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Embracing The Unexpected...

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November 20th is a day that will live in infamy—for me. On November 20th, my wife and I arrived at Rex Hospital to welcome our 3rd child. Ours was a morning of anticipation, excitement (and a little anxiety as I was missing church). We talked about Graham, who we thought he might look like and our hopes and dreams for him. Everything was going as expected.

During an exam, my wife's water was inadvertently broken. The doctor then commented to us that he would like to place a monitor on Graham in utero, due to what he saw in the amniotic fluid. For close to an hour, we listened to Graham's heartbeat in real time—much like a clock ticking back and forth. As that first hour drew to a close, we noticed a different pattern in Graham's heartbeat. As we discussed whether to call the nurse, both Shoshannah's doctor and nurse rushed into the room with the proclamation, "You have to have this baby now." Ten minutes later, Graham Steven Dixon through a forceps delivery made his entrance into the world—with the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck. He had been in distress and with a host of NICU nurses in our room, he was whisked into the arms of professionals who began working on him. The staff did an excellent job in caring for him.



Shoshannah and I were soon moved to a post-partum room where we awaited the opportunity to see Graham. While in our room, Shoshannah began to feel lightheaded and had noticed that the bleeding was more than she had experienced in her previous deliveries. The doctor examined and treated Shoshannah. A couple of hours later, the same thing happened—except this time, it was worse. Shoshannah kept telling me, "something's not right." The doctor returned and again treated her. An ultrasound machine was used, but was unable to determine where the bleeding was coming from. About an hour later, things got worse. Shoshannah's blood pressure dropped to 80/40, she was turning increasingly white and felt like she was going to pass out. The doctor returned and informed us that Shoshannah needed to be taken back into surgery to stop the bleeding. He discussed the possibilities of what they might find and what might potentially happen if the bleeding source was severe. Two hours later and just shy of midnight, Shoshannah was out of surgery and in recovery. They were able to stop the bleeding.

Since our coming home, Graham has experienced his share of trials in his early life. We spent five days at Wake Med dealing with an infection and we're continuing to work through feeding issues. Additionally, Graham will be followed for at least a year by a neurologist due to some findings on a brain MRI.

November 20th started with everything going as expected. In the days and weeks following November 20th, I've had a lot of time to reflect on the events that my family has experienced. In some ways, they don't even compare to what other families in our church have and are walking through. But the truth is, if we live long enough, the unexpected will find us all. You won't be able to avoid it, outrun it or ignore it. We either embrace the unexpected with hope and faith, or we deal with it under our own power.

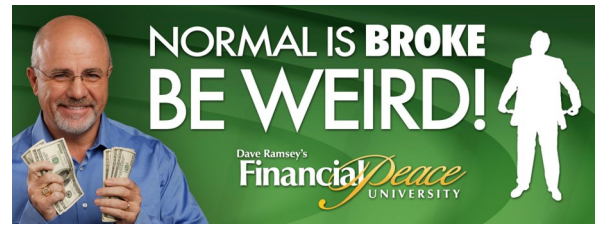
As we start 2017, I'll be starting a four week series on the Unexpected. Change, trusting God, dealing with the unthinkable; they're all part of the unexpected in our lives. I hope you'll join me for this series. You might just find that as unexpected as things can be in life, there is a certainty, an expectation that God is never caught by surprise.

Financial Peace @ Northside

Did you know that 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Or that 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1,000 emergency? This doesn't have to be true for you! All you need is a practical plan for your money—and *Financial Peace University* IS that plan!

In nine easy-to-follow lessons, you'll learn how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, and so much more! Learn God's way to handle money by attending our next *Financial Peace University* class. Classes will be held Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm at Northside Community Church beginning February 21st. A class preview will be shown between services on February 5th.

You can register online by visiting: <http://fpu.com/1034644>



Live Streaming, Facebook & Northside

Have you checked out Northside's Facebook page lately? Every Sunday morning, our 9:00 service is live! Whether you're home sick, traveling or just having a hard time getting going, you can tune in and join us for worship. Since our launch in August of 2016, there's been over 55,000 views of our services.

We're planning to build on this ministry in 2017. If you'd like to be a part of helping get our services out to our community and beyond, connect with Dan Thorpe: dan@northsidecommunity.com.



Let There Be Light

At Northside, we believe the 70+ year old, renovated space where we worship preaches a message of redemption to our community. As part of our capital improvements in 2016, all lighting fixtures and bulbs were converted to LED's. In addition to brighter spaces, this upgrade will save us over \$1,000.00 each year on our electric bill.



Northside's 15th Birthday Celebration



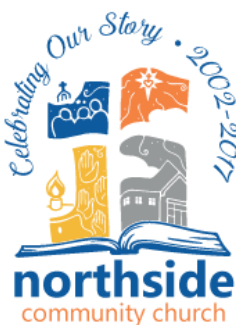
February 17th | Celebration

There will be a catered dinner at Knightdale Baptist Church's Family Life Center followed by an evening of acoustic worship back at Northside featuring Tamesha Pruett

February 18th | Serve

We want all Northsiders to commit to a two hour serve project. There will be multiple serve projects throughout our community

Everyone
Serving



February 19th | Worship

Don't miss the weekend finale as we gather at Northside (9:00 or 10:45 am) for worship. We'll spend time reminiscing, giving thanks and looking ahead to the next 15 years!

