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Every Spring I tend to write newsletter articles and bulletin articles that state something to the effect of, "Life springs anew and we are looking forward to all it holds." This year is different, however. A year ago, this month, we began a journey that none of us could have anticipated. I still remember making the decision in the middle of March last year to suspend church services for two weeks. At that time, I thought the Coronavirus was a simple inconvenience, and if we took a few steps, we would be past it in a couple of weeks. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

We ended up spending the next six weeks doing church remotely. We were learning all sorts of new things about this virus and what needed to be done to abate its spread. Of course, it was immediately politicized which made it hard to get clear, accurate information. I found myself reading pages and pages of news, reading scientists, and exploring what protocols others were using. As we made our way through those early days, we learned an entirely new vernacular, as we all started to speak like doctors and scientists.

As the journey continued, we set protocols for our church which some thought were too slack and some thought were too restrictive. We tried to allow the science to guide us, but at times the science just was not clear. As days rolled into months, we certainly realized things would not be over soon.

If all of this was not enough, we had a presidential campaign that fell in the middle of it all. Of course, this would be one of the most brutal campaigns in my lifetime. Friends and families became divided. Social media became an incendiary arena, and to put it simply – the worst of many came out. It was truly sad to watch us turn on each other as a society, as we seemingly forgot that we are in this together.

After all we have been through, I truly hope that this spring represents new life, new hope, and a new day. However, as believers there are some things we need to remember. First and foremost, if the Spirit is at work in us, then the Fruit of the Spirit should be evident through us. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us, "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*" We are also told to, "*encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing*" (1 Thes. 5:11).

When everything else around us fails, remember Isaiah's vision, "*I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple*" (6:1). God has not moved. He is still on His throne and He is still governing the affairs of our lives. So, relax, live with a spirit of expectation, and let the Fruit of the Spirit be manifest in your life as we approach a dawning of new life this Spring.

Honored to be your pastor,

DARRELL

## AT A GLANCE

Sunday March 7	9:30a	Worship Service
	9:30a	Sunday Morning Bible Study
	11:00a	Worship Service
	11:00a	Sunday Morning Bible Study
	11:00a	Kid's Church
	2:00p	Upward Soccer Evaluation
	5:00p	GroupLife
	5:00p	Praiz Kidz
	5:00p	Student Huddle
	5:00p	Ecclesia
	5:00p	Sunday Evening Worship

Tuesday March 9	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
	6:00p	Zumba for Women

Wednesday March 10	6:00p	Wednesday Night Connect
	6:00p	Student Midweek
	6:00p	Awana

Thursday March 11	9:30a	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00p	Zumba for Women
	6:15p	Trail Life

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Sunday March 14	9:30a	Worship Service
	9:30a	Sunday Morning Bible Study
	11:00a	Worship Service
	11:00a	Sunday Morning Bible Study
	11:00a	Kid's Church
	5:00p	Sunday Evening Service
	5:00p	Ecclesia
		No other evening activities

Tuesday March 16	6:00p	Celebrate Recovery
	6:00p	Zumba for Women

Wednesday March 17		No evening activities
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Thursday March 18	9:30a	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00p	Zumba for Women
	6:15p	Trail Life/AHG

# STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

## ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



### UPWARD SOCCER

The deadline to register for Upward Soccer is March 7! K4 - 6th grade boys and girls are invited to play. Early registration is \$68 per player. The first practice is the week of March 29. The first game is April 10. The last game is May 15.

Every player must attend an evaluation. The evaluations are March 6 between 9:00 and 11:00am and March 7 between 2:00 and 4:00pm. Help is needed at the evaluations. Call Dean Meade at 578-1568 for more information.

We always need coaches and referees, greeters and prayer warriors. Call Dean if you can help.



### SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

We are building a house for a family in the Valley. Leave on Saturday, March 13, and return Wednesday, March 17. You can go down for a day or stay the entire time. The choice is yours. We have room for 25 people that want to build. Please register on the Events page at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) ASAP if you want to go.

