I Don’t Give Jack...
Adrian Dixon, Lead Pastor

Not too long ago, I was visiting with a hospital patient and their spouse. We’ll call them Mr. & Mrs. Smith. This couple had been in the hospital for a few days. Mr. Smith was recently diagnosed with a chronic, but treatable condition. It’s fairly common that in a hospital setting, patients who are facing a life-threatening condition get whimsical about their lives. They reflect, they open up, they share their mistakes, their intentions, their hopes.

As we were talking, Mr. Smith, a long-time, regular church-goer from what I could gather brought up tithing. His question was direct: What does the Bible say about tithing? My answer was equally direct: It says we should do it. He laughed nervously. He quickly changed the subject and as we continued to talk, I wondered why he was thinking about tithing. When there was a lull in our conversation, I came back to his question: Mr. Smith, I’m interested, what has you thinking about tithing?

With a very deliberate pause, he looked at me and said, I’ve been going to church most of my life. I make decent money and now, thinking back through the years, I don’t give jack to the church. It really bothers me. As he shared this, he did so with his head down, almost waiting for me to assure him it was OK.

For everyone who’s reading this, I’m sure you have concrete ideas on what it means to give to a local church. I know I do. You may faithfully tithe. You may have written off giving to a church based off a bad experience or questions about how those resources were spent. You may look at your current expenses and determine that the church will have to take a back seat. Over the course of my walk with the Lord, I’ve tried to line up my ideas on things with what I understand God’s Word to say. Like Mr. Smith, I don’t always succeed.

As I think back to my conversation with Mr. Smith, I am reminded that both the Old and New Testaments affirm tithing. If tithing does anything, it teaches us to order our priorities. If the Lord has provided for you, and if you’re seeking to follow Him, be faithful, be generous. As a Christ follower, don’t arrive at the end of your life with the regret of “not giving jack” to the church. You might very well find yourself talking to a hospital chaplain in hopes that they’ll alleviate the guilt. A generous life truly is a life well lived.

The month of September brings our annual focus giving. I only preach on giving once a year, so I hope you’ll join us this month as we look at what scripture has to say on the topic. The series culminates on Sunday, September 25th with our annual Chest of Joash Sunday.

Sunday, September 25th might very well be the perfect day to start the spiritual discipline of tithing. God’s best to you as you seek to be generous.
Ever since Northside started back in 2002, we've had a yearly focus on stewardship. We don't use the word “steward” very much in our society, but the principle is that for everything we're given, we operate as managers or stewards, not owners.

The Chest of Joash stewardship month is a four week teaching series on biblical giving. It concludes on Chest of Joash Sunday when we ask all those who are partners and who regularly attend Northside to consider giving a gift above and beyond their normal level of giving.

Over the years, the annual giving on Chest of Joash Sunday has allowed us to move into our first permanent space on First Avenue and complete landscaping requirements before we received our Certificate of Occupancy. Last year, over $30,000.00 was given on Chest of Joash Sunday to install sump pumps in the Lower Level and replace our HVAC system.

This year will be no different. Gifts given on Chest of Joash Sunday will be used to accomplish three very important tasks:

1. Pave the Second Avenue parking lot (completed in May with anticipated Chest of Joash funds) $14,000.00
2. Install new projector in sanctuary and display board for praise team $8,000.00
3. Repair Lower Level walls (sealing, wall repair, baseboard, paint) $15,000.00

From initial conversations and proposals we have received, we’re estimating that the costs will total approximately $40,000.00 to accomplish these tasks. Please consider how the Lord might use you to meet this and join us on Sunday, September 25th for Chest of Joash Sunday.

### Fall Small Groups

**Topic:** You Make Me Crazy  
**Facilitator:** Diane Ferello  
**Location:** Terry Kaminski’s Home  
**Day:** Tuesday’s  
**Starts:** September 6th  
**Duration:** 6 weeks  
**Description:** We all have relationships that drive us crazy. This 6-week video study from Rick Warren will help bring sanity to your relationships so you can do more than just coexist. Learn how to connect with the crazy-makers in your life.

