

NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PC(USA)

NORTHSIDE NEWS

AUGUST 2011

FALL CHURCH RETREAT

LIGHT of the WORLD

Matthew 5:14-16



WHEN: September 30– October 2, 2011

WHERE: Camp Living Stones in Englewood, TN.

COST: \$65 for adults 12 and older/ \$30 for kids 3-11 (FREE for kids under 3)/\$200 max/family.

INCLUDES: Lodging on Friday and Saturday nights and all games, activities, and outings. 5 meals– including Sunday brunch.

WHAT WE WILL DO:

- Camp Olympics
- Lawn & Board Games
- Hiking
- Trip to 'Baby Falls' waterfall
- Sunset dinner on Buck Bald
- Crafts (tie-dye shirts, nature collages, candle making)
- Devotions & Bible Study
- Worship
- Music and Songs
- Silly Awards...and more!



**Your deposit & registration form is due no later than
August 25th.**

We will send reminders when the next and final payments are due.

Registration packets are available around the church or at the church office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Session recently received a slew of new members! Most of them are familiar faces, and our church is extremely blessed to have them be a part of us. Make sure you seek them out and say hi on Sunday morning. And remember: New members always enjoy being taken out to lunch!



Amanda Riggs grew up at Northside with her sister, Crystal, back in the day. She feels like the church is home and everyone here is family. Amanda has two boys, Christian and Holden.

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Eston & Tammi Mayberry live in the neighborhood and are excited to have a church where they can raise their family. They are looking forward to having a church that they can grow into and that can grow with them. Eston's background is the Methodist Church, and Tammi's is Catholic. The Mayberrys have a son, Will, and a daughter on the way!

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Lucas and Andrea Tartar are thrilled to officially be members of Northside! Lucas grew up in a Disciples of Christ church, and also been a part of United Methodist and Lutheran congregations. Andrea grew up in a devoted Catholic home. They have two kids, Luke and Annabelle, and have been involved in the life and ministry of Northside for the past year.

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Susan and Terry Miller have always participated in church somewhere, but it wasn't until recently that they felt God calling them to be an active part of Northside. They feel extremely blessed to be with us, but we feel just as blessed to have them! Susan is the mother of Northside member Amy Frizell, and Terry has two grown sons in Atlanta.

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RALLY DAY

August 21st, get ready for the kick off of our new program year! The church will provide fried chicken, bring your favorite side or dessert (enough to feed 6 people). Sign up sheets will be located outside the office and in the Centennial Room.

There will be inflatables and festive games for the kids, a speaker for the adults; Christian fun for everyone!!



YOUTH

Youth Group Bible Study will continue on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. This fall the topics will follow the same Scripture passages that will be read during worship.

Upcoming 2012 Youth Events!

We will hold several awesome fundraisers to support our two youth trips:

#1 Ski Trip to Montreat – February 17-19, Cost: \$340 (includes EVERYTHING!) Register by October 1st if interested. More info to follow later.

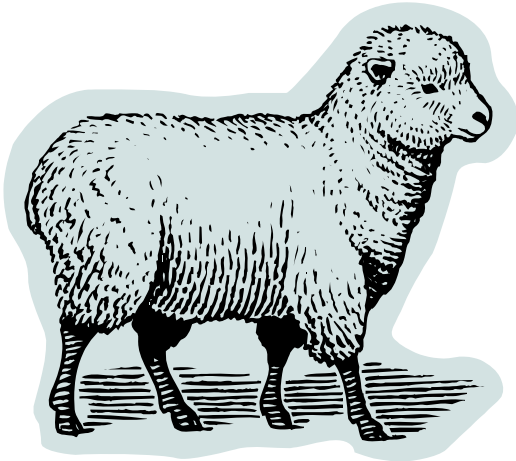


#2 Summer Camp @ Camp Living Stones – July 16-21 (never too early to plan ahead), cost \$300 (includes EVERYTHING), zip lines, waterfalls, and Jesus, oh my! Registration will begin early 2012. Mark your calendar now!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus, speaking to Simon Peter, asks, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The charge Jesus gave Peter is the same charge our Lord gives us today: Take care of my sheep. Feed them. Look after them. Help them grow strong. Protect them and let them multiply. Give them a place to go about the business of being sheep. Give them what they need to become the best darn sheep they can be!



Northside is in the sheep-tending business. Metaphorically, of course.

