Northside Baptist Church Community Newsletter

"Northside Baptist Church is intentional about making and growing disciples and empowering people to live changed lives"

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Reflections from Our Pastor

Peace and Blessings.

Our Bible Study Class is currently reading and studying Rick Warren's: **The Purpose Driven Church: What on Earth is Your Church Here For**? Richard Duane Warren is an American Baptist evangelical Christian pastor and author. He is the founder of Saddleback Church, an evangelical Baptist megachurch in Lake Forest, California. Since 2022, he is director of the Finishing the Task mission coalition. In this book, Rick Warren has outlined some key concepts in his reading pointing out Five Biblical Purposes:

1. Worship
2. Ministry
3. Evangelism
4. Fellowship
5. Discipleship

His focus is primarily aimed at pastors and church leaders that provide practical insights for effective church management and growth.

1. **Worship (Loving God with All Your Heart)**: Glorifying God through collective and individual acts of worship. Worship is the highest priority of the Church. We were created to glorify God and enjoy His presence forever. Jesus affirmed this when He said: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37*
2. **Ministry (Serving Others in Love)**: Serving others and meeting the needs of the community.

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Prayer for Our Sick and Shut-in

Almighty God, you are a strong tower to all who put their trust in you: may those who suffer find you their defense; and may they know and feel that there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, except the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
https://www.churchsociety.org/

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Ministry happens through acts of compassion, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, counseling the hurting, and supporting those in need. The Church must be a place where people experience the tangible love of Christ. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace…" 1 Peter 4:10*

3. **Evangelism (Reaching the Lost):** Evangelism is not just for pastors or missionaries. It is the responsibility of every Christian to share their faith, lead others to Christ, and expand the kingdom of God. Jesus gave the Church the Great Commission before His ascension. Spreading the message of the Gospel to bring others to faith. *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19–20*

4. **Fellowship (Loving One Another):** Fellowship provides encouragement, accountability, and spiritual growth. It helps believers bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2) and live in harmony and peace. Jesus said: *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35* Building relationships among believers to foster a supportive community. The Church should be a family where people are loved, accepted, and strengthened in their faith.

5. **Discipleship (Growing in Christ):** Teaching and guiding individuals in their spiritual growth and understanding of the faith. Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Christ through the study of God's Word, prayer, and obedience. Jesus commanded: "*Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20*

The Church is responsible for nurturing believers in their faith, helping them grow from spiritual infancy to maturity. Paul emphasized the importance of teaching and spiritual development: *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another…" Colossians 3:16*

When the Church lives out these purposes, it becomes a powerful force for good, a light in a dark world, and a true reflection of God's love and truth.

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Sources: goodreads.com; search.yahoo.com; seedwordchristian.com

Celebrating One Year Northside Baptist Church Community Newsletter

In celebrating our One Year of Publication, we would like to reflect and share some of the articles from our 2025 editions.

Edition 1, Volume 1

Jan – Feb – March 2025

Reflections from Our Pastor

Pastor Parrish is explaining that Jesus' resurrection is understood from two perspectives: 1) how it makes sense; 2) the broader implications.

The Resurrection

Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day. His body was not in the tomb on Easter morning.

How to Study Your Bible

Five tips are listed on how to study your bible.

Ministries On the Move

The Garden Ministry was highlighted: The ministry was preparing for spring planting, as Sister Darlene Armstrong is leading this effort.

Historical Black Facts

February 1970 was the first celebration of black history month. First black tennis player (Althea Gibson) and invention of the three-light traffic light by a black man (Garrett Morgan).

Hand and Hand Women's Ministry

This ministry is tailored to support women of God and is driven to minister to women all over the country. Every Saturday morning uplifting prayer is transcended through phone lines.

New Disciples (a total of twelve disciples) joined Northside between July 2024 to March 2025.

Edition 1, Volume 2

April – May - June 2025

Reflections from Our Pastor

Pastor Parrish mentioned the celebration of Northside's 67th Anniversary. He gave recognition to all who made the celebration a success!

In the Spotlight

An Interview with Our Pastor: Reporter Journey Hillman did an exclusive and intriguing interview with our Pastor. Her interview with Pastor Parrish focused on his journey into ministry.



