



# northside community church

Come As You Are...Leave Different

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The Newsletter of  
Northside  
Community  
Church

## When Northside Almost Closed...

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Over the last 15 years, there have been more “God moments” than I can count. There have been individuals who have surrendered their lives to Christ. There have been people baptized and sent on mission. There have been life-saving and life-changing ministries started. Life-long relationships have been developed. Spiritual walks have been deepened.

There have also been, over the last 15 years, some close calls. Having had the privilege of serving since Northside started, I still have the mental capacity to remember a few times that I was uncertain of the future of Northside. Back in 2002, we had a pretty rough start in launching the church. From a delay in our launch Sunday to the initial financial investment to rent and up fit a facility, we started in a pretty big hole. Slowly over the next year and a half, the church stabilized both in attendance and giving. In July 2003, we moved out of an expensive storefront and into a parceled out warehouse (*where Sherwin Williams is currently located*). We had reduced our rent by 60% and the up fit would be minimal. We received permission from the Town of Knightdale to meet in the facility, however, at that time, the City of Raleigh conducted building inspections. We had met for one Sunday when a building inspector showed up on a Monday morning and stapled a sign to the entry door that read: **“Unlawful to Enter—Unsafe Building.”**



The inspector had been informed that a church was using the building and that the building did not meet the code for an “assembly.” This news came out of the blue and all of a sudden, we were left with no where to go. The following Sunday, we gathered on the loading dock of the warehouse in order to abide by the City of Raleigh’s mandate. As people were pulling in, I remember taking a moment to look out on the blue chairs assembled for everyone. I watched people walk up the flight of stairs to the loading dock and I remember thinking, **“so this is how it’s going to end.”** I remember at one point during the service catching a glimpse of my mom, with tears in her eyes, convinced of the same thing I was feeling. Eric, who had just started leading worship for the church that April was much more optimistic. His words: *“Now we’re really going to see God do something.”* I remember being so torn in my thoughts. On the one hand, I was convinced that this is what God has called us to do. On the other hand, with the present reality in front of us and with no where to go, the message seemed painstakingly clear: **this was the end.**

As they say, the rest is history. The Monday after that Sunday, I called the Town of Knightdale to inquire about how the process could have gotten so messed up. While on that call, I was informed that the Harper Park Community Center was available to rent. We jumped on it! As a sign of how God works, our rent starting in February 2002 was \$4,500.00 per month. The new warehouse space that looked so promising was going to be \$2,000.00 per month. Renting Harper Park Community Center cost us \$160.00 month! God was working the whole time and I was able to witness it! There have been a few times when I’ve been speechless at how a situation has developed. As long as God gives me the ability to remember, I will never forget what He did during that time.

Maybe it wasn’t the time when Northside almost closed. Maybe it was the time that God worked in an unseen, but unimaginable way! After all, that’s been the story of Northside over the last 15 years. As we mark 15 years and prepare for what’s next, I’m so excited for the “God moments” that are to come. What I do know—even in the close calls, when things don’t look like they’re going to work out, God always makes a way! To Him be the glory!

## A Logo That Tells A Story

Glenn Knapp, a church partner with a gift to tell stories through graphics designed our 15th anniversary logo. At first glance, the colors that make the number 15 might just be seen as our existing church colors. If you look closer, there's so much more happening. Each color tells a story:

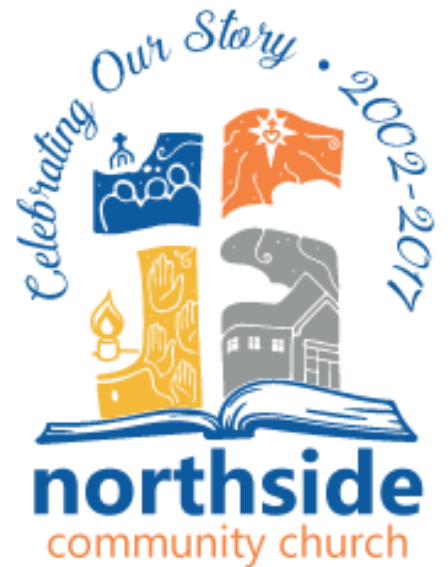
**Yellow:** the candlelight and lifted hands represents the early days of Northside, when we met for worship by a kerosene heater in a storefront building that was undergoing renovations.

