



NORTHSIDE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2024 ~ NEWSLETTER

“Love God.”

“Serve Neighbors.”

“Be Transformed.”

Easter is over. Now What?

Easter is more than a date and shouldn't be confined to a single day; it is our way of life as Christians, it's our eternal hope.

The resurrection points to the future, not the past. Jesus died to give us new life and forgiveness. His resurrection should empower us to share this hope with others.

Matthew 28: 18-20

And Jesus came and told his disciples, *“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Let the resurrection shape your days, infusing them with purpose, hope, and love.

- **Sunday Morning**

9 AM Classes for all ages in person

10 AM Worship, in person & online@nsidechurch.org

- **Wednesday**

6 PM Prayer Group meets on Campus

7 PM Youth Group & Young Adults meet on Campus

- **Friday Morning**

6 AM Men's Bible Study

7 PM Women's Bible Study

(Starts mid April)

Led by Northside Members

JONAH

Navigating a Life Interrupted

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE LIFE'S INTERRUPTIONS

They shock us; they shake us; they compel us to change. You can't escape life's interruptions, but you can change your perspectives on them. Dive into the study of Jonah and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine.

New Women's Bible study starting mid April (7 week study).

- ◆ Sunrise and Northside women (bring a friend or neighbor if you like)
- ◆ Sign-up, let us know if you are interested in an evening or morning study time.
- ◆ Books can be purchased online at Amazon or Christianbook.com
- ◆ Contact Dawn Cash, Carla Morgan, or Tammy Preston for more info.

CLAIM THE VICTORY!

LADIES' RETREAT at Northside!

Save the dates - October 11-12

Can you help? Volunteer request forms on back table in auditorium

The Ladies' Retreat at Northside needs LOTS of help. Please pick up a "help request" list at the back of the auditorium (by the camouflage box). If you have any questions, please talk to Barbara Leland, Lori Lynn Staley or Bari Federspiel. Thank you!

Elder of the Month

April - Rob Fitzsimmons

May - Steve Payne

June - Rob Fitzsimmons

prayer group

Meets at 6 PM on Wednesday nights in the fellowship hall.
Everyone is welcome!

God is working in amazing ways! He has answered many prayers for our congregation and the community!



Hey Church Family,

It is hard to believe that Easter is already here. I feel like my kids were just opening Christmas presents last week. It has been a busy three months, and I figured I'd use the newsletter article as a bit of a recap of what's been going on and an update on where we currently are as a church.

It was in January that we let everyone know that we were beginning to explore the idea of a merger between the Northside and Sunrise congregations. We had begun that conversation in December with our ministry leaders first, but after gathering feedback from them we knew it was time to open ourselves to input from the congregations. Since then, we've heard from you through the feedback forms and direct conversations. The feedback has been predominantly positive, though many of you are asking the same questions about specifics. Some of these I addressed at our congregational meeting in February (i.e. staffing), and some we have chosen not to discuss deeply until we finish gathering feedback (facilities, number of services, etc.). I also want to make sure you understand that there is more to talk through than just those easy-to-see challenges and we are going to be thorough and intentional as we discuss next steps.

As we are just now reaching that point, I want to give you the short list of what *has* been decided *should* we choose to merge ([please read that sentence twice](#))

- We will keep all ministers
- There will be both acapella and instrumental worship ([whether we hold one service or two is part of the conversation but not decided](#))

That's the list. We have had surface-level conversations about the strengths and weaknesses of all building options, but conversations have not gone further. Many of you see the strengths and weaknesses of the various options as well and have offered feedback that includes choosing theirs, ours, or new. We will take that into account when we begin to discuss what's next, but please know that with so many moving pieces, this is not a quick-and-easy conversation. Additionally, we have also yet to discuss a name though I feel I can say with some certainty that it will not be "Sunrise" or "Northside."

As these conversations have taken place, we've continued to hold events together. Sunday evening worship services, pulpit swaps, classes taught by members of both churches, and last Sunday's joint service have all been encouraging to me and I hope they have to you as well. Moving forward, we will continue to work together, no matter what steps come next, as we believe firmly in our shared mission as members of God's kingdom. As we have said from the beginning, we want your feedback. The forms were not "the end." They were, instead, the beginning. **You are always welcome to talk to us, ask questions, raise concerns, etc.**

Henry

SAVE THE DATES

Youth & Family
Bowling @
Sunday, April 14th
Cheney Lanes (12 pm)
See Henry Holub for
more info.



VBS 2024
July 8 - 11



More info. Coming soon!

April 28, 2024

Sunrise & Northside

Sunday Night Worship

Brown Bag Dinner - 5 PM

Worship - 5:45 PM

April Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1- Matthew 16:24-28
Day 2- John 11:25-26
Day 3- Matthew 21:1-11
Day 4- Luke 23:26-30
Day 5- Luke 23:33-38
Day 6- Luke 24:36-49
Day 7- Psalm 25:1-6

Day 8- Psalm 25:7-14
Day 9- Psalm 25:15-22
Day 10- Proverbs 3:3-12
Day 11- Colossians 3:22-25
Day 12- Romans 3:21-26
Day 13- Psalm 16:1-5
Day 14- Psalm 16:6-11

Day 15- Romans 2:1-4
Day 16- Isaiah 66:12-14
Day 17- James 5:7-11
Day 18- Isaiah 43:1-3
Day 19- Psalm 66:8-12
Day 20- Hebrews 4:15-16
Day 21- 1 John 5:1-5

Day 22- 1 John 5:6-12
Day 23- Psalm 105:1-5
Day 24- Psalm 106:1-5
Day 25- Colossians 3:1-3
Day 26- Hebrews 12:1-2
Day 27- Matthew 6:25-27
Day 28- Matthew 6:28-34

Day 29- John 14:1-4
Day 30- Psalm 150:1-6



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalm 119:18