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Two Locations

# The Northside Vision

*Loving God, Loving People*

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## Northside Teen Heeds Call to "Share Jesus without Fear"



In morning services on October 2, Share Jesus without Fear author Bill Fay spoke about the sin of silence and the importance of approaching people with the good news of Jesus. In the evening

seminar, he provided training on how to ask five pertinent questions and get out of God's way. Asking the five simple questions provides a way to check the level of spiritual interest a person has while they ponder their own views.

All in attendance were given the assignment to ask the five questions to one person by noon on October 7. One teenager couldn't wait even a few minutes to get his assignment done. Eric David had an interesting experience in the church hallway right after the seminar.

Here is his story:

"I came out of Sunday night's service somewhat motivated. After joking around with Tony Manning, trying to get him to give me his phone, the Spirit really moved. All of the sudden, I knew that I needed to call a random unbeliever and ask him these five questions. Bill Fay had talked about not getting in the way of God. So I went up to

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[my friend] Kraig and told him to dial a number of an unbeliever. I called Kraig's friend and we talked for five minutes. I asked him the

first few questions and I was surprised to hear how cooperative and understanding he was. He [answered] that he would be going to hell. I asked if he wanted to accept Christ and go to heaven. We prayed "the prayer" and I told him that if he truly believed with all of his heart then he was forgiven and going to heaven. Kraig plans on inviting him to church. Hopefully he will accept and continue to pursue his daily walk with Christ. Only God knows his heart. Pray for him as he deals with his old friends and behavior".

The training continues on Sunday nights at 6 pm as David Laird leads an ACT class based on the book Share Jesus without Fear. This class teaches how to share Jesus whenever and wherever opportunities arise.

### **The Five Questions:**

- 1. Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?**
- 2. To you, who is Jesus?**
- 3. Do you believe there is a heaven and a hell?**
- 4. If you died right now, where would you go? If heaven, why would God let you in?**
- 5. If what you believe were not true, would you want to know?**

## We Need to Stick Together

The first Kiwanis club formed in Detroit, Michigan in 1915 for the purpose of providing an exchange of business contacts. By 1919, Kiwanis had officially adopted a model of serving in their local community. And by 1960, Kiwanis membership exceeded one million in the United States and Canada.



Yet, in spite of the trend, people need and are crying out for authentic community. Dr. Chuck Lawless, in his book Membership Matters, says there should be three expectations on every church member. He

calls them the “Three S’s”:

1. Sunday Morning Worship
2. Small Group Participation
3. An Area of Service in the Church

If any one of these areas is missing in your life, you are not experiencing the full community that Northside has to offer.

Society may be trying to rob us of community. At Northside, we are banding together to enrich community. Get involved in a small group and experience what I’m talking about.

In His Service,

Bro. Mark

Today, membership has dwindled nearly 40 percent. Other service organizations have experienced similar decline. The Jaycees are down 58 percent; the PTA, a 60 percent loss; and the American Red Cross, 61 percent fewer volunteers.

Sociologist Robert Putnam of Harvard University made the following observation: “Americans in massive numbers began to join less, trust less, give less...over the past thirty years civic and social clubs, have fallen 25 to 50 percent. A variety of technological and economic and social changes – television, two-career families, urban sprawl, and so on is to blame”.

## Fellowship Ministry OPS (Opportunities)

Are you getting connected? Northside has many ways for you to connect to ministry and people. We work to provide ways to help you do that, but ultimately, it is up to you! Here are a few ways you can get connected.



1. Go to the information area of either campus and request a nametag! This is just a little way to make it easier for all of us to learn names and to connect with people. Don’t be bashful. Request your nametag this Sunday.

2. Arrive a little early each Sunday for some “Fellowship Time.” Both campuses provide refreshments and a place for you to come meet people and talk. Main Campus provides three areas where you can get a cup of coffee and a donut. You just provide the smile and conversation. You’ll find the Main Campus fellowship spots in the CLC Lobby, at the Guest Center across from the auditorium and at the south entrance to the Education Building. North Campus has donuts and coffee in the HSE main entrance hallway. These fellowship OPS are available every Sunday at both campuses.

3. Small Groups are the best way for you to get connected. Go to the Small Group table at North Campus or the Guest Center at the Main Campus and ask about how you can get connected in a small group. These Bible study groups are designed to help you meet people and grow in your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Take the initiative and get connected this week!

