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The World Isn't Ending...

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Or is it? Over the last three weeks, we've seen the two major political parties hold their conventions and formally nominate their candidates. To say that this presidential race is unprecedented is an understatement. Even to those individuals who don't normally pay attention to politics, the fever, language and candidates themselves are attracting all kinds of attention. To those who do stay current on the political scene, it's not a stretch to say that both major candidates have serious flaws and moral deficiencies. The problems are so serious that many who once identified with a certain party are either considering sitting it out in November or writing in a candidate. Prognosticators have opined that if either of these candidates are elected, our county is going to be in serious trouble. There's even credible data that has many voters being willing to undergo physical harm as opposed to voting for either candidate. Regardless of who wins, could this election usher in the end of the world?



I ask that with a hint of sarcasm, but also with a real sense of concern with where our nation has been heading. If the world is coming to an end, I don't think it will be this election that does it. Likewise, if we're to make a return to God (as a people), I don't see it being a presidential figure or party who leads us there. So where does this election leave us?

Much like the choice between the Republican or the Democrat candidate, I think there are two choices. We can either spend from now until election day (and possibly longer) fretting over who our new president will be. We can post statements, make arguments, unfriend people on Facebook and read the news with such anger and frustration that life itself is a irritating. Or, we can do something different. After spending some time away recently, and rather than focusing on the world and more specifically this election, I'm choosing to focus on some other things:

- 1) **My faith.** I'm going to choose to believe the words of Jesus in John 14:27, *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* My heart is troubled when I look at this world, but my heart is never troubled when I look to Christ. If I am dependent on a candidate making this world right, I've really lost track of where my faith should be.
- 2) **My family.** My kids get only one dad. My wife has only one husband. I don't want them to see a dad or a husband that's perpetually angry at things they don't understand. While righteous anger has its place, it's important to separate what's righteous vs. what I want/prefer. I would much rather find my joy in my children and wife as opposed to the latest polls and who said what.
- 3) **My church.** It's easy for a community of faith to take the backburner to work, play, travel and general apathy. Many people in our community have no sense of real belonging and when they look at where much of their identity is placed (politics), their not so sure they can even identify with that anymore. The Bible tells us that our citizenship isn't here. I want to focus on where my citizenship ultimately lies—and who will be there with me.
- 4) **My friends.** God has made us for relationships and the enemy wants nothing more than to sow confusion and division among those relationships. Do you see that happening in this election cycle? If we're honest, we have to decide whether we value our friends (and other people) above their political affiliations. And vice versa. When it came to Jesus choosing us over our problems and hang-ups, He ALWAYS chooses us!

No matter what side your taking this election, there will be things to be angry about. But there is so much more to take joy in. It really comes down to a choice. Choose wisely.

Chest of Joash | September 25th

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 campaign is the only time during the year that we talk about money and the church.

The Chest of Joash stewardship month is a four week teaching series on biblical giving. It concludes 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 on Chest of Joash Sunday has allowed us to move into our first permanent space on First Avenue and complete landscaping requirements before we received our Certificate of Occupancy. Last year, over \$30,000.00 was given on Chest of Joash Sunday to install sump pumps in the Lower Level and replace our HVAC system.

This year will be no different. Gifts given on Chest of Joash Sunday will be used to accomplish three very important tasks:

1. Pave the Second Avenue parking lot (completed in May with anticipated Chest of Joash funds) \$14,000.00
2. Install new projector in sanctuary and display board for praise team \$8,000.00
3. Repair Lower Level walls (sealing, wall repair, baseboard, paint) \$15,000.00

From initial conversations and proposals we have received, we're estimating that the costs will total approximately \$40,000.00 to accomplish these tasks. Please begin praying now about how God might have you to be involved on Chest of Joash Sunday on September 25th.

Heartfelt Friends Women's Ministry

Attention Ladies: Please join us for a catered dinner on Sunday, August 14th from 5:00—6:30 pm at Northside to learn about a new women's ministry at Northside: Heartfelt Friends. This ministry focuses on discipling and deepening relationships between Heart Moms and Heart Sisters. This ministry is for ages 18 and up! To RSVP for the dinner, email Tara Johnson at tara.johnson2011@yahoo.com by 08/12/2016.



Backpack Drive

We're hoping to collect at least 30 backpacks (full with the necessary school supplies) for Knightdale Elementary to help students 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 14th.



