

Pastoral Musings...

Most of you know Eric as my younger brother who leads worship at the church. He is someone who has never met a stranger and has had to grow up enduring the wrath of an older brother. There's so much to Eric that goes beyond Sunday mornings and I thought his write-up about his testimony reflects that. I hope you will take the time to read it, ponder it and give thanks for this community of believers that is Northside.

- Pastor Adrian

My Testament Of Progression***Community: The Immediacy of the Kingdom of God***

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." – Joel 2:28

My testimony of personal faith and calling has significantly progressed throughout my studies in graduate school, and my work in Knightdale. My calling to a higher education and a necessity for a deeper understanding of Christ's work in this world has been a constant revelation for growth. The gift of music has established opportunities for dialogues, forums, and discussions in various venues. The individuals and groups of people with whom I have had the opportunity to converse are precious and sincere. These individuals constantly remind me that at the forefront of ministry is a knowledge of simplicity to illustrate the complex, and a demand for purpose to accentuate the perplexity of life.

"If I ever become a saint-I will surely be one of darkness. I will continually be absent from heaven-to light the light of those in darkness on earth." – Mother Teresa

December of 2006 was a time of transition in my life. My discernment of God's calling was clear and distinguished, but not cultivated. An opportunity to reflect on God's direction and calling came in the ministry of my church community, and through traveling in musical performances. The ideal of community has been pertinent to my development as a follower of Christ. The more I have enveloped myself within the community of believers, the more passionate I have become in God's calling. Community has taken form in several different relationships and in many different arenas around the world. The commonality of these relationships that I have maintained across the globe is uncanny, despite different contexts and geographic locations. We are one, united in our purpose through the faith, hope, and love that we share in Christ. The passage in Joel 2 describes a necessity for communal growth in order to maintain completeness in our vocational callings.

"Little children, we love neither in word nor tongue, but in work and truth." – 1 John 3:18

The passage from 1 John 3:18 has been a life verse that has been a constant struggle to uphold. My desire is to implement the application of theological truths into the realm of community in the form of social justices. I see this being possible only by the knowledge of uniform importance, and the universal appreciation of the soul. We, as followers of Christ, are called to remember the historical aspect of the faithfulness of God in our own lives, and to build upon foundational truths to present them as relevant to societal necessity. In order to maintain the functionality of believers, we must regard community as the origin for ministerial opportunity. After all, we can accomplish more, and be more like Christ working together than we can if we abandon the fellowship and communion.

"It is unwise for Christians to claim any knowledge of either the furniture of heaven or the temperature of hell." - Reihold Niebuhr

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I know God has called me to teach, preach, and disciple. I know God has nurtured certain gifts in my life and ministry that have produced the willingness to utilize my learning as an opportunity to bring God's Kingdom to this world, nation, state, city, church, community, person, and even myself. I believe God is equipping us in our calling, preparing us for the unknown, educating us on the uncertain, and enabling us for work in expanding the ministry God has opened to us. We must unify in community and object to the common practices of disillusionment and bickering. We must lay aside our 'ideals' and 'preferences' to engage one another with a heart of service. So often our so-called, 'ideals' and 'preferences' separate us from being Christ to the community in which He has called us to work and not be parasites. Many people choose certain communities or churches based upon what the churches can offer them and their families, but this is not what Christ taught. We have been given gifts that we may in turn serve God and each other (the application of the first and second greatest commandment).

These are the attributes we are to invoke upon the people in community: patience, kindness, long-suffering, not envying, humility, not mocking, not seeking our own, not evil thinking, not rejoicing in hardships of one another, but upholding Truth. The true nature of Love will endure all gossip, will see the good and value in everyone, will hope in the restoration of everyone, and will not give up regardless of injury. The true nature of love (Christ) will **never** fail us! In my short time in ministry God has taught me many things, but there are two things we must maintain to ensure our cultivation in ministry, submission and availability. A community that is submissive to one another, and available for each other through Christ and for His calling will surely bring an immanence and constancy to the kingdom of God in this community, city, state, country, and world. Work! In order that we all will have something to give, work!

Keep Pressing,
Eric

NCC Is Eight Years Old!!

Help us celebrate the 8th anniversary of Northside Community Church. Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 10:00 am. There will be a covered dish lunch following the service.



Church Vote on Dan Thorpe

There will be a church vote on Sunday, February 14th regarding calling Dan Thorpe as our Children's Ministry Director. The vote will be taken at the end of the service. Please pray for God's guidance and direction in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Adrian.

Building Team Meeting

The Building Team will be meeting on Sunday night, February 28th at 6:30 pm at the church.

