy the Gospel Impact

The Missions Outreach Challenge is designed to challenge church members to consider ways that they might be involved in ministry to their communities, throughout North America and to all the nations of the world in obedience to Christ's command to be His witnesses in the world. (Matthew 28:19-20)

These four churches are hosting the Mission Fair:

**Hope Community Church, Brownsburg**  
Friday, November 4, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Calvary Baptist, Greenwood**  
Saturday, November 5, 10 AM to Noon

**Calvary Baptist, Greenfield**  
Saturday, November 5, 5-7 PM

**Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis**  
Sunday, November 6, 3-5 PM (Missions Fair)  
Missions Training, 5:15-6:15 PM  
Worship Celebration at 6:30 PM

#### Northside needs volunteers in many areas:

- Prayer Partners
- Hosts/Guides
- Decorators
- Immersion Experience Design Team
- Tear-down/Clean up
- Exhibit Assistants
- Pipe & Drapes (5 people)
- Signage Inside & Outside
- Food Prep and Service
- Photography
- Balloons/Fair Bags
- Audio/Video Team
- Runners/Coordinators

If you would like to serve in this exciting opportunity, sign up in Northside's Welcome Center, call the church office (317-255-6692) or contact Bev Whitely, our coordinator for this event.



**Happy anniversary, Covenant Foods:** Our food pantry celebrated 3 years of service to our community on September 9th. Thank you to all our members who regularly volunteer and contribute to this wonderful ministry!



# Belles' Brunch

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## Hostesses sign up by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

1. **Host your own table.**
2. **Co-host a table.**
3. **Be an extra host.**

\*inquire for details

Think fellowship.  
Think Christmas music.  
Think beautiful tablescapes.  
Think **SHARING CHRISTMAS**.

Join us on Saturday morning, December 3rd at 10 as we **SHARE CHRISTMAS**. Between now and October 28th, we are looking for table hostesses. This might be the year that we pack out the gym and we'd love for you to be involved! Here are three ways that you can hostess:

1. **Be a hostess** – decorate a table and host your table guests.
2. **Be a co-hostess** – find a friend and host/ decorate a table together.
3. **Be an extra hostess** – no decorating involved, you simply sit at an already decorated table and serve as the hostess.

Tickets will be on sale starting in November, so mark your calendar, invite your friends, and get ready to **SHARE CHRISTMAS**! If you are interested in being a hostess or have any questions, please contact Amanda Knowles or call the church office.



**Tailgate with us!**

**We will be at these home games!**

**October 15 (Valparaiso)**  
**October 22 (Marist)**  
**November 5 (Davidson)**



**Share Your Faith Workshop**  
from Evangelism Explosion International

Learn **FIVE** Key Gospel Points.  
Using the **FIVE** Fingers of Your Hand.

**HIGH FIVE!**

October 1, 8 AM to Noon  
Workbook \$5



New Wednesday Night Class: Everyday Evangelism begins October 5th at 6:45 PM. Workbook: \$10

# OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> High Five 8 AM Upward Soccer 9:30 AM Man Night 8 PM
<b>2</b> Classes 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Community Picnic Upward Soccer Awards	<b>3</b> Volleyball 7:30 PM	<b>4</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Covenant Foods 4 PM	<b>5</b> MeeMa's Kitchen 5:30 PM Auditorium 6:30 Classes 6:45 Music 7:45	<b>6</b> Women's Prayer Group 9:00 AM	<b>7</b> Women's Fitness 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	<b>8</b>
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SCBI:

- o October 6-7 Pastors' Conference, Twin Lakes Baptist Church, Monticello
- o October 7-8 SCBI Annual Meeting, Twin Lakes Baptist Church, Monticello
- o October 9 World Hunger Sunday
- o October 21-22 Indiana Shepherds' Conference, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenfield

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## Loving God, Loving People

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## Worship Times

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



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**Team Northside!** Thank you, everyone who turned out on September 18 to help John cheer for Tom, Hap and Skip in the Fishers Area Sprint Trathlon!