Steve McNeil

## The Key to Small Group Growth:



**By Steve McNeil**

I was recently reading an article in a state Baptist paper by Keith Wilkinson who is the State Sunday School leader in Oklahoma. Some of you may remember him doing a Sunday School campaign here at our church in the mid 90's. This recent article was about the five keys of a successful Sunday School (small group) as written by Arthur Flake.

As he wrote about the key principle of personally inviting people, I was reminded that this is a factor we need to emphasize right now. Look at these points from the article:

\* Keith Wilkinson noted that "Sunday Schools [small groups] grow when they understand the principle of contacting and inviting people to experience God's Word in a small group. People respond to people."

\* Wilkinson quoted from one of Thom Rainer's books about church growth, "Most unchurched people said they would attend a Bible study worship experience if they were invited!"

\* Wilkinson said "Making constant and continuous contacts pays off. Invite, Invite, Invite! Truth is that many Sunday Schools stopped growing because we stopped inviting people to participate."

\* Wilkinson shared "Flake's Formula" which says to "1. Know the possibilities, 2. Enlarge the organization, 3. Provide the space, 4. Enlist and train the workers, 5. Go after the people."

Whether you are in a Sunday School class or a small group in a home, we need to continue to look for people who are not in a class or small group.

The principle of contacting works. One year ago, Mark and Kate Ayers took on the leadership of a class that had about 3 couples in it. Kate began calling people. She called people on the class lists who were not attending Bible study, people who had visited the church, people she ran into in worship and in the hallway. Today the Ayers have passed on the ministry of this class to others in the class and they are wall to wall with people because of the principle of contacting and ministering to people.

For the Main Campus Sunday School, the satellite ministry goal was to move people from this campus to the North campus, thus leaving room for growth at the Main Campus. Today we have parking spaces, a few empty classrooms and room in the worship service. This is the time for us to begin to GO AFTER THE PEOPLE. Look for events and opportunities to invite those people who need a relationship with the Lord and HIS church. Go after the people and invite them! They will come!

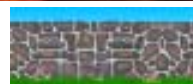
## People Respond to People

1. Look in the worship service for those who are not connected.
2. Look in your neighborhood or area where you live.
3. Pray about the people you work with and seek ways to invite them to your class or small group.
4. Go after those people. Contact them. Call them. Write them. Let them know you want them in your group.
5. Pray about when and where you can begin a new group out of the one that you are in. The small group experience is a great blessing, meant to be shared with others, not meant to be protected and kept for ourselves.

## Watchman Prayer Wall Built One Hour at a Time

All church members are asked to devote one hour of prayer for Northside each week. Sign up for a time-slot on the Watchman Prayer Wall by visiting the lobby display at both campuses during October or by contacting Bev Olonoh at [bolonoh@scbi.org](mailto:bolonoh@scbi.org). Monthly Watchman Prayer

resources are provided to all participants. Join in prayer Sundays at 9 am behind the baptistry at main campus or 9:30 am in the HSE small auditorium at north campus. Come for night prayer the 2nd Friday of every month 8-10 pm or morning prayer one Saturday a month, 7-9 am.



## NSM Lifegroups Launched



After months of prayer and preparation, our small group ministry finally took flight on September 11th. Student ministry small groups took on a new name (no longer called small groups or Sunday School) and a new look to be more effective in reaching more students. Students and leaders embraced the conceptual and cosmetic changes and were excited about having an evangelical emphasis during Bible study. During the last three weeks there have been over 100 students and leaders involved in the Lifegroups. Students are inviting friends, and friends are inviting Jesus into their lives. Lives are being changed from the inside out.

Serving the King,

  
Tony Manning

## Bible Characters to Visit Fall Festival 2005



On Saturday, October 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. come join the fun and invite a friend as we celebrate. Food, games and prizes will be available for children of all ages. Along with meeting

and getting pictures taken with Bible characters, children will enjoy the following attractions: Face painting, balloon animals, floating ducks, angel halo toss, football throw, running the race (car races), Jacob's ladder, Noah's golf, Peter's fishing hole, Carpenter's crew, bounce house, and an obstacle course. Be sure to bring a bag of candy as your family's contribution to the festivities. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available for a donation.