Church Schedules—February

Refreshments

1 st Sunday	Ed & Frances Rogerson
2 nd Sunday	Debra Dixon Shoshannah Dixon
3 rd Sunday	Tom & Sue Bodette
4 th Sunday	Ernie & Carole Bridgers
5 th Sunday	Jesse & Joyce Poole

Greeting

1 st Sunday	Ed & Frances Rogerson
2 nd Sunday	Carole Bridgers & David Brooks
3 rd Sunday	Tom & Sue Bodette
4 th Sunday	Carole Bridgers & David Brooks
5 th Sunday	Ed & Frances Rogerson

Cleaning

George & Liz Watson & Frank
Pritchett

Holy Communion

We will be observing Holy Communion on Sunday, February 14th at the 10:00 am worship service.

February Birthdays

Nellie Griner	February 7th
Rachel Killen	February 7th
Dexter Vanderbilt	February 8th
Eileen Conklin	February 11th
Ginger Lewis	February 18th
Angel Carrothers	February 19th
Tabitha Ward	February 19th
Ricky Garee	February 20th
Sean Fournier	February 24th
Ed Rogerson	February 27th
Fern Vinston	February 28th
Debra Dixon	February 29th

Did we miss yours? Please let us know!



Church Loan Update February 2010

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

\$72,463.23

A Look at the Numbers...January

	Attendance	Offering
January 3rd	102	\$1,607.00
January 10th	112	\$2,147.00
January 17th	93	\$1,232.00
January 24th	113	\$1,116.80
January 31st	Service Cancelled—Snow	

Total Amount of Tithes	\$6,102.80
Amount Needed Per Week	\$2,252.88
Average Weekly Tithes	\$1,525.70
YTD Budget Shortage	\$5,161.60
Building Fund Total	\$78,307.27

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

Shelter – A Children's Home for

HIV Positive Orphans

Jason Boyette, a member at the Garner Church will be with us on Sunday, February 14th to briefly share about a ministry in India that provides faith-based care to HIV positive orphans. Jason has had the chance to visit India and has a heart for the hurting and neglected orphans there. Please be in prayer as we discern how Northside can support this ministry.



Tubs of Love

We are partnering with the Raleigh Rescue Mission this year in their "Tubs of Love" campaign. Located in the back are four tubs that with your contribution, will meet the most urgent needs of the mission. One tub is for blankets, one tub for men's & women's gloves, hats and scarves, one tub for men's thermal underwear (XL and up), men's underwear (all sizes) and socks (all sizes), and one tub for toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer & diapers (size 4 & up). All donations are greatly appreciated.



Discover Northside Class

Discover Northside is our quarterly information and partnership class.

This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and learn about

Northside's structure, strategy and vision. You will also have the opportunity to join the church as a partner. The next class will be Sunday, March 21st at 6:30 pm. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to attend.



ENC Annual Conference

The Eastern North Carolina Advent Christian Conference will be having their annual meeting at Camp Dixie on Saturday, February 27th beginning at 9 am. Some of our very own partners have helped organize this year's conference, so it should be very uplifting. Northside is entitled to 6 delegates, so if you would like to attend, please see Pastor Adrian.

Dream Team Forming

Essential to the growth of the body of Christ is developing a solid mission, vision and values for the future. Beginning in 2010, we're looking for people who are committed to helping pray and develop a solid mission and vision for the church. Through Bible study, readings, prayer and discussion, we'll pull together "what Northside is all about." This group will meet weekly beginning in the Spring. If you would like to be a part of this team, please see Pastor Adrian.



MACEA Conference

We'll be taking a group to Charlotte for the annual MACEA (Mid Atlantic Christian Education Association) conference on Friday and Saturday, April 9th-10th. There are over 100 workshops representing various ministries. You can check it out by visiting www.macea.org. For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board. If you would like to attend, please see Pastor Adrian.

Some Thoughts On...Listening

Let a fool hold his tongue and he will pass for a sage.

Publilius Syrus

The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.

Ralph Nichols

There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves.

Albert Guinon

The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.

Hubert Humphrey

Bore, noun.: A person who talks when you wish him to listen.

Ambrose Bierce

Dave Ramey's Financial Peace University

Still trying to keep up with the Joneses? News Flash - the Joneses are broke! With 70% of American families living paycheck to paycheck and with money stress (usually due to debt) being a premier reason for marital break-up, why not get proven financial coaching? Dave Ramsey is the voice of financial wisdom in today's debt-ridden lifestyle. His Financial Peace University will teach you how to pay off debt, save for the future, and give freely. This DVD-driven course is being sponsored by Northside Community Church. The course materials are \$93.00 per single or family. Checks can be made out to the church and earmarked "FPU". Learn the necessary changes your finances need and change your future!

What will you learn in Financial Peace University?

In 13 action-packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! This information will change your life.

This class will begin in April and will be held at church with childcare provided. Our desire is to see EVERYONE at NCC take the opportunity to go through this course. **YOU WON'T BE SORRY!!!** It's not just a class for people with financial struggles, but for all people who desire to be good stewards with what God has given to us - and we all should want to do that!