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Members in the Spotlight

In this issue, the spotlight focused on: Sister Betty Smith (The Betty Smith Food Pantry) celebrating it's



grand opening. Sister Lynaia Jordan was recognized with an award from the NAACP (Bill Lucy Legacy Award).

New Disciples

A total of five disciples joined Northside during the month of June 2025.

Events

Sunday, June 22, 2025
Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Jonathan R. Staples, Senior Pastor, First Shiloh Baptist Church, Buffalo NY

Edition 1, Volume 3

July – August – Sept 2025

Reflections from Our Pastor

Let's Finish Strong! Pastor Parrish shares focus on Finishing Strong. Strong in our Faith and Strong in our faithfulness.

One Day at a Time: Ten Things God Won't Ask You on That Day

This article is about things God won't ask you, however, He will ask you how have you been a blessing to someone else, like your neighbor, a friend, and even a stranger.

Youth in the Spotlight

Brother Antonio Cooper attended a conference hosted by the National Academy for Future Physicians. He shared how this experience at this conference was a moment of clarity, affirmation and growth.

Ministries on the Move

Hand in Hand Women's Ministry

Recognized National Domestic Violence Awareness month by hosting a program entitled, "A Balm in Gilead" (October 17, 2025) This program honored the strength and resilience of survivors.

Edition 1, Volume 4

Oct – Nov- Dec 2025

Reflections from Our Pastor

Pastor Parrish's focus for the year 2026 is Our God is Able!
Referencing the notable quote in the benediction of Ephesians 3 where Paul prays for the young church in Ephesus.

Saluting the Ministries of Northside

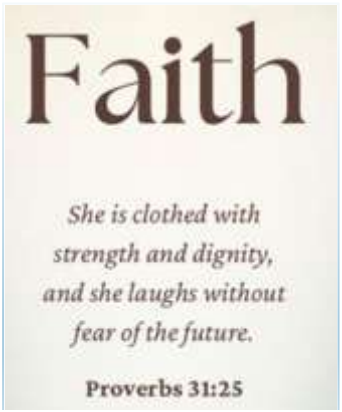
This issue saluted and celebrated all of the ministries of Northside. A brief description was given of each ministry, as well as, recognizing the chair and members of each ministry.

New Disciples

A total of two disciples joined Northside between October and December 2025.

New Baptismals

Northside had a total of three new baptismals in the month of December 2025.



Events

Friday, October 17, 2025
Hand in Hand Women's Ministry Presentation, Balm in Gilead
Sunday, October 19, 2025
Family and Friends Day
Saturday, October 25, 2025
Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 23, 2025
The Dance Ministry Presents:
This is the Sound of Victory: Music and Motion Moving Mountains
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Series 1: Life After Loss: Grieving With Hope

This year and previous years, some of us have lost loved ones. Some of us grieve in silence and some of us express our grief to family and friends. Even losing a pet can be heartbreaking to some. My mother died at the tender age of 44 from renal failure complications. I was the fourth child of seven and the oldest daughter. My siblings and I were all under the age of 25 and we were not prepared to deal with death, moreso, the death of our beloved mother. Because death was an experience that was totally new to me and my siblings, I was in denial for many years that my mother was not gone. I felt for a very long time that she went away somewhere and did not want us to know where she was. As I got older, the word death was a word that I would long not forget. As my maternal grandmother died 2 years after my mother, then we lost my brother two brothers (under the age of 30) and lastly a sister (age 35).
I found this pamphlet I ordered awhile ago and felt it would be a good idea to share it in this issue (Jan to March) and the second issue (April to June).

Everyone's Grief Is Different

While grief is a journey common to some of us, no one can tell you exactly how you should grieve. Grief is a personal path unique to everyone who is experiencing it. There's no single right way to grieve. However, understanding how grief works and what influences it will better prepare you for what you encounter after a loss.

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Grief Exposes Faith

One of the great ironies of life is that whether or not you consider yourself religious, grief reveals the element of faith in everyone. This element of faith can sometimes show where you place your trust when faced with the reality of death or loss - and that's faith.

