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An Assault on the Status Quo...

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Is there any area in your life where you are satisfied with the status quo?

Before you answer, it might be helpful to define exactly what the status quo is: *sta-tus quo—the existing state of affairs, especially regarding social or political issues.* I interpret that to mean that by looking at my lifestyle, are there areas that I don't want to see changed? Are there areas in my life where I am content? More so, what metrics am I using to make those decisions? Often, the status quo is settled by how others around us define the current state of things. Rather than being a contributor to the definition, it can be extremely easy to live into the definition created by others.



As I reflect on that question in my own life, I'm confronted with two thoughts: 1) the things that are status quo probably shouldn't be. 2) The things that aren't status quo probably should be. What I mean by that is, there are clearly things in my life that I am comfortable with and would prefer they not change. Likewise, there are things in my life that I should be content with, but I'm not. Can you relate? If so, imagine bringing your version of the status quo into your family or to a community of believers (the church). What impact might that have?

If I'm satisfied with the status quo as it relates to my walk with the Lord, how might that affect the most important parishioners in my life—my family? If I'm satisfied with the status quo on how people are being reached for Christ, what might that say about my heart for the lost? If I'm satisfied with the status quo regarding what and how I'm contributing to the work of the Kingdom, what does that say about my generosity? It would be easy to gloss over this with a profession of, "I need to do better," or, "I shouldn't be satisfied with the status quo," or, "I shouldn't use the standards the world offers." It's always easier to say what we should do, but the fact remains, the status quo is the status quo for a reason.

Let me offer a different perspective. When Jesus entered our world, it truly upset the status quo. The religious leaders of the day had things laid out just the way they wanted. They didn't want things to change. The Jews, under Roman occupation, didn't seem all too satisfied with the status quo. They wanted liberation. They wanted freedom. Jesus enters our world and upsets the status quo as it relates to the religious leaders. While being praised as someone who disturbed the status quo for others, He didn't fulfill the Jew's desires of what they believed the new status quo should be. Jesus seemingly upset both groups: those wanting things to remain the same and those wanting things to change. What does that say about Jesus? What might it say when the teachings of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit intersect with our version of the status quo?

As we reflect on the status quo of society and more importantly, our lives, where does Christ fit in? Where does his call to fellowship with believers fit in? The status quo for society is continually changing and with that, there can be a temptation for Christians and The Church to accept whatever the new status quo is.

And sometimes, the status quo needs to be assaulted. May the Lord guide us as we seek to live by His standards.

Happening In August

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2nd Tuesday For Men | 6:30—8:00 pm

All guys (18 years old and up) are invited to gather at Northside for a time designed by men, led by men, for men. Dinner will start right at 6:30, so come hungry! We'll hang out, hand out a few door prizes and have the opportunity to hear Jeremy Edwards share his journey of faith.

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Raleigh Rescue Mission | 4:30—7:30 pm

Church partners and regular attendees (16 years and older) are invited to volunteer to help serve a meal and lead a chapel service at the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Serving at the mission is a great way to give back to our community. To volunteer, sign up in the church lobby.

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ELEVATE | 10:00 am—3:00 pm

All rising and current middle school students are invited to a meet at the church at 10:00 am for a time of "commissioning" our newest students into the middle school ministry. We'll finish the day with lunch and a pool party at the home of Jason & Michille Kellhofer's.

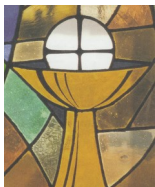
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Read & Feed Orientation | 6:30 pm

Read & Feed is coming to Northside! This ministry pairs adults with Knightdale Elementary students who have been identified as at-risk in their literacy skills. There will be a training session at Northside on Wednesday, August 19th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Please sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend.

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Holy Communion | 9:00 & 10:45 am

Come join us as we observe this holy sacrament.