Budget Notes for 2017

- The budget was developed using the average Sunday giving from January through August 2016.
- In keeping with tithing our budget, you will see an increase in the mission organizations we support.
- In view of our staff's responsibilities, the great work they do and with a recent compensation study for bi-vocational staff, our Elder Board has increased the housing allowance for the Pastor of Worship, Pastor of Student Ministries and Pastor of Children's Ministries positions.

The 2017 budget percentage breakdown:

Missions	12%
Ministries	9%
Mortgage/Loans	30%
Staffing	29%
Operations	8%
Facility	12%

2017 Capital Improvement Opportunities

The facility that God has given to us continues to speak to redemption to our community. In 2017, we're planning to continue to improve the place we gather for corporate worship with some of the improvements listed below.

- Lower Level wall repair
- CAT 6 cable installed
- Lighted brick columns at each entrance
- New Welcome Center in lobby
- Way finding signage around campus
- Stage light installation
- Improving live stream of worship services

Northside Community Church 2017 Budget

***Northside's 2017 budget was approved at the November 20th congregational meeting.*

	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Denominational Expenses		
ENC Pledge	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
United Ministries	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00
Advent Christian Village	\$500.00	\$500.00
Camp Dixie	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
Facility		
Cleaning Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00
Contract Services	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00
Repairs	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$5,500.00	\$9,500.00
Utilities	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Operations		
Promotions	\$2,700.00	\$3,500.00
IT/Media	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Safety/Security		\$1,000.00
Hospitality	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00
Buffaloe Road	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Funds		
Benevolence	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Ministries		
Children	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00
Worship/Music	\$2,750.00	\$3,000.00
Recreation	\$250.00	\$200.00
Small Groups	\$1,750.00	\$1,500.00
Students	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Family Ministry	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Compassion Project	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
Community/Global Missions	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00
Staffing		
Lead Pastor H+P	\$25,200.00	\$25,200.00
Pastor of Worship	\$9,480.00	\$12,000.00
Pastor to Children	\$9,480.00	\$12,000.00
Pastor of Student Ministries	\$9,480.00	\$12,000.00
Minister of Discipleship	\$9,480.00	\$0.00
Custodian		\$5,200.00
Discretionary	\$700.00	\$700.00
Honorariums	\$700.00	\$700.00
Continuing Education	\$700.00	\$500.00
Mortgage/Loans		
ENC Loan	\$16,000.00	\$18,000.00
Compassion Project Loan	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Reliance Trust Bonds	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
Total	\$213,270.00	\$232,000.00
Needed per Sunday:	\$4,101.35	\$4,461.54

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Theology on Tap 7:00 pm	5 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	6 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	7
8 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Bible Drill 4:00 pm Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	9 Cub Scouts 7:00-8:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	10 Girl Scouts 6:00—8:30 pm	11 Read & Feed 5:30-6:30 pm	12 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	13 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	14
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Gifts of Stock

Northside can now receive gifts of stock. Donations of stock allow for maximum stewardship for some individuals. Gifts of stock held more than one year offer two unique advantages:



- 1) A gift of stock to the church avoids capital gains tax for you on the increase in the value of the stock.
- 2) You receive a deduction for the full market value of the stock at the time of the gift to the church. Check with your qualified tax advisor for specifics related to your personal situation.

If you would like to donate a gift of stock to Northside, please contact Pastor Adrian at adrian@northsidecommunity.com.

Blanket/Coat Drive

Northside is sponsoring a blanket/coat drive during the month of January. We can use coats of all sizes. Share the warmth by dropping off your unused coats and blankets in the lobby.



December Stewardship

	Attendance	Offering
December 4	190 (93/97)	\$6,908.58
December 11	247 (103/144)	\$4,957.73
December 18	165 (78/87)	\$4,881.90
December 25	103 (one service)	\$13,042.41

Average Weekly Attendance:	176
Total Amount of Tithes	\$29,790.62
Amount Needed Per Week	\$4,101.35
Average Weekly Tithes	\$7,447.66

2016 Recap

Average Weekly Attendance	200
Average Weekly Giving	\$4,577.09
2016 Stock Gifts	\$15,339.66
2016 Budget Overage	\$30,122.83

Operation Christmas Child In January?

We're collecting items each month for our annual Operation Christmas Child. In November, we'll gather all the items and have a packing party at church.



Hats, Gloves & Scarves

January

#OCCitemofthemoth

For the month of January, we're collecting hats, gloves and scarves. You can drop off items in the lobby.

January Birthdays

Nick Friedrichs	January 1st
Ryan Killen	January 2nd
Rena Narron	January 3rd
Peggy Friedrichs	January 4th
Robin Gordon	January 4th
Denise Hellriegel	January 5th
Thad Daughtry	January 6th
Christine Swan	January 6th
Riley Pfeiffer	January 7th
Megan Dixon	January 9th
Chris Long	January 9th
Stephanie Avery	January 11th
William Basden	January 14th
Marcus Doss	January 14th
Adriana Ferello	January 14th
Gabriel Yoneoka	January 15th
Sandra Adams	January 16th
Maya Davis	January 18th
Muhammad Sanders	January 18th
Derek Friedrichs	January 19th
Sarah Moser	January 20th
Edith Murray	January 20th
Dylan Leonard	January 21st
Nathan Davis	January 22nd
Diane Ferello	January 22nd
Brennen Rose	January 23rd
Amanda Hayes	January 25th
Leslie Mathis	January 26th
Holly Baldwin	January 31st
Kim Poole	January 31st
Esther Simpson	January 31st

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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