A pathway in the bible reveals to us through times of loss that leads to higher ground. This experience, which often feels like death, is the perilous path through the *"valley of the shadow"* that David spoke of in **Psalm 23:4**. This favorite psalm reminds us, *"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."* The Good Shepherd reliably guides us through the valley of tears. He quiets our fears, comforts our hearts, and reassures us that we will make it through; though at times we may not be too sure.

While grief is unavoidable and complicated by the variety of relationships and circumstances in life, eventually every griever wonders, "Will life ever be better? Will the pain ever go away? Will I make it through this?"

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Source: Our Daily Bread Ministries. Discovery Series, Life After Loss: Grieving with Hope, By Tim Jackson. 2014 Grand Rapids, Michigan.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Billy Lance – 3rd
DeVaughn Woods – 4th
Arlene Maxwell – 5th
Gloria Johnson – 6th
Joseph Boyd – 7th
Shirley Jones-Hopkins – 7th
Jacqueline Morton – 8th
Deneen Holmes – 13th
Jason Jordan– 16th
Rev. Charles Johnson – 16th
Claudette Strother – 19th
De'Shawn Smith – 20th
Ruby McGinnis – 20th
Kaitlyn Crawley – 21st
Josephine O-Simmons – 22nd
Felicia McCraw – 23rd
Delshell Hines – 23rd
Lorne D. Matthews – 23rd
Diane Diggs – 24th
John Scovens – 25th
Pamela K. Davis – 25th
Faye Dixon – 26th
Alysia Barber – 28th

Anniversaries

Herbert & Gloria Johnson – 6th
George & Joyce Branch – 22nd

FEBRUARY

Patrick Mays – 1st
Phyllis McNair – 1st
Mary Ellen Phillips – 11th
Gabriel Mays – 15th
Michael Jones, Sr. – 15th
Angela Barber – 16th
Kimberly Lansey-Grade – 17th
Jimmette Lewis – 18th
Hazel Gary – 22nd
Debora Rahmings – 22nd
Frances Mohorn – 23rd
DeLisa Robinson – 23rd
Stephanie Tabron – 25th
Khloe Badu – 26th
Ethel Robinson – 28th

Anniversaries

Charles & Bernadette Johnson – 1st

MARCH

Evelyn Alston – 2nd
Gwendolyn Parker – 5th
Sosanya Jones – 8th
Patricia Alston – 10th
Anthony Hope – 16th
Dr. Felicia Thomas – 17th
Angela Taylor – 18th
Annette P. Brown – 18th
Camille Green – 23rd
Geneva Alderman – 25th
Constance Boykin – 29th
Omari Lewis – 30th
Jewel Crum – 31st

Anniversaries

Melvin Simmons & Josephine Okorie-Simmons – 10th
Nathaniel & Debora Rahmings – 21st
Chris Crawford & Vernell Thames – 2nd

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Walter L. Parrish, III, *Pastor*
Dr. Felicia Thomas
Reverend Derrick McCraw
Reverend Charles Johnson
Minister George Branch
Minister Chris Crawford
Elder Evelyn Alston
Elder Graylin Alston
Minister JoyAnne Amani
Reverend Constance Boykin
Reverend Gwen Lloyd

OUR DEACON MINISTRY

Rayetta Anthony
Felicia McCraw
Ronald Canady
Kimika Hicks
Herbert Johnson
Bernadette Crowder-Johnson
Jimmette Lewis, *Chair*
Phyllis McNair
Ken Royster

OUR TRUSTEE MINISTRY

Brother Joseph Boyd
Sister Juliette Braman
Brother Dwayne Brown
Sister Tanisha Cooper, *Chair*
Sister Vernell Crawford
Brother John Scovens

UPCOMING EVENTS

This section is under construction.
New Sections to be included in upcoming newsletters:

