

November/December 2011

# NORTHSIDE

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## Baptist Church

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### From the Pastor

#### Losing to Win

One of the most profound applications of Scripture is the concept of "losing to win." Luke 9:24 tells us, *"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."*

If we want to win, we must lose. We must lose our self-ambition, self-centeredness, and self-awareness. What do we win you might ask? Christ! The Apostle Paul explains this same application when it comes to sharing Christ with others in 1 Corinthians 9: 19-23,

*"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."*

Paul was willing to sacrifice himself to preach the message of Christ. He would give up everything, even to the point of being a servant or slave to all in order for the Gospel of Christ to be preached. Paul's desire to win souls is the heart of this text. He wants to win Jews; he wants to win those without the law; he wants to win the weak; he wants to win them all! Winning people to Christ was his objective in life.

I wonder if this is something that we ever think about. Is winning people to Christ something that flashes on our radar on a regular basis, or is it something that rarely occurs? Paul was willing to give up all his rights and privileges, his position, his rank, his livelihood, his freedom, and, ultimately, even his life.

What would you be willing to give up? What would you lose so that you might win souls for Christ? Maybe you could set aside 15 minutes a day to pray specifically for the lost. Maybe you could sacrifice an hour a week to go and invite neighbors and friends to church. Maybe you could even get out of your comfort zone and invest in someone's life to tell them about the love of Jesus Christ. What do you have to lose?

Pastor Wes

## From the Youth Pastor's Desk

### MERGE and DiscipleNOW are almost here!

Two great once-a-year events are coming to our Youth Ministry soon! **MERGE** is a great way for our youth group to end 2011, and **DiscipleNOW** is a great way for us to start the new year!

**MERGE** takes the best of a high-energy camp ministry and combines it with a conference setting to give students a unique three-day event filled with worship, fun, and fellowship. Our group will be given time to gather individually for share and community opportunities. Students will enjoy meeting new friends through outdoor game and activities. They will find MERGE worship times meaningful and challenging.



This year's MERGE is December 27-29 at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp. Our speaker will be Scott Atterbury; worship will be led by Nathan Brewer; 321 Improv Comedy will make them laugh 'til they cry!

**Regular registration is \$111** per person which includes: all Sessions, two nights lodging, 321 Improv Comedy group, games, seven meals, and a t-shirt. But, **you** could pay way less!

Early Bird Registration	November 1-14	\$91
Advanced Registration	November 15-28	\$101
Regular Registration	November 29-December 12*	\$111
Late Registration	December 13-26*	\$126

Registration forms must be turned in with the cost of registration to lock in that price!

**Regularly attending Northside Baptist Youth registering before December 13 will receive a \$25 discount in addition to early registration discounts!**

\*After December 12, registration is \$126 (for everyone) and does not include a t-shirt.



**DiscipleNOW** is a great way for our youth group to start the new year. On January 13-15, our youth will enjoy a spectacular weekend of learning about God through some of the finest leaders in the area. The weekend, **designed for grades 7-12**, starts on Thursday, January 12, with a rally where students will meet their leader, host family, and weekend family of peers. They meet and stay in the homes of the host family on Friday night, Saturday night, and end the weekend on Sunday morning at church, plus there will be an Area Wide Worship Rally on Saturday and other special activities throughout the weekend! Be a part of this special weekend; it can change your life! For more information, call the church office or email Bro. Jody at brojody@northsideconroe.com.

**Regular registration is \$40** per person. But, **you** could pay less!

Early Bird Registration	November 1-14	\$30
Advanced Registration	November 15-30**	\$35
Regular Registration	December 1-18	\$40
Late Registration	December 18-January 8	\$50

Registration forms must be turned in with the cost of registration to lock in that price!

**\*\*The only way to GUARANTEE your shirt size is to pay & register by November 30!**

Don't miss this opportunity to start the new year growing together and in Christ.  
for His glory, ~Bro Jody (John 3:30)




**Northside  
Thanksgiving  
Fellowship  
Sunday, November 20**  
Following morning service

Bring your favorite dish—meat, salad, vegetable,  
dessert—and spend time together as a  
church family.

**Everyone is invited.**

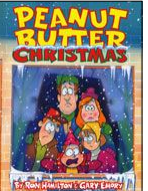
There will be no evening service.

**The youth “post office” will open  
on Sunday, November 27.**



For just a quarter per card, you can drop off your Christmas cards for those within our church. The youth will deliver the cards before and after services on Sundays.

**Sunday, December 18,** will be the last day to participate. Save money and help support your youth!



**Children’s Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.**

*Peanut Butter Christmas* will remind everyone that the spirit of Christmas lives, not in what we get, but in what we give.