Knightdale Elementary Backpack Drive

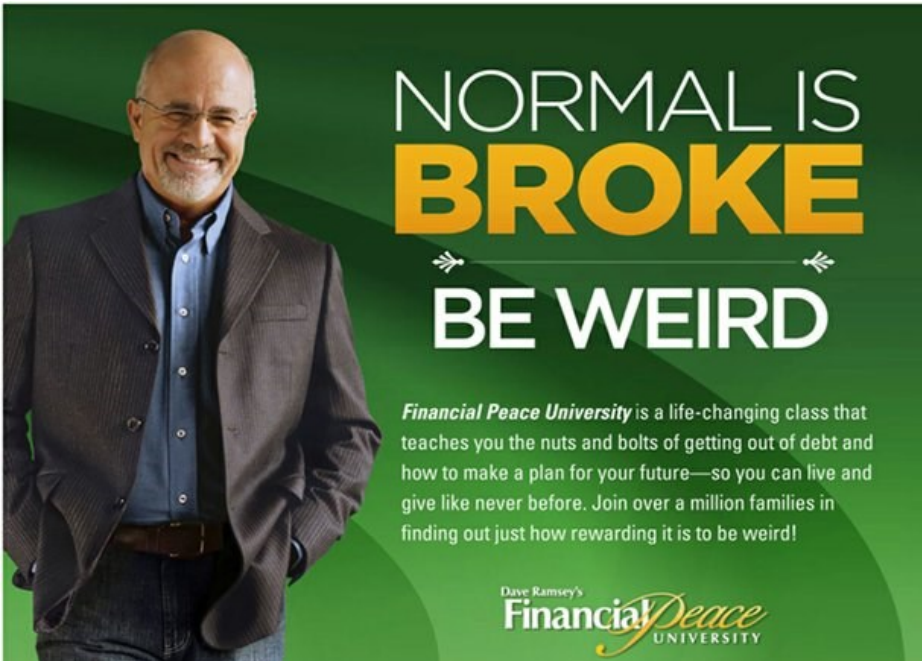
We're hoping to collect at least 30 backpacks (full with the necessary school supplies) to help those in need. The need is fairly broad; ranging from Kindergarten to 5th grade. General school supplies are needed. Below is a list of items needed:

1/3/5 subject spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, zippered pencil pouches, wide ruled notebook paper, color pencils, crayons.

All supplies need to be dropped off in the church lobby by Sunday, August 16th.



Coming To Northside...FPU



Ready to change your financial life? Through Financial Peace University (FPU) you will learn how to handle money God's way.

The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 over the nine-week course using the principles of financial stewardship taught by Dave Ramsey. For more information, please visit www.northsidecommunity.com or email Brian Belvin at brian.belvin@gmail.com. You can register for the course in the lobby or online.

Begins Wednesday, September 9th @ 7:00 pm

2015 Chest of Joash Sunday ~ Sunday, September 27th

Ever since Northside started back in 2002, we've had a yearly focus on stewardship. We don't use the word "steward" very much in our society, but the principle is that for everything we're given, we operate as managers or stewards, not owners.

The Chest of Joash stewardship month is a four week teaching series on biblical giving. It culminates on Chest of Joash Sunday when we ask all those who are partners and who regularly attend Northside to consider giving a gift above and beyond their normal level of giving.

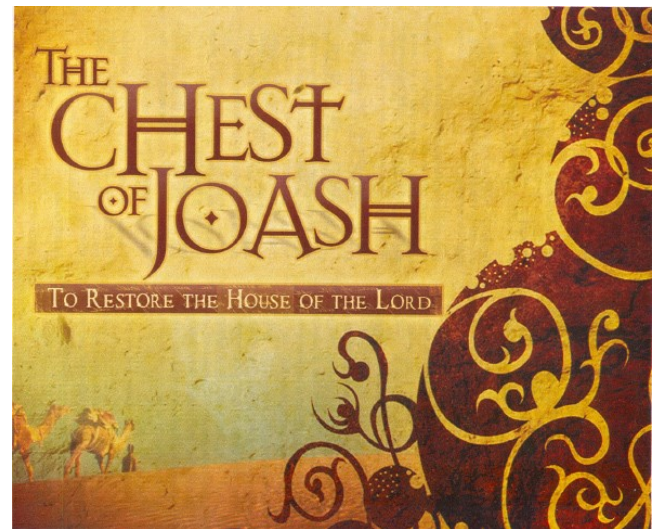
Over the years, the annual giving done on Chest of Joash Sunday has allowed us to move into our first permanent space on First Avenue and to complete landscaping requirements before we received our Certificate of Occupancy from the Town of Knightdale.