There is a meeting on March 7 immediately following the 11:00am worship service for those who want to go or are thinking about going. Lunch will be provided so we ask that you call the church office if you plan to attend.

You can donate towards the cost of the house by marking your envelope with "missions".



### STUDENT CAMPS

Registration is open for summer camps for Junior High (June 7 - 11 at UMHB) and High School (June 21-25 at South Padre Island). You can register on the events page of [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org).



### HYPE

Kids 3rd - 5th grades join us for the next Hype on March 5. Hype is from 7:00 - 9:00pm. It is 2 hours of crazy fun. HYPE is free. See you there!



### DATE NIGHT

Date Night returns March 5. Childcare is provided at Northside from 6:00 - 10:00pm. The care is free if you are attending a Northside Fellowship. The cost is \$10 per child if not. **Register online for childcare for Date Night.** Go to [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) and click on the events tab. You must register your child by March 4.



### OVER THE EDGE PRE-TEEN CAMP

Over the Edge Pre-teen camp registration is now open. Pre-teen camp is for kids completing 3rd - 5th grades. It is a little earlier this year - July 1-5. The cost is \$300. You can contact Dave Benefield if you have any questions.



## :::SHORTLINES:::

**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA:** Dave has some fun for the kids scheduled on Easter Sunday, April 4. There will be egg hunts and pinatas. Plan to be here.

**PRAIZ KIDZ:** Our Children's Choir, Praiz Kidz, will sing in the 11:00 am worship service on March 7.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** The retreat was postponed to April 30 - May 1, so we have reopened registration. The cost is \$50 (no t-shirt). Registration closes March 31. Go to [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) to register.

**SUPER SUMMER:** Students interested in going to Super Summer need to talk to Cody ASAP. Super Summer is at DBU June 14 to 18.

**SPRING BREAK:** The only evening activities Sunday, March 14, are Sunday Evening Worship and Ecclesia at 5:00pm. There are no evening activities on Wednesday, March 17, due to Spring Break.

**MASKS:** The governor has lifted some of the restrictions caused by COVID 19, but we still ask you to please wear a mask when you are walking around the campus. You are free to remove your mask once you are in class or the Worship Center (if you want to) as long as you can practice social distancing.

**SPRING GROUP PREVIEW:** New Journey Groups for Spring! Find out what we have to offer on March 28.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** There will be a Good Friday service on April 2 at 6:00pm. Watch for more details.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** April 4 is Easter. Think about attending the early service to leave room for guests at the 11:00am service. There will be no evening activities on that Sunday.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Insurgence Ministry. We have helped many people with bicycles, clothing, food, hygiene items, etc. Your gifts are appreciated.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** There are prayer request cards in the pews, or you can enter your prayer request on our website (under the "About" tab). You can mark the request to stay with the ministers only, or it can be emailed to our prayer warriors.

**TRAINING AVAILABLE:** Don't think you have to know how to do something before you volunteer. We have nice, patient people that would love to help train you for whatever you want to help with. Call the church office.

**GIVING:** If you don't feel comfortable returning to church, we understand. But you can still give your tithe online at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org). You can also text GIVE2NBC to 206-859-9405. You can also mail in your check. Mark your envelope Attn: Rebecca. The church operates on your gifts.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS

### MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

#### Received February 21

Budget Receipts	16,666.91
Designated & Other:	281.85
Total Weekly Receipts:	16,948.76

#### Received February 28

Budget Receipts:	37,454.74
Designated & Other:	1,593.41
Total Weekly Receipts:	39,048.15

Year-to-Date Need:	574,740.00
Year-to-Date Received:	556,421.19

### BIBLE STUDY

### WORSHIP

February 21	211	February 21	283
February 28	153	February 28	331

The heavens declare  
the glory of God,  
and the skies above  
proclaim the work  
of His hands.

Psalms 19:1 (NIV)



IN  
FOCUS

# Spring Break Mission Trip Home Construction Project

Register online at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org)

Information meeting March 7 at noon  
(RSVP to church office by March 5)



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Sundays  
9:30am Bible Study Groups  
11:00am Worship

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