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From The Pastor's Heart

Why should I be in a small group? That's a very valid question, but when compared to the opportunities for growth as a Christian, it's like asking why should I eat? When Northside started almost 8 years ago, we decided that the form of Christian education and discipleship we were going to use would be small groups. Many traditional and established churches use Sunday School to provide opportunities for Christian education and discipleship. At NCC, we've never had the space, so Sunday School has never been an option. However, growing as a believer is not an option if we're serious about our relationship with the Lord. Enter small groups.

Small groups usually meet for anywhere from 6-12 weeks, usually in a person's home and the topics that are studied vary. There are those at NCC who have seen the value of a small group in their life and make it a priority during their week to be a part of a small group throughout the year. Small groups will be starting at NCC in mid-September and would like to offer you a few reasons why you should consider giving small groups a chance this fall.

Connection. Small groups are a great place to connect. Every so often, someone will say, "Pastor Adrian, I don't feel like I really connect with anyone." My initial response is to ask them, "are you in a small group?" Small groups provide that intimacy that we're all looking for and some life-long friendships have been forged from small groups.

Discipleship. So many Christians are NOT growing in their walk with the Lord. It's plain to see by their actions, attitudes and language that their content being Sunday Christians. God has called us to be much more than that. Small groups provide an opportunity for us to learn more about who God is, what He wants to do in our lives and how we can be a part of the work He is doing around us. Many people will say, "I don't need a small group to grow, I can do my own Bible study." That's true, but my friends, many who claim that as an excuse to not be a part of a small group simply aren't living up to their claims. Yes, you can be disciple outside of a small group, but are you?

Ministry. Small groups are church in its smallest form. One of the roles of the church is to minister to those among us. There will be people who will come to a home Bible study because they know you and because you took the time to invite them. In many cases, people's first introduction to the larger church is through a small group. It's hard to minister to people if we don't have the tools or we don't know how to use the tools of the church.

Let me share my heart with you for a moment. My desire is to see all of our partners and regular attendees actively engaged in a small group. That might not be realistic, but that's my heart. It's my heart because I know spiritual growth happens in small groups and my desire is to see each of you grow in your knowledge and love for the Lord. Another desire is to see you inviting your friends, neighbors, co-workers and people in your community to a small group. It's not uncommon for healthy churches to have more people involved in small groups than they have at a typical Sunday morning service.

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From The Pastor's Heart (continued)

As we study the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings, one verse keeps standing out to me, *"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* Acts 2:46-47.

When small groups begin, will you find yourself in one? Will you give them a chance and with a right heart and an open mind? Will you see this as an opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord? Will you take advantage of those who are willing to give of their time to lead or host a group? Will you take a step and invite someone to come to a group with you? Will you?

Pastor Adrian Dixon

Fall Small Group Locations

The fall small groups will be starting the week of September 14th. It's so important for everyone to be involved in a small group. It's through small groups that we come to know God and each other better. Sign-up sheets are located at the church for each small group or please contact the group that you would like to join.

The Present Future

Led by: Tabitha Ward

Day & Time: Mondays, 7:00 pm

Host: Toni-Lyn & Tabitha

Contact: 601-7007

Experiencing God

Led by: David Gillick

Day & Time: Mondays, 7:00 pm

Host: The Rogerson's

Contact: 604-9443

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Led by: Norm Fournier

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Host: The Huff's

Contact: 800-9963

Foundations: The Basics of the Christian Life

Led by: Pastor Adrian

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Host: The Church

Contact: 261-8993

Verse by Verse Study

Led by: Jonathan May

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Host: The May's

Contact: 334-8358

7 Step Bible Study Method

Led by: Patti Pritchett

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Host: The Watson's

Contact: 931-2289

Joyce Meyer's Battlefield of the Mind

Led by: Tammy Massey

Day & Time: Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Host: Kim Poole

Contact: 625-1431

September Birthdays

Candy May	September 1st
Amanda Ray	September 13th
Joyce Poole	September 16th
Sue Bodette	September 17th
Sharon McGeachie	September 27th
Jessie Thomson	September 28th
Jonathan May	September 29th

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



Church Loan Update

September '09

Northside Community Church is aggressively paying down a loan used to plant the church as well as acquire property. This loan is interest free and as it's paid back, these monies are being used to plant and build other churches. If you would like to contribute to help meet this need, please note your gift for "loan repayment" and mail it to:

Northside Community Church
PO Box 1139
Knightdale, NC 27545.