## Opportunities Open for Kindergarteners to Participate in Ministries

Are you thinking Upward? Believe it or not, we have been thinking Upward since last May! This summer brought us several opportunities to minister using the Upward program. We held Upward Basketball Camps in Pittsburgh on the NSM mission trip, and in the Bronx on the adult mission trip. We also had the exciting start of Upward Soccer at Northside in August!

Upward Soccer kicked off its first ministry season with a great group of kids and workers. Everyone has had a fantastic time learning a little about soccer but, more importantly, learning about Jesus! Our season concludes on November 1st with our Awards Night Celebration.

We begin our 9th season of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading this January. We are very excited to announce the addition of Kindergarten Basketball and Cheerleading! This gives us an even greater opportunity to share Jesus with the kids and families in our community. Those interested can register by filling out a form at the church or by going online at [www.worshipfortoday.com/upward](http://www.worshipfortoday.com/upward).

We would love to have you get involved in Upward Ministries. There are a variety of places where individuals and small groups can serve. If you are interested in talking to someone about where you can get involved, contact the church office at 255-6692.

Thinking Upward!

  
Matt Snow

# Northside Worship and Arts Provides Music for Three Major State Events

This fall has been one of preparation for not just the worship services at Northside, but also for three major events sponsored by the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana. The first event, Crossroads Academy, was held on Friday and Saturday, September 30 and October 1 at Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood. Our choirs, praise teams, rhythm sections and orchestras from both campuses combined with our media ministry and our newly formed drama team to lead worship for around 375 lay leaders and pastors from Central Indiana.

John Reeder commented, “Our combined worship ministry groups from both campuses, along with our drama team, were a huge blessing to so many people. I couldn’t get away that night for all the people coming to talk with us”.

The same opportunity on a much larger scale takes place on Sunday, October 23. The Worship and Arts Ministry of Northside was asked to lead worship for the Indiana Baptist Pastor’s Conference. Once again, both campuses are joining to provide more than 60 minutes of music that Sunday night. After the Pastor’s Conference, on Monday and Tuesday, our instrumentalists and vocalists will provide music for the State Convention meetings. It’s clear that leading worship is just part of our job description when you see all the ways our Worship and Arts Ministry is serving.



Our own Jim David was asked to do all live camera shoots as well as multi-media presentations for both events. Phil Jacoby has been asked to help with music and also to coordinate and run sound for both events.

We wouldn’t be able to do these things without our set-up crew from North Campus taking the day to deliver and set-up audio

and video for these events.

These opportunities have allowed us to influence the ministry of churches all across the state of Indiana, and even more, to personally encourage pastors, staff, and lay people in their ministries. “I know what it is like to be discouraged in ministry, and then to participate in a worship service where God speaks to my heart and encourages me to keep the faith and continue on in my ministry. That is the opportunity we have,” said John Reeder.

This type of ministry, which can seem like a tremendous amount of extra work has effects that cannot be fully measured this side of heaven. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given unselfishly to make these events a life-changing experience in the hearts of many.



**Highland Lakes Baptist Camp**, established in 1970 by the State Convention, provides camp and conference facilities for children, youth, and adults in Indiana and surrounding states. It is nestled in the hills of Morgan County on over 400 acres of beautiful forest. Northside’s own Brian Christy is Camp Director while Brent Higgins is Operations Manager. The state government is requiring Highland Lakes to replace the camp’s sewage treatment plant, an extremely expensive endeavor. The camp also hopes to erect a new welcome center using a steel frame building that has recently been donated. Please consider how you might contribute financially to help Highland Lakes be effective in its mission to see people come to know Jesus and grow in their faith through camp and conference ministries.

# November 2005

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Upward Soccer Awards Night, 5 pm	2	3	4	5 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Mexico Mission</span>
6	7	8	9	10	11 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">D NOW '05</span>	12
<b>Mexico Mission Trip</b>						
13 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">D NOW '05</span>	14	15 JOY Luncheon, 11 am	16	17	18	19  Upward B-ball Evals
20 Kids Perform "From the Pit to the Palace," 5pm Generations 6pm	21	22	23	24 Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27	28	29  Upward B-ball Eval Make-ups	30	<b>October Highlights:</b>  October 23-25 State Convention, Muncie October 23 Generations, 6 pm October 29 Fall Festival, 6-8 pm		