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Schedule

**Sunday, November 20**  
No evening service

**Wednesday, November 23**  
No services

**Church offices closed**  
**Thursday, November 24**  
**Friday, November 25**

**Wednesday, December 21**  
No services

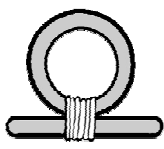
**Sunday, December 25**  
Morning service only at 10:50

**Wednesday, December 28**  
No services

**Sunday, January 1**  
Morning service only at 10:50

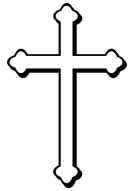
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**Thursday, December 22**  
**Friday, December 23**  
**Friday, December 30**

**Children’s Corner** **Tera Dudley, Children’s Director**



Eternity has been in my thoughts recently. I have always been a history buff, especially the history of ancient Egypt, and recently I had the opportunity to visit the Tutankhamen exhibit in downtown Houston. Eternity was constantly in the minds of the Egyptians. Their art and artifacts are inundated with symbols relating to their beliefs about what it required to achieve eternity. Image after image shows their religious beliefs and what they were willing to do to live forever. The investment of time spent in building tombs, stockpiling items they believed they needed for the afterlife, preserving the body as a mummy, and seeking to make their name last forever is mindboggling. It breaks my heart when I think about all the wasted effort the Egyptians made in their rejection of the one, true Jehovah. I so greatly regret that I will not meet any of these people in heaven one day.

Sometimes I wonder what kind of concept of eternity our culture will leave behind. If the Lord tarries, will future generations think we saw achieving eternity in making our name great with possessions, money, or fame? I have endeavored to help my high school students think about the fact that it only takes one generation dropping the ball by not teaching their children the Truth of God’s Word for a true saving knowledge of God to be lost. Sometimes I wonder what Adam thought as his descendants strayed from God and their thoughts were “only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5), or what Noah would have thought watching his descendants build Babel. I want to thank all of those who help with the different aspects of the children’s ministry at Northside. You are laboring to teach Truth as the world bombards our children with falsehood. You are seeking to bring each precious little soul to our loving Lord. Through your ministry, you are truly touching and investing in eternity.



## Happy November Birthdays

Ernest Cannon	11/5	Kimberley Teas	11/18
Aleesia Delgado	11/7	Nell Waltz	11/19
Doris Hobbs	11/11	Tera Dudley	11/23
I mogene Williamson	11/11	Shirley Everett	11/23
Robert Hock	11/13	Craig Fletcher	11/24
Missi Fletcher	11/15	Mack Perkins	11/25
Ashley McRorie	11/17	John Fawcett	11/26
Glenda Rascoe	11/18	Bill Oatman	11/30
Mary Sinclair	11/18		

## Happy December Birthdays

Barbara Brophy	12/3	Frances Spoon	12/16
Wayne McRorie	12/4	Freddy Mize	12/18
Hannah Westra	12/5	Forrest Williams	12/19
Melanie Clevenger	12/7	Ashley Barringer	12/20
Harold Carraway	12/8	Cindy Mize	12/20
Melba Allums	12/13	Pat Boone	12/24
Mary Crossley	12/13	Bessie Houck	12/29
Ragen Hardgrave	12/13	Caitlyn Dudley	12/31
Lathan Henderson	12/14	Geraldine Findley	12/31

### Scriptures to Memorize

#### November

John 15:5

John 14:2-3

Psalm 125:1-2

Psalm 141:3-4

#### December

I John 1:8-9

Psalm 23:1-2

Psalm 23:3-4

Psalm 23:5-6

### 2011 Calvin Phillips United Thanksgiving Offering Sunday, November 20



This offering benefits State Missions, Baptist Missionary Loan Association, Texas Baptist Home for Children, Baptist Progress, and Jacksonville College.

### September Statistics

SS High Attendance	124
SS Average	113
Worship High Attendance	168
Worship Average	147

### October Statistics

SS High Attendance	123
SS Average	115
Worship High Attendance	164
Worship Average	150

We would like to express our extreme gratitude to our church family for the generous love offering taken to defray some of Hayden's medical expenses. We are blessed beyond measure to call Northside Baptist our church home and each of you friends. Thank you so much for splashing your overflow onto our family.

Bro. Wes, Jill, Hayden, and KayLee

#### Northside Baptist Church

##### Worship Times

##### Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	10:50 a.m.
W. M. A.	5:00 p.m.
Auxiliaries	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

##### Wednesday

Awana	6:30 p.m.
Overflow (Youth Services)	6:30 p.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.

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