*Invested in us to get Northside where we are today...
what we owe so that we might invest in others:*

\$78,463.23

Youth News!



Our teens like to eat, so if you can provide a meal for 5-10 teens on a Sunday night, please sign up in the lobby. You can drop off the food at the church around 5 pm.

Church Basketball Team Sign Up

NCC will be fielding a Men's Basketball team in the Wendell Church League early fall. The season will begin in mid-September. You must be at least 18 years old to play. Cost to play is \$50.00 per person. Please sign up in the church lobby if you would like to play. Make your check payable to the church and note it for basketball.



News & Notes For September...

- **Men's Morning Bible Study** – The Men's morning Bible study meets every Friday at IHOP at 7:00 am.
- **Summer Bible Study** – This small group is working through Coffeehouse Theology on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm at the church.
- **Cookout at Adrian & Shoshannah's** – Mark your calendars for a cookout at Adrian & Shoshannah's home on Saturday, September 12th at 4:00 pm.
- **House Warming For Eric & Megan**—There will be a house warming party for Eric and Megan on Sunday, September 13th from 2-4 pm at church.
- **Holy Communion** – We will be observing Holy Communion on Sunday, September 20th at the 10:00 am worship service.
- **Building Team Meeting**—The Building Team will be meeting Sunday, September 20th at 6:30 pm at the church.

Church Directory Being Compiled!

The Promotion's Ministry Team is working on compiling a pictorial directory of church partners and regular attendees. For three consecutive Sundays, September 6, 13, and 20, Toni-Lyn will be taking family pictures following the morning worship service. Please sign up in the lobby for the Sunday you would like to stay to have you or your family's picture taken.



"Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults."

- John Calvin

A Look at the Numbers... August

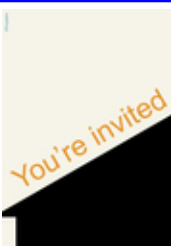
	Attendance	Offering
August 2 nd	88	\$1,974.00
August 9 th	98	\$731.00
August 16 th	96	\$3,205.00
August 23 rd	99	\$1,665.00
August 30 th	102	\$3,995.00
Total Amount of Tithes		\$11,570.00
Amount Needed Per Week		\$2,284.62
Average Weekly Tithes		\$2,314.00
YTD Budget Shortage		\$2,632.04
Building Fund Total		\$59,676.69

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

Deuteronomy 14:23c

Church Cookout

There will be a church-wide cookout at Pastor Adrian and Shoshannah's home on Saturday, September 12th at 4:00 pm. Please bring a side dish or a dessert for everyone to enjoy.



Chest of Joash—October 25th

Each year, we set aside a Sunday for the giving of offerings and sacrifices for the eventual building on the church property. We call it Chest of Joash Sunday and it's scheduled for Sunday, October 25th. As



we move closer to this date, please be in prayer about what God might have you to give.

Journey Through Acts Message Series!

Pastor Adrian is continuing a verse by verse study on the Book of Acts this Sunday. The Book of Acts gives a historical account of the early church and provides a blueprint for how we should live today.

House Warming For Eric & Megan

There will be a house-warming party for Eric and Megan Dixon on Sunday, September 13th, from 2-4 pm in the Children's Ministry Center. Eric and Megan were married on August 8th and registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.



Hand Wipe / Surface Wipe Stations

You may have noticed that in every part of the church building, alcohol hand wipes and surface wipes have been supplied for your use. We encourage you to use these to help prevent the spread of germs. For those working in the nursery and children's areas, we have also mounted surface wipes to disinfect all surfaces, toys and items that children may use. Thanks for helping keep NCC a healthy place to come and worship!



Church Schedules—September

Refreshments

1 st Sunday	Ed & Frances Rogerson
2 nd Sunday	Debra Dixon Shoshannah Dixon
3 rd Sunday	Tom & Sue Bodette
4 th Sunday	David & Fern Vinston
5 th Sunday	Jesse & Joyce Poole

Greeting

1 st Sunday	Ed & Frances Rogerson
2 nd Sunday	Carl & Heather Richardson
3 rd Sunday	Tom & Sue Bodette
4 th Sunday	Sue Wade & Nellie Griner
5 th Sunday	Ed & Frances Rogerson

Cleaning

Judy Seay & Sandra Adams