## Weekly Schedule:

### Tuesdays

7:30 am .... Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Rm)  
9:00 am ..... Fitness Classes (CLC)  
9:30 am ..... Sr. Adult Bible Study (Fireside Rm)

### Wednesdays

5:15 pm ..... Wednesday Night Meal  
6:00 pm ..... Prayer Meeting  
6:30 pm ..... Pastor's Bible Study (GYM)  
6:30 pm ..... ACT Classes  
6:30 pm ..... Worship Team Rehearsal (AUD)

### Thursdays

9:00 am ..... Fitness Classes (CLC)  
9:00 am ..... Women's Prayer Group (Rm 109)

### Fridays

9:30 am ..... Women's Bible Study (FR)

### Saturdays

6:30 pm ..... College & Career Bible Study

### Sundays

9:00 am ..... Prayer Meeting  
9:30 am ..... Main Campus Bible Study  
10:00 am ..... North Campus Worship  
11:00 am ..... Main Campus Worship  
6:00 pm ..... ACT Classes

## New Members

**Baptism:** E.R. BudAnderson; Matthew Fullenkamp; Jonathan Haag; James Horner; Katlyn & Kayla Jones; Rossi Lanahan; Julie Meils; Emily Rairdon; Darrell Scrogham, III; Jacob Taylor

**Statement:** Gary & Denni Bannister; Carol Blocher; John, Vicki, Jordan & Jonathan Crabtree; Jeff, Patti, Hollyn, Tyler & Trent Crabtree, John, Alexis, Blake, Gabe Nold; Michael Reed; Susan Swayze

**Transfer of Letter:** Keith & Melissa Cooley; Kasiah Delacluyse (Hand) & Jonathan Hand; Dwight & Jackie Henderson; Dr. Mark & Julie Michael; David & Cheri Sexauer; Rocky & Bunny Tasker

**Women of Northside**, Saturday, December 3, from 10 am to noon is the 1st annual Women's Christmas Brunch. It will be spectacular! We'll have festive table settings, Christmas music, and a heart-warming agenda. To volunteer as a table hostess, contact Jan Jeter at 849-5132 or jjeterj@cs.com . Tickets will be \$3.

**NSM's Disciple Now '05** is November 11-13. Cost is \$70 (\$55 if received by October 30). Registration deadline is November 6. For more info on registration or to volunteer for meals or transportation, call 255-6692.

## Relief Team Eases Burden of Hurricane Victims

"I could not let this day end without bestowing sincere thanks and God's blessings upon you who were sent to aid Joe and me in the removal of these huge trees and mounds of debris in our yard. My husband, Joe, is having to commute to Baton Rouge seven days a week and has been unable to do much in the yard. I was beginning to feel overwhelmed...when about nine o'clock this morning my doorbell rang. It was you angels from Indianapolis!!!! Praise God! Thank you also for the mini-sermons, encouragement, understanding, and most importantly, CARING! Thanks for finding the hole on the roof, too."

**-Ida James, Hurricane Victim**

"I can't tell you how privileged I feel to have gone and to have been a part of such a wonderful, hardworking, God-loving group. The bar has been set very high for future groups. And there must be more groups from Northside to go!"

**-Mary Hall, Relief Team Member**



## September Averages

Main Campus .....	319
North Campus .....	234
Total Worship .....	578
Small Groups .....	90
Sunday School .....	329
Giving .....	\$24,529.56

**The Crossroads Bible College** adult degree completion program will be offered at Northside Baptist Church one night a week, one course at a time. Here is your opportunity to finish your college degree without interrupting your career. Registration begins October 23, 2005. Classes start January 2006. Contact John Crabtree at 317.352.8736 ext.231 or jcrabtree@crossroads.net for more information.

**Parents' Night Out** is December 10, 4-8 pm. Parents will enjoy a night out while kids (age 0 to 5th grade) enjoy food, crafts, movies & fun! The cost will be minimal but registration is a must. For more information, contact Kathy Long at 353-2721 or ckdjlong@indy.rr.com.

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## Northside Mission Statement

*Loving God, Loving People* by  
praising the Lord in worship,  
promoting love in the fellowship,  
pursuing the path of discipleship,  
participating as gifted in ministry,  
piercing the lost world through evangelism



## Worship Times

Sunday Morning Main Campus Bible Study 9:30 am  
Sunday North Campus Service (HSE) ..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Main Campus Service .... 11:00 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 6:00 pm

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