This year will be no different. Our Elder Board is proposing that we use all gifts given on Chest of Joash Sunday to accomplish two very important tasks:

1. Water sealing the Lower Level

2. Replacing and expanding our HVAC system to be a split level system.

From initial conversations and proposals we have received, we're estimating that the costs will be approximately \$40,000.00 to accomplish both of these tasks. Please begin praying about how God might have you to be involved on Chest of Joash Sunday.



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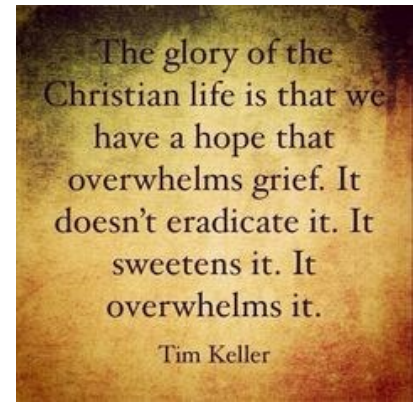
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	3	4 Young Adult Gathering @ The Dixon's 7:00 pm	5	6 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	7 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	8
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More News & Notes

Losing loved ones is extremely difficult. This past month, two of our church families have experienced loss. Please remember the following in your prayers.

Matt & Denise Davis—Matt’s father, Rev. Ray Davis, passed away on July 28th.

Mark & Christine Swan—Christine’s father, William “Bill” McFadden, passed away on July 30th.



Student Ministries

As of this writing, we’re finalizing the list of team members that will begin the process of calling a student pastor. The Student Ministry Team is made up of youth group members, two Elders and parents who have or will have children in student ministries. The first task will be developing ministry priorities for our student ministry, followed by a job description.

Once the initial prep work is done, the Team will begin reviewing resumes and interviewing prospective candidates. Please remember this Team in your prayers in the coming months.

August Birthdays

Gene Hill	August 1st
Deb Stone	August 1st
Michelle Freed	August 3rd
CeCe Wash	August 5th
Barrett Freed	August 6th
Carol Bridgers	August 7th
Brandon Barnes	August 9th
Eve Dixon	August 9th
Michille Kellhofer	August 9th
Brad Penny	August 11th
Dee Belvin	August 13th
Chris Simpson	August 13th
Jan Basden	August 16th
Emily Davis	August 16th
Brandon Doss	August 17th
Caden Avery	August 19th
Corey Friedrichs	August 20th
Jaime Rose	August 21st
Katherine Brooks	August 23rd
Brad Baldwin	August 26th
Josh Mitchell	August 28th
Carl Richardson	August 28th
Will Basden	August 30th
Ricky Massey	August 30th
Audrey Hazelrigg	August 30th

July Stewardship

	Attendance	Offering
July 5th	145 (70/75)	\$4,312.06
July 12th	165 (87/78)	\$4,400.50
July 19th	181 (87/94)	\$2,950.28
July 26th	166 (82/84)	\$3,648.28
Average Sunday Attendance: 164		
Total Amount of Tithes		\$15,311.12
Amount Needed Per Week		\$3,842.12
Average Weekly Tithes		\$3,827.78
YTD Budget <u>Overage</u>		\$6,650.10
<p><i>"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to fear the Lord your God." (NLT)</i></p> <p>Deuteronomy 14:23c</p>		

Did we miss yours? Please let us know.
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Northside Community Church

Mission | Values

Mission:

Our mission is to meet our community's changing needs by living the unchanging Gospel of Christ.

Values:

Fidelity | *We are committed to Biblical truth and prayer*

Authenticity | *We are committed to creating an environment where people can come as they are*

Compassion | *We are committed to heartfelt concern for the needs of others*

Engagement | *We are committed to intentionally pursuing involvement in our community*

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