Upcoming Events In August



Church Safety/Security Meeting

Making sure our church community stays safe is a priority. Come join us on Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the church to learn more about a new ministry opportunity at Northside. If you can't make it, but would like more information on this ministry, contact Brian Belvin at brian.belvin@gmail.com.



Raleigh Rescue Mission

We'll be serving meals and leading a chapel service at the Mission on Friday from 4:30-7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to serve in our larger community. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. Sign up in lobby to volunteer.



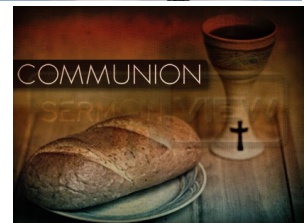
Adopt A Highway

Come join us on Saturday at 9:00 am as we make First Avenue just a little bit cleaner. This is a great way to give back to our community, meet other Northsiders and get some exercise. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to volunteer.



Holy Communion

We'll be observing Holy Communion during the 9:00 and 10:45 am services. We're never more united as a church body than when we participate in the Lord's Table.



Elder / Deacon Selection

At the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, August 28th, Northside partners will have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" for each person nominated for either Elder or Deacon. This is an important piece of the process to confirm the selection of the church's leaders. We're currently accepting nominations for each role. Elders are spiritual leaders who share the responsibility of shepherding the flock. Deacons exercise leadership related to the church's ministries of mercy and service. For a list of qualifications for each role, or to submit a name for either role, please email: elders@northsidecommunity.com.



15th Birthday Celebration Planning

Northside will be celebrating 15 years of ministry on February 19, 2017. We're planning a big weekend celebration and renewal time. We need a group of people who have a heart to see renewal in people's lives as well as those who love to party! We only get once chance at a 15th birthday celebration and we want to make it memorable. To join the planning team for this event, email Dan Thorpe at dan@northsidecommunity.com.



August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Safety/Security Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4	5 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	6
7 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	8	9	10	11 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	12 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP Raleigh Rescue Mission 4:30—7:30 pm	13
14 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm Women's Dinner 5:00—6:30 pm	15 Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	16	17	18 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	19 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	20 Adopt-A-Highway 9:00 am
21 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am <i>*Holy Communion</i> Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	22 Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	23	24	25 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	26 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	27
28 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	29 Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	30	31			

Congregational Meeting Recap

At the July 31st Agape Meal and Congregational meeting, several church updates were shared. The updates reflect a church that is busy looking towards the future and ministry opportunities in our community. Below is a quick recap of the major highlights:

1. A finance report for January-June 2016 was reviewed as well as a year by year comparison. For a PDF copy of this report, please email info@northsidecommunity.com.
2. The church property on Buffalo Road will be placed on the market effective August 1st.
3. The church has contracted with Dalton Engineering to do a preliminary site plan for future building additions on the First Avenue property.
4. The church has purchased a life insurance policy on Pastor Adrian Dixon.
5. The Church leadership will be working through a ministry strategic plan beginning in March/April 2017.
6. Plans are underway for a mission trip in July 2017 to minister to the Navaho Indian Tribe in Arizona.

July Stewardship

	Attendance	Offering
July 3	155 (71/84)	\$4,066.80
July 10	202 (101/101)	\$4,481.58
July 17	207 (82/125)	\$3,490.56
July 24	185 (99/86)	\$2,869.16
July 31	171 (80/91)	\$5,688.82
Average Weekly Attendance: 184		
Total Amount of Tithes		\$20,596.92
Amount Needed Per Week		\$4,101.35
Average Weekly Tithes		\$4,119.38
YTD Budget <u>Overage</u>		\$9,007.61

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to fear the Lord your God." (NLT)

Deuteronomy 14:23c



Fall Small Groups
Starting Soon

A Note

Northside Family,

We would like to thank you so much for your kind words, prayers, cards and flowers following the death of Carl's brother, Jim. Times like this are so very difficult but it is comforting to know that we are supported by a body of believers, so full of love and kindness. Your faith continues to give us comfort. Thank you again.

Love in Christ,

Carl Richardson & Heather Peterson

August Birthdays

Gene Hill	August 1st
Michelle Freed	August 3rd
Barrett Freed	August 6th
Carol Bridgers	August 7th
Sylvie Thorpe	August 8th
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
Joe Bukowski	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 31st

*Did we miss yours? Please let us know.
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*

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