- New Births
- New Graduates
- Congratulations to
- More will be added

The Newsletter's Mission Statement:
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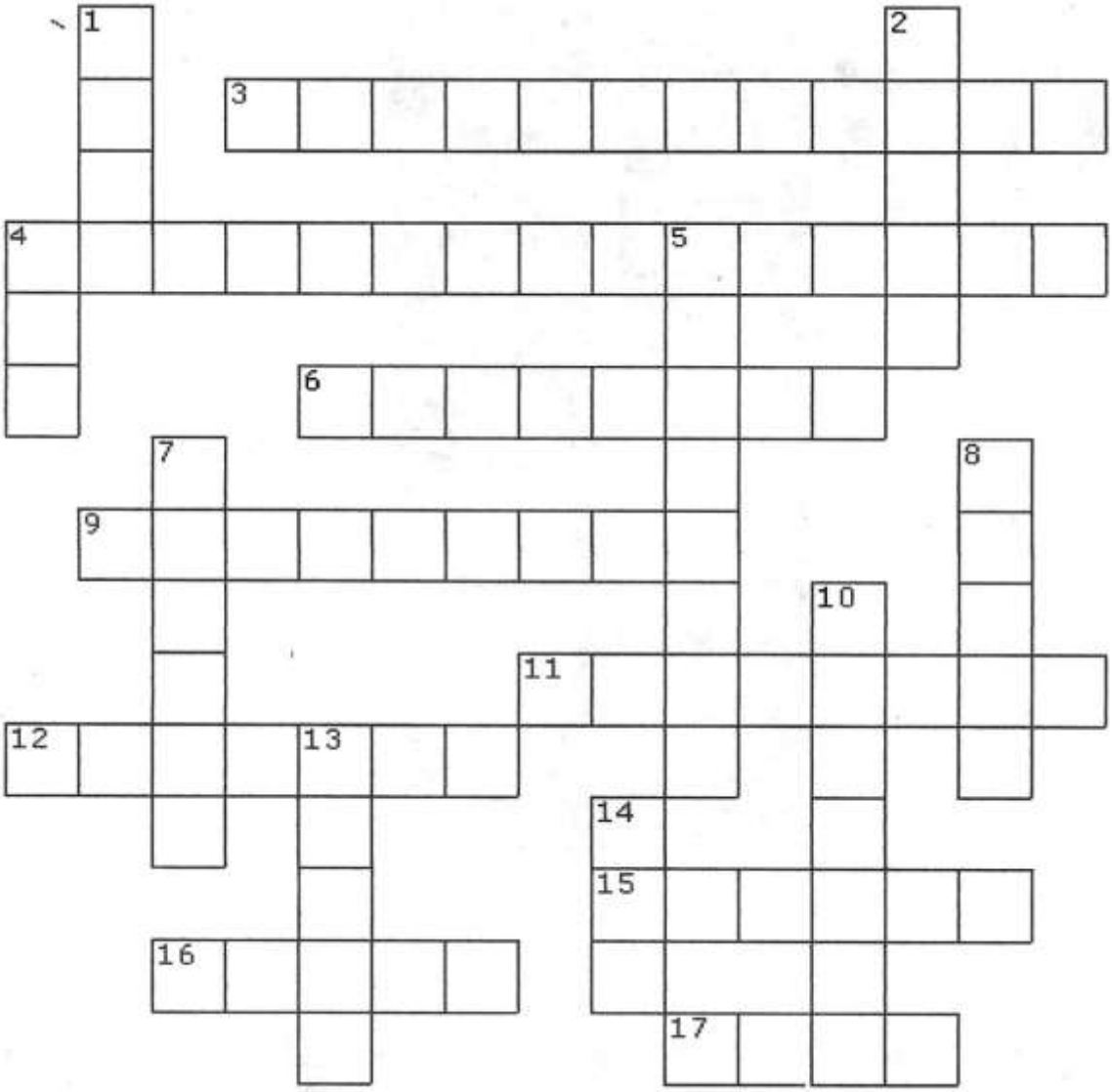
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We cannot guarantee that every submission will be published. All items will be reviewed first.

Book of Exodus – Biblical Plagues in Egypt



Source: https://www.christianbiblereference.org

ACROSS

3 Destination of Israelites (2 words)

4 Rules that God gave to Moses (2 words)

6 Wife of Moses

9 Death of all Egyptian _____ (final plague)

11 Jewish holiday with origin in Exodus

12 Egyptian ruler

15 Waters parted by God (2 words)

16 Second plague

17 God called Moses from a burning _____

DOWN

1 Pillar of _____ (nighttime guide)

2 Food supplied by God

4 Number of plagues on Egypt

5 Ninth plague

7 Sister of Moses

8 A land flowing with milk and _____

10 Eighth plague

13 Brother of Moses

14 _____ of the Covenant