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Come As You Are...Leave Different

# Sunago *"come together"*

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## Pastoral Musings...

*What's in a dream?* I don't know how often you dream, but lately, I have found myself waking up with dreams that were so surreal that I can remember the details very vividly. For the most part, the dreams were good, but occasionally I would awake with fear and dread over what had entered my mind. It can be a reassuring affirmation to hear, "it's only a dream." However, as Northside prepares to look to the future, as we dream together, I hope and pray that we don't arrive at the conclusion that "it's only a dream."

You will see in this newsletter the individuals who were either nominated or stepped up to be a part of the "Dream Team" at Northside. These individuals have committed themselves to be in prayer and discussion about where God is leading us and helping develop a mission, vision and set of values that will help guide us as a church. They will be praying for strategic direction as we face big decisions. They will be answering tough questions that many churches are grappling with today. In short, they will need your prayers.

When I dream and think about the future of Northside, there is total excitement that I feel. As we just celebrated our 8th anniversary, I am reminded that Northside started as a dream and now is a reality. It's part of God's Kingdom at work here and we're seeing lives changed! What an awesome endeavor to be a part of. Over these last eight years, God has shown Himself over and over again to be faithful. When faced with uncertainty, God proved certain. When confronted with no space for the church to meet, God provided space for us. When we needed space for our children's ministry, God faithfully opened that door. When we have need individuals to step up in ministry, God has burdened their heart to meet that need. It would be SO easy for us to chalk up our challenges and walk away believing that "it's just a dream." My friends, we serve a God who is exponential in nature, He not only adds, He multiplies!

### As your pastor and friend, I want to share with you some dreams that I have about Northside:

- I believe that if partners and regular attendees will commit themselves to serve in a ministry, that we will see exponential spiritual growth in the church and in our community. Will you commit to serving?
- I believe that if our partners and regular attendees were faithful in tithing, that we could not only pay of our debt balance THIS year, but that we could be in a position to invest in more ministries! Will you commit to tithe?
- I believe that if we're serious about growing spiritually, we could be force for God in the Eastern Wake County that this community has never seen before. Will you commit to read the Word of God and seek opportunities to grow?
- I believe that we can have the best of everything because we serve the One who has given us the best in Jesus Christ.

What do you think about when you hear Northside mentioned? Smiling faces? Great people? Awesome worship opportunities? Biblical instruction? Ministries that impact lives? Friends, there is so much we can be, not because of our ability but because we surrender to the one who will use us because of our availability. Will you be available to let God use you? Will you think about what Northside could be and not about what it should be in how it serves you? Will you open your mind and heart to the things of God so that He can pour out His spirit on all of us?

Here's the thing. Northside started as a dream with Proverbs 29:18 as the guide, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." It's time for us to go to the next level and we walk with that verse, because Proverbs 29:18 has no end—except for people who have no vision, people who do not dream. Will you dream with me? Better yet, will we own up to the responsibility that Jesus Christ has called us to? It doesn't have to be, "it's just a dream."

**Pastor Adrian Dixon**

## Summer Camp 2010!

While the summer is still far off, registration for summer camp has begun. Camp Dixie, [www.campdixie.com](http://www.campdixie.com) is a great place where your child will make life long friendships, have fun and come to a better understanding of God's love for them. If your child is involved at Northside, they can receive a "camptificate" from Pastor Adrian and attend a week of camp for \$195.00. Scholarship assistance is available. You can register your child online or pick up registration forms at church. Register today! Below are the dates:



**Kid's Camp 1 - June 20-25 Grades 2-4**

**Kid's Camp 2 - June 27-July 2 Grades 5-6**

**Teen Camp 1 - July 4-9 Grades 7-8**

**Teen Camp 2 - July 11-16 Grades 9-12**

Grade levels are determined by what grade the camper will enter in the Fall of 2010.

### **Super Kid's Retreat - June 18-19 Age 5—Grade**

A retreat for the pre-camper to help prepare parent and child for camp in the future. \$35.00 covers one child and one parent. It is required that one parent or adult attend the retreat with each child. Retreat begins on Friday evening and ends mid-afternoon on Saturday.

## Holy Week Services in April

Everyone is invited as we join with other area churches to worship together during Holy Week 2010.

**Holy Thursday (4/1) 7:00 pm**

Northside Community Church

**Good Friday (4/2) 7:00 pm**

Knightdale United Methodist Church

**Easter Sunrise (4/4) 7:00 am**

Harper Park



## Bible Study Starting

There will be small group starting on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Kim Poole's home. Tammy Massey will be leading "God's Blueprint for Bible Prophecy - The Book of Daniel".

