



# northside community church

Come As You Are...Leave Different

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## Dangerous Prayers...

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*How often do you think about the words you use when you pray? I imagine for some, prayer is seen as a very mechanical obligation to just get through. For some, prayer might function as a glorified, sanctified "wish list" of things we want and need. And still, there's others who see prayer as one way in which they commune with God.*



I'm sure many of us have been in conversations that we would classify as "dangerous." The wrong question or the wrong answer can bring an enormous separation in a relationship. From the "Does this dress make me look fat?", to "Is what I'm doing or who I'm with really making me happy?", we ask ourselves and others these types of questions and the truth is, we're not always happy with the answer. We might not be happy with the answer because it's the truth, or, we might not be happy with the answer because we expect people to lie. The big question is, what do you do with the answer?

During October and November, we're embarking on a message series about Dangerous Prayers. For a list of prayers we're going to explore during this series, check out page 3. I imagine that you will be able to identify some of these as prayers that you have or are praying. I know I can. Perhaps the reason why they're dangerous is because we have an idea of what we need or what the answer should be, but we're asking the Creator of Heaven and Earth to do something about our plight. Think of it as someone who doesn't have all the information coming up with a solution to a major problem while the other someone knows everything there is to know about every problem and solution. Is it fair to say that God's answers and our answers don't always line up?

This doesn't mean we should stop praying or be so guarded in our petitions that we're not telling God anything. What I think it brings into focus is the notion of trust. Do we trust God for the answers? Do we believe that His ways are right and wholly better than ours? Do we believe He is who He says He is? It's easy to pray to God when I have an idea of what the solution should be. It's much harder to pray and to trust that whatever may happen, it's not going to catch God by surprise. What makes prayers dangerous is not God's answer, but our own assurances that we think we know what the answer should be.

The prayers we're going to explore are dangerous because it's a real possibility that how God answers them is not in line with what we think should happen. If that's the case, what are you prepared to do? Jesus models for us a response to our Heavenly Father when things don't turn out the way we want them to. While praying before his crucifixion, Jesus says, *"If it's possible, let this cup pass from me. But not my will, but yours be done."* Luke 22:42

If we really trust and believe that God knows best, what's more dangerous, God's answers or following our own? I would be in a world of trouble if I got what I asked for all the time. Even in the hard times, when we don't understand why the answers to our prayers are what they are, will you trust God? Words matter. When we pray, may our words and our heart reflect a submission that truly tells our Heavenly Father, "not my will, but yours be done."

**Dangerous prayers are always worth it!**

# Happening In October/November

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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 or email Adrian at [adrian@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:adrian@northsidecommunity.com).

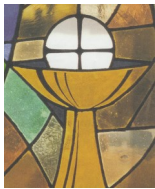
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## Fall Church Work Day | 8:00 am—1:00 pm

We will be doing some landscaping, touch-up painting, cleaning and general maintenance. We'll plan to be done by 1:00 pm. We could really use your help, so please come out if you can help.

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## Holy Communion | 9:00 & 10:45 am

Come join us as we observe this holy sacrament.

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## Ladies Outing

The ladies will be going to Seagrove, NC to check out pottery, farms and a covered bridge. RSVP by signing up in the church lobby.

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## Thank You Dinner

We want to honor our children's ministry teachers with an appreciation dinner. If you're involved in the children's ministry, please RSVP with Dee at [dee@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:dee@northsidecommunity.com) and accept our invitation to celebrate you! The dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

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## Baptism | 1:00 pm

Northside will be having a baptism service at Knightdale Baptist Church. If you haven't taken the step to be baptized, but would like to make a public profession of your faith, or if you have questions about baptism, email Adrian at [adrian@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:adrian@northsidecommunity.com).

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## Fall Festival

We're still in the planning stages, but save the date for what will be a fun-filled, family event. If you'd like to help with the planning of this event, please connect with Dee at [dee@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:dee@northsidecommunity.com).

# Message Series / Dangerous Prayers

Have you ever complained that your prayers (for more money, less persecution, better kids, bigger house, easier life, etc.) weren't being answered?

Well, there are certain prayers that seem to always get God's response—often instantly.

But fair warning: These aren't safe prayers. They will mess up our simple, neat existence and shatter several preconceived notions we may have about faith, God and humanity. We call them - Dangerous Prayers.