**Topic:** Marriage**  
**Facilitators:** David & Rhea Wiggs  
**Location:** Church  
**Day:** Tuesday’s  
**Starts:** September 6th  
**Duration:** 11 weeks  
**Description:** Over 11 weeks, we’ll be covering topics relevant to creating and establishing a health marriage.

**Topic:** Theology on Tap  
**Facilitators:** Russell Killen & Jason Kellhofer  
**Location:** Oak City Brewery  
**Day:** 1st Wednesday of each month  
**Starts:** In Process  
**Duration:** Ongoing  
**Description:** ToT is a informal conversational group that focuses on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of believers.

**Topic:** ALPHA**  
**Facilitators:** Adrian Dixon  
**Location:** Church  
**Day:** Wednesday’s  
**Starts:** September 14th  
**Duration:** 11 weeks  
**Description:** Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

**Topic:** Seamless**  
**Facilitators:** Dan & Erin Thorpe  
**Location:** The Thorpe’s  
**Day:** Friday’s  
**Starts:** September 9th  
**Duration:** 7 weeks  
**Description:** In seven sessions, Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God’s Word.

**Childcare will be provided.**
New Elders & Deacons

On August 31st, four Elders and four Deacons received a congregational vote of affirmation and will begin their three year terms on September 1st. The new Elders will be ordained on Sunday, October 2nd at the 9:00 am service with the new Deacons being ordained at the 10:45 am service. Please remember these individuals in your prayers as they shepherd and serve our church community.

Our New Elders

Kevin Daughtry  Jason Kellhofer  Bill Powell  David Wiggs

Our New Deacons

Jamie Almond  Danny Johnson  Richy Narron  Patti Pritchett

15th Birthday Celebration Planning

Northside will be celebrating 15 years of ministry on February 19, 2017. We’re planning a big weekend celebration and renewal time. We need a group of people who have a heart to see renewal in people’s lives as well as those who love to party! We only get one chance at a 15th birthday celebration and we want to make it memorable. To join the planning team for this event, email Dan Thorpe at dan@northsidecommunity.com.

Knightdale Elementary Backpack Drive

Our goal was 30 backpacks and you guys packed a total of 50 backpacks for the students at Knightdale Elementary. Along with the backpacks were a lot of other school supplies. Thanks for stepping up and serving the children in our community!

All Church Work Day

Saturday, September 24th

8:00 am—12:00 noon

There will be serve opportunities for all age ranges and skill levels. Please sign up in the lobby if you’re able to serve.
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**Average Weekly Attendance:** 199

**Total Amount of Tithes:** $18,037.67

**Amount Needed Per Week:** $4,101.35

**Average Weekly Tithes:** $4,509.42

**YTD Budget Overage:** $10,639.88

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

Deuteronomy 14:23c

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### September Birthdays

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### Gifts of Stock

Did you know that 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 Adrian Dixon at adrian@northsidecommunity.com.

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### Red Cross Blood Drive

A Blood Drive to show support for Brandon Barnes will be Sunday, September 11th. To RSVP for the blood drive or to volunteer during the donation process, please sign up in the lobby.

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### Read & Feed Orientation

Read & Feed orientation will be Tuesday, September 20th, 5:30-7:00 at Northside. Read & Feed is an organization that partners with Knightdale Elementary to provide tutors for at children who are at risk in their literacy skills. To volunteer, please sign up in the lobby.

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### Notes...

Northside Family,

We would like to thank you so much for your kind words, prayers, cards and flowers following the death of Carl’s brother, Jim. Times like this are so very difficult but it is comforting to know that we are supported by a body of believers, so full of love and kindness. Your faith continues to give us comfort. Thank you again.

Love in Christ,

Carl Richardson & Heather Peterson

Dear Northside church family,

There are not enough words to express my gratitude for all the calls, cards, flowers, notes of support, and especially all the prayers during my recent illness and hospital stays. I am so thankful to have such a loving and supportive church family. Thank you with all my heart!

Love and blessings, Holly Baldwin

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*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:**

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**Staff:**

- Adrian Dixon, Lead Pastor | adrian@northsidecommunity.com
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- Dee Belvin, Pastor of Children’s Ministries | dee@northsidecommunity.com
- Dan Thorpe, Pastor of Student Ministries | dan@northsidecommunity.com

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