If you would like to attend, please contact Kim Poole at 441-2233 or Tammy Massey at 625-1431.



## Dan Thorpe Called To Northside

Beginning March 1st, Dan Thorpe will be joining the staff of Northside Community Church. Dan's responsibilities will be as the Director of Children's Ministries. Dan will direct the growing children's ministry at Northside and will help make the children's experience with church a first-rate experience.

Dan is a graduate of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, and a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership. Dan is married to Erin, a full-time mom to their daughters, Carly and Lila.

Dan works full-time at the American Cancer Society where he serves as Area Executive Director. Dan and Erin grew up in Virginia Beach, VA and relocated to the Raleigh Area in 2008 where they call Knightdale "home". In his spare time Dan enjoys reading and spending time with friends and family.

# Welcome Dan!

## Church Schedules—March

### Refreshments

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

### Greeting

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

### Cleaning

Judy Seay & Sandra Adams

## Holy Communion

We will be observing Holy Communion on Sunday, March 21st at the 10:00 am worship service.

## March Birthdays

Anna Marie Garee	March 13th
Sebastian Graff	March 13th
Glenn Mitchell	March 13th
Alton Lewis	March 13th
Amanda Mitchell	March 15th
Addisen Bodette	March 20th
Elizabeth Watson	March 20th
Austin Ray	March 21st
Bill Wilson	March 22nd
Shannon Kester	March 26th
Heather Peterson	March 27th
Leanne Daughtry	March 28th

Did we miss yours? Please let us know!



## February Stewardship

	Attendance	Offering
February 7th	112	\$4,365.00
February 14th	97	\$4,018.00
February 21st	128	\$1,889.90
February 28th	112	\$3,448.00

<b>Total Amount of Tithes</b>	<b>\$13,720.90</b>
<b>Amount Needed Per Week</b>	<b>\$2,252.88</b>
<b>Average Weekly Tithes</b>	<b>\$3,430.23</b>
<b>YTD Budget Shortage</b>	<b>\$452.22</b>
<b>Building Fund Total</b>	<b>\$78,307.27</b>
<b>Church Debt Balance</b>	<b>\$72,463.23</b>

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

Deuteronomy 14:23c

## Church Directories Are Here!

The 2010 Church Directories are here!!! Packed with photos of beautiful, smiling people and all the information you can handle, the directories will be available before and after Church. The directories did cost the church approximately \$5.81 per copy. We ordered 75, so first come, first serve. If you would like one, any donation you would like to give will help offset the cost of the directories. Carl and Jessica will have a table set up today with the directories and they will gladly take your donation, so please be sure to pick one up.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to attend.



## Introducing NCC's Dream Team!

Essential to the growth of the body of Christ is developing a solid mission, vision and values for the future. Beginning in March, NCC's "Dream Team" will be gathering to 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 biweekly. Members of the team either were nominated by individuals in the church or stepped up to volunteer. Please be praying for these individuals as we discern the next steps God is calling us to.

### Dream Team Members:

Jonathan May	Judy Seay	Mitch Simmons	Sue Bodette
Kim Poole	Russell Killen	David Brooks	Heather Peterson
Derrick Burr	Megan Dixon	Tabitha Ward	Dan Thorpe
Joyce Poole	Norm Fournier	Pastor Adrian Dixon	

### **Church Co-Ed Volleyball**

NCC will be forming an adult co-ed volleyball team that will play in the Wendell Recreation League. Games will begin in late March. We will play two games per week and games will be on either Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights.

Registration to play is \$35.00 per person. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to play. Checks can be made payable to the church. Please note them for "church volleyball."



### **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 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. There are over 100 workshops representing various ministries. You can check it out by visiting [www.macea.org](http://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...Vision**

*Dissatisfaction and discouragement are not caused by the absence of things but the absence of vision.*

Anonymous

*The companies that survive longest are the one's that work out what they uniquely can give to the world—not just growth or money but their excellence, their respect for others, or their ability to make people happy. Some call those things a soul.*

Charles Handy

*The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise.*

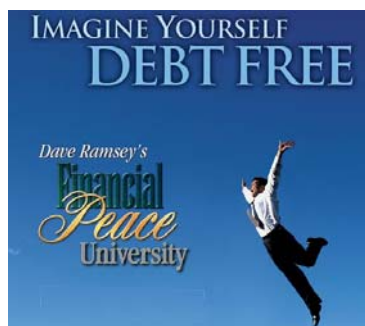
F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Where there is no vision the people perish.*

Proverbs 29:18

### **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!

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14th. Please set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday, March 13, in order to be on time for church!

**Financial Peace University  
Class Preview Night  
Sunday, March 7th  
6:00 pm  
Dinner Provided!**