**God, Save Me**  
October 4

**God, Take Me**  
October 11

**God, Use Me**  
October 18

**God, Break Me**  
October 25

**God, Lead Me**  
November 1

**God, Help Me**  
November 8

**God, Help Me With My Kids**  
November 15

**God, Help Me to Be Thankful**  
November 22

**SUNDAYS @ 9:00 & 10:45 AM**

## Chest of Joash / Impact

Sunday, September 27th was a special day in the life of Northside. We had set aside this day as our annual Chest of Joash Sunday. Unlike past years, the sacrificial gifts given this year would be used to make two major improvements at the church building. We needed to desperately install sump pumps in our Lower Level to address heavy rains we get throughout the year. We also need to update our HVAC system, which is nearing 28 years old. The total cost for these improvements will exceed \$40,000.00.

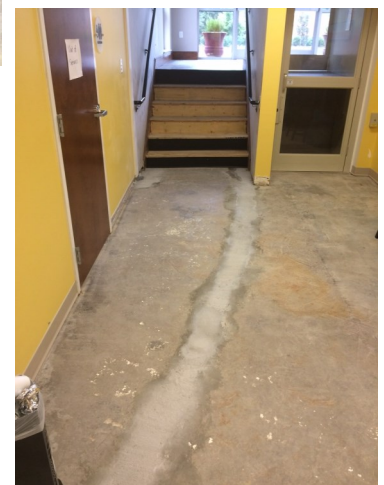
On Sunday, September 27th, our church family responded with nearly \$32,000.00 given for the Chest of Joash! This is the most that's ever been given on a Chest of Joash Sunday.

The sump pumps have been installed in the Lower Level and have already been put to use with the heavy rains we've been getting.

Thank you to everyone who sacrificially gave to meet this need.



One of the two sump pumps that's been installed.



One of ten trench lines cut for underground piping.

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	2 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP God, Grace & You Study 6:30 pm	3
4 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	5	6 May Small Group 7:00 pm	7 Read & Feed 5:30—6:45 pm  Finance Peace University 7:00 pm	8 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP Raleigh Rescue Mission 4:30-7:30 pm	10 Church Work Day 8:00 am— 1:00 pm
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Have you ever considered joining the church? We make commitments every day. Some of those commitments are short term while others are meant to last a lifetime. We recognize that committing to a church family is a big step for anyone.

Discover Northside is a 4-week session designed to give individuals an idea of what it means to join the church. This investment of time and commitment will be an investment we believe you will not regret.

Childcare is provided. To RSVP, please sign up in the church lobby or email Adrian at [adrian@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:adrian@northsidecommunity.com).

Sessions will be on Monday nights, October 19, 26, November 2 & 9 at 7:00 pm at the church.

## September Stewardship

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
September 6	153 (69/84)	\$4,925.06
September 13	173 (109/64)	\$4,069.19
September 20	184 (93/91)	\$2,340.34
September 27	189 (104/85)	\$2,916.00

<b>Average Sunday Attendance:</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Total Amount of Tithes</b>	<b>\$14,250.59</b>
<b>Amount Needed Per Week</b>	<b>\$3,842.12</b>
<b>Average Weekly Tithes</b>	<b>\$3,562.65</b>
<b>YTD Budget <u>Overage</u></b>	<b>\$6,385.40</b>

*"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to fear the Lord your God."* (NLT)  
Deuteronomy 14:23c

## Congregational Support

Our Elders are available for any spiritual needs you have.

Our Deacons are available to assist you with your physical needs. These individuals are able to assist you this month.

### October Elder

Russell Killen | [russellkillen@parkerpoe.com](mailto:russellkillen@parkerpoe.com)  
919.270.3571

### October Deacons

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### Need Prayer?

Email requests to: [prayer@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:prayer@northsidecommunity.com)

## October Birthdays

Jana Allen	October 4th
JJ Yoneoka	October 4th
Paula Bodette	October 5th
Andrew Doss	October 6th
Tim Jones	October 7th
Amanda Kearney	October 7th
Cindy Fournier	October 9th
Danny Davis	October 11th
Greyson Johnson	October 12th
Cameron Edwards	October 13th
Callie Avery	October 14th
Braxton Belvin	October 16th
Shoshannah Dixon	October 16th
Katie McMahan	October 17th
Aidan Almond	October 18th
Glenn Atkinson	October 18th
Tara Johnson	October 19th
Steven Sawyer	October 19th
Gwen Canada	October 20th
Harper Dixon	October 22nd
Jason Brown	October 24th
Trevor Atkinson	October 25th
Karen Powell	October 26th
Baylee Freed	October 27th
Kelly Allen	October 28th

*Did we miss yours? Please let us know.*  
[info@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:info@northsidecommunity.com)



# 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*

### Staff:

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