**Blue:** the people gathering with a building and cross in the distance represents the moves and journeys we were on in those formative years. Before our move to First Avenue, we met in five different locations.

**Orange:** the sun radiating the heart and cross represents a time of discernment in 2009. Out of that discernment period, the church established an Elder Board, set our sights for a permanent home inside Knightdale's town limits and set a trajectory for future growth.

**Gray:** the building probably looks a little familiar. As we have often said, our current facility will always preach a message of redemption to our community. In many ways, the culmination of our 15th anniversary is reflected by where God has physically placed us to serve others in our community.

**Open Book:** the open book is symbolic of the story of Northside so far. Lord-willing, there are many more pages of ministry waiting to be written.



### FPU at 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 21<sup>st</sup>. A class preview will be shown between services on February 5<sup>th</sup>. **To register, visit [www.northsidecommunity.com](http://www.northsidecommunity.com).**

### Facebook Live Q & A

Did you join us for the Facebook Live Snow Day Q&A on Sunday, January 8th? Almost 90 people tuned in as Pastor Adrian fielded questions ranging from the Bible, to social issues to Northside's direction.

We're planning another Facebook Live Q&A for Wednesday night, February 8th from 8:30-9:30 pm. If you have questions that you would like Pastor Adrian to answer, you can submit those to [adrian@northsidecommunity.com](mailto:adrian@northsidecommunity.com). You can find us in Facebook @northsideknightdale. Hope you'll join us!



## 15th Anniversary Weekend—The Details!

February 19th will mark the 15th anniversary of Northside! As part of the anniversary, we've planned a whole weekend of celebration, serving and worship. Check out the details below and make plans to join us!

### Friday, February 17th | Celebrate

Knightdale Baptist Church has graciously allowed us to use their Family Life Center so we can share a meal together. City BBQ will be catering our dinner. If you've not had City BBQ, you're in for a real treat! We'll be starting at 6:00 pm and following our dinner, we'll meet back at Northside at 7:30 for an evening of acoustic worship featuring Tamesha Pruett. In order to attend the dinner, you need to RSVP: <http://www.northsidecommunity.com/gather/fifteen>

### Saturday, February 18th | Serve

As part of our weekend celebration, we have seven serve opportunities throughout Knightdale. We need at least 115 Northsider's serving. You can sign up online: <http://www.northsidecommunity.com/gather/fifteen>

- Super Heroes Unite**    **Time:** 9:00 am – 11:00 am    **Location:** Church    **Child Friendly:** Yes  
**Description:** Dress up (children included) as their favorite superhero and meet at the church to build care packages for our local superheroes – Knightdale Police, Fire & EMS. We'll then drive to the station to deliver the goods!
- Compassion Action**    **Time:** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm    **Location:** Compassion Home    **Child Friendly:** 12 and up  
**Description:** This is a call to our church's skilled laborers. We need 4 skilled laborers to help with the remodel of 100 Maple Street – our next Compassion Home. We will also need an additional 4 volunteers who can haul off trash.
- Stairway To Heaven**    **Time:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm    **Location:** Harper Park    **Child Friendly:** 12 and up  
**Description:** The stairway linking Knightdale Baptist Church's parking lot to Harper Park is in need of repair. This crew will tackle and complete these light construction repairs on site.
- On The Road Again**    **Time:** 9:00 am - 11:30 am    **Location:** First Avenue    **Child Friendly:** 16 and up  
**Description:** As part of our Adopt A Highway commitment, we will walk N. First Avenue in Knightdale to pick up trash. We'll meet at the church and get our flashy, orange vest before we begin!
- Clothing Not Optional**    **Time:** 10:30 am – 12:30 pm    **Location:** Now Faith Community Church    **Child Friendly:** Yes  
**Description:** Outfit local families in need of clothing at the Dream Coat "Around The Table" clothing distribution event. We'll join other partners at Now Faith Community Baptist Church to set up and distribute clothing items to people in our community.
- Singing & Games**    **Time:** 10:30 am – 12:00 pm    **Location:** Wellington Nursing Home    **Child Friendly:** Yes  
**Description:** Join us at Wellington Nursing Home as we play games, visit and sing songs to our elderly neighbors in Knightdale. No game mastery, social butterfly skills or musical talent required to lift their spirits!
- Almost Spring Cleaning**    **Time:** 8:30 am – 12:00 pm    **Location:** Church    **Child Friendly:** Yes  
**Description:** Meet at the church for an almost spring-cleaning workday. Varied tasks available for all skill levels.