For well over a century our church has been a place where people come to connect with true community, to develop intimacy with God, and to grow into maturity as human beings. This ministry of caring for Christ's sheep takes place among all our people, whether 2 or 102. We've been at it for a long time – longer than any of us has been alive – and the church will continue to feed and care for Christ's flock long after we have joined our King in Glory.

The question we now face is this: What do we need to continue to offer these same opportunities to the people of Chattanooga? How do we continue to meet the needs and address the souls of those who are preschoolers, parents, senior citizens, and everyone in between?

- Imagine dynamic classes of kids engaged in hands-on experiences with God's Word, learning about Jesus' love!
- Imagine activities designed to connect our senior adults with one another and with all the things they love doing!
- Imagine our youth learning what it means to be Christian disciples as they step into new responsibilities as young adults!
- Imagine the sanctuary filled to the brim on Sunday morning with people worshipping God!
- Imagine...!

Now, what will take us there? What part do you play in caring for the sheep that are here now? How about those who are not yet here? How do we build our staff around the current and future needs of our church?

Can you see it? Can you dream it? This is where God is calling us!

Blessings,

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL PROGRAMMING

WNL is back!

Dinner: 5-6pm
Program: 6-7pm
Choir Practice: 7-8pm
Cost to eat: \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids,
OR
Purchase your 6 meal ticket for \$30
and receive a discount!



There will be two options for the adult program:

OPTION #1: For those who cannot make it on Tuesday mornings, Rev. Ben will be holding his **Pastor's Bible Study (P.B.S.)**. This is an in-depth interpretive and application study which will be based on the OT prophet Hosea.

OPTION #2: A topical discussion study is still being worked out right now. The thing you need to know, however, is that it will be very much worth your while. And it will be perfect if you already attend Tuesday's Bible Study, or if exegetical study isn't your thing.

Children & Youth:

Nursery care will be available for little ones. Donations will be accepted each week to help offset the cost. Older kids can gather in the newly designated "David's Porch" (formerly the Middle School Room) outside the Community Room after they finish dinner to hear a Bible Story, do some coloring, and then head out for activities. All Youth are welcome to attend the adult study/program or help out with the kids.

Fall 2011 WNL Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August 24th:	Summer Recap
August 31st:	Fall Preview + Board Games (<i>preview Pastor's Bible study and topical study</i>)
September 7th:	Programs Begin!
September 14th:	P.B.S or other programming
September 21st:	P.B.S or other programming
September 28th:	P.B.S or other programming
October 5th:	P.B.S or other programming
October 12th:	P.B.S or other programming
October 19th:	P.B.S or other programming
October 26th:	TRUNK OR TREAT! Fun, games, candy for the kids, plus hotdogs and chili cook-off!
November 2nd:	P.B.S or other programming and Children's Christmas Play practices
November 9th:	P.B.S or other programming and Children's Christmas Play practice
November 16th:	P.B.S or other programming Children's Christmas Play practice
November 23rd:	NO WNL
November 30th:	P.B.S or other programming Children's Christmas Play practice
December 7th:	P.B.S or other programming Children's Christmas Play practice
December 14th:	Children's Christmas Play
December 21st:	Christmas party! Sing carols, drink cider and white elephant gift exchange.
December 28th:	NO WNL

STEWARDSHIP

Finding Your Real Self

In the middle of Jesus' story about the Prodigal Son, the boy is down in the pigpen eating bean pods with the hogs. At this point, he realizes that he has made a serious misjudgment with the direction of his life and his use of money. Jesus describes his turning point like this: "But when he came to himself he said, 'I will get up and go to my father.'" (Luke 15:17-18)

What does this mean – 'when he came to himself?' Was he not already himself? Yes, he was one part of himself, but not his real self. As the boy leaves home in the first part of the story, he is full of resentment and bitterness and rebellion. But when he finally *came to himself* at the low point of his life down in the pigpen, we find that he decides to become an altogether different kind of person.

We find our real selves in the same way – by a decision to return to God. That is a great part of what we are doing each week when we worship God by giving our money to help God's causes. We are saying, "By myself I am not enough. By myself, I wander into pigpens. Here, take this and use it to help me, and other people like me, to find our way home again."

AUGUST SERMON TOPICS

August 7th

Lord of What?

1 Kings 19:9-18; Matthew 14:22-33

August 14th

Help Me....

Isaiah 56:6-8; Matthew 15:21-28

August 21st: RALLY DAY!

Questions and Answers

Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

August 28th

But I Won't Do That

Jeremiah 15:19-21; Matthew 16:21-28



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