### Sunday, February 19th | Worship

We're only going to get one chance to celebrate a 15th anniversary together. Join us for worship services at 9:00 am or 10:45 am. We'll get to see old friends, reminisce, give thanks and look ahead to the next 15 years!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Theology on Tap 7:00 pm	2 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	3 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP  Big Ski—Youth Ski Trip	4  Big Ski—Youth Ski Trip
5 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Bible Drill 4:00 pm  Big Ski—Youth Ski Trip	6 Cub Scouts 7:00-8:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	7	8 Read & Feed 5:30-6:30 pm  Facebook Live Q&A with Pastor Adrian 8:30—9:30 pm	9 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm  Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	10 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP  Raleigh Rescue Mission Outreach 4:30—7:30 pm	11
12 Worship 9:00 / 10:45 am Bible Drill 4:00 pm Middle / High School Youth 5:00—6:30 pm	13 Cub Scouts 7:00-8:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	14 Girl Scouts 6:00—8:30 pm	15 Read & Feed 5:30-6:30 pm	16 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm  Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	17 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP  <b>CELEBRATE</b> *Catered dinner at 6:00 pm **Evening of acoustic worship with Tamesha Pruett	18 <b>SERVE</b> <i>*See page 3 for SERVE projects</i>
19  <b>15th Anniversary Sunday!</b> 9:00 / 10:45 am	20 Cub Scouts 7:00-8:00 pm  Boy Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm	21 Financial Peace University 7:00-9:00 pm	22 Read & Feed 5:30-6:30 pm	23 NAMI Group 7:00-8:30 pm  Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm	24 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am IHOP	25
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## Your Gift of Stock Can Make A Difference!



In 2016, Northside received a little over \$15,000.00 in stock gifts. Those gifts allowed us to do more ministry than we could have imagined. Consider how a gift of stock can make a difference for you:

- 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](mailto:adrian@northsidecommunity.com).



Dental Hygiene Items  
February

## Operation Christmas Child February Collection

During the month of February, we'll be collecting dental hygiene items for our shoebox packing in November. You

can drop off donations in the Operation Christmas Child bin in the lobby.

## January Stewardship

	Attendance	Offering
January 1	143 (54/89)	\$2,325.12
January 8	Services cancelled (snow)	
January 15	192 (84/108)	\$4,562.84
January 22	195 (70/125)	\$3,521.83
January 29	180 (73/107)	\$3,165.58

<b>Average Weekly Attendance:</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Total Amount of Tithes</b>	<b>\$13,575.37</b>
<b>Amount Needed Per Week</b>	<b>\$4,461.54</b>
<b>Average Weekly Tithes</b>	<b>\$2,715.07</b>
<b>YTD Budget Shortage</b>	<b>\$8,732.33</b>

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

Deuteronomy 14:23c

## Holy Communion Sunday February 26th



## Church Basketball Schedule

Northside is playing in the Knightdale Parks & Rec open league. Come out and cheer us on! All games are held at the Forrester Road Recreation Center.

Sunday, February 19th	3:00 pm
Sunday, February 26th	3:00 pm
Saturday, March 4th	3:00 pm
Sunday, March 19th	5:00 pm
Saturday, March 25th	5:00 pm
Sunday, March 26th	5:00 pm
Sunday, April 2nd	5:00 pm
Saturday, April 8th	1:00 pm

Northside will be volunteering at the Raleigh Rescue Mission by serving meals and leading the chapel service on Friday, February 10th from 4:30—7:30 pm. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to volunteer.

## February Birthdays

Bryson Freed	February 2nd
Jeremy Edwards	February 3rd
Avalon Reynolds	February 4th
Jocelyn Adams	February 6th
Tammy Parrish	February 6th
Rachel Killen	February 7th
Glenn Knapp	February 10th
Eileen Conklin	February 11th
Dylan Ross	February 15th
Sophia Wiggs	February 15th
Emily Sawyer	February 16th
Sara Bukowski	February 17th
Angel Carrothers	February 19th
Tabitha Ward	February 19th
Chris Avery	February 21st
Mikey Reynolds	February 21st
Valerie Theuner	February 21st
Sean Fournier	February 24th
Kevin Lucas	February 25th
Lauren Moser	February 28th
Fern Vinston	February 28th
Debra Dixon	February 29th

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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