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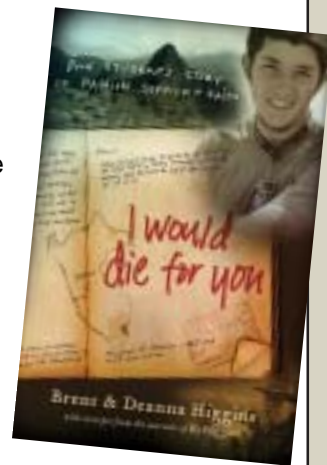
## *I Would Die For You:*

**One Student's Story of Passion, Service and Faith**

Book Review by Barbara Cross

Not only is it challenging and inspiring, but the book, "I Would Die for You" is also very personal to Northside Baptist Church. Written by Brent and Deanna Higgins, the story is more than a story. If you've been around Northside over the past few years, you've experienced it first-hand.

Brent and Deanna were members of Northside in 1989 when their son, BJ (Brent Allen Higgins, Jr.) arrived. As a newborn, BJ played the role of baby Jesus in our Christmas pageant while his mom and dad played Mary and Joseph. BJ grew up here at our church.



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## Ripple Effect

by Darcy Wiley

The lights in the auditorium went low. People were sniffing all around. Someone in the tech booth pressed play. I squeezed the tissue in my hand and looked above the baptistry at the screen. In slow motion, BJ Higgins took a breath and went under the water, sending up a splash. Then he was raised up, a picture of his new life in Christ. The water swelled and dipped in concentric circles around him. I saw the ripple effect in the muddy lake.

Less than two months prior to BJ's memorial service, Eric David sat next to BJ on the bumpy bus ride from Anderson to Indianapolis during JumpStart, Northside Student Ministry's back-to-school retreat. BJ, fresh back from his second mission to Peru, was telling his stories "at 90 miles an hour like he always did," Eric remembers. BJ looked at his good friend Eric and told him he should go on a mission trip. Eric shrugged it off, content to just hear about BJ's adventurous Christian life. As JumpStart drew to a close, BJ began showing symptoms of the illness that would land him in intensive care.



Darcy Wiley (far right) recently sat down for a conversation with the next generation of missionaries. Eric David, Taylor DeBaun, Jason Teboe, Ali Ward and Leah David shared their calling and a unique perspective of how BJ's story affected them.

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## The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity

Book Review by Tony Manning

Mackenzie Phillips has been through the worst possible experience as a parent. After years of navigating through the tragedy and pain, Mack must face the bitterness that has taken root in the depth of his heart and life. As he struggles to accept the answers that confront him, he must decide what to do with a God that seems to have disappeared in his darkest hours. Sorting through his pain and emptiness, he is faced with the reality of a grace that few are willing to embrace or accept.

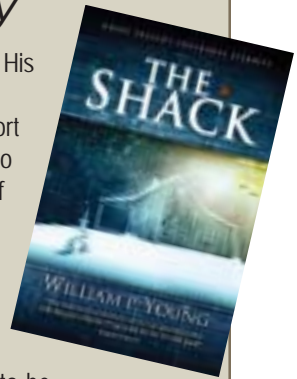
William Young's book *The Shack* is a journey that all of us have faced in one fashion or

another. The question that resonates deep within us is "Where is God when we are hurting?" Many of us feel the loneliness of the situation because we feel compelled to isolate ourselves from the One who loves us more than we love ourselves. Young's imagery of our loving God is compelling and thought-provoking and challenges our perception of a Triune God that is involved and ever-present in our lives. As we continue to experience the ups and downs of life, God's grace is immeasurable and consistent. The struggle therefore lies with how we view His grace and live our lives through it. While we may continue to point our fingers at a perceived absent God,

He continues to pour out His grace unconditionally.

The Shack is a short read and is very hard to put down. The beauty of Young's work is that while it is fictional, I found myself as the main character of the story several times.

The mirror that seems to be present on every page caused me to interact with God as He leapt from the pages to sit beside me to converse. The storyline is captivating, the dialogue is intriguing, and God is glorified. The Shack is a book that you will purchase more than once as you give it away to those who need to be reminded of who God is and His amazing grace.



Tony Manning is our Associate Pastor of Ministry and Students. He and his wife, Kelly, have two boys. Tony has a passion for reaching people and teaching them to live an abundant life in Jesus. Tony enjoys challenging students and parents to engage their culture and change it from the inside out.

## Ben Stein's *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*

Movie Review by Jennifer Wilson

"One of the sleaziest documentaries to arrive in a very long time, *'Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed'* is a conspiracy-theory rant masquerading as investigative inquiry." – *New York Times*

"It's hard to pinpoint the most insulting aspects of this obvious propaganda piece from Ben Stein." – *TV Guide*

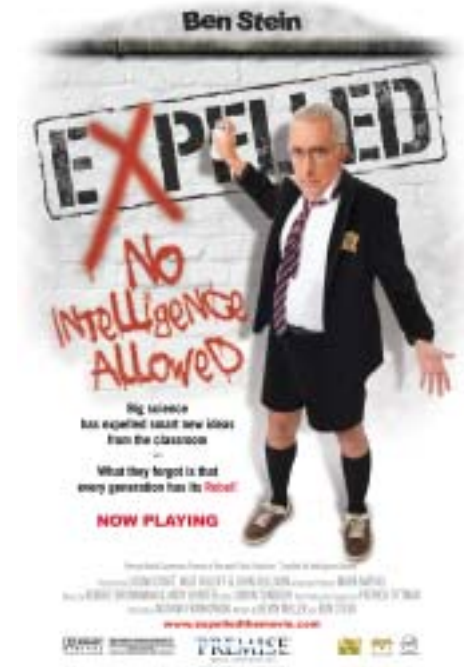
"Intelligent design film far worse than stupid. Ben Stein's so-called documentary *'Expelled'* isn't just bad, it's immoral." – *MSNBC.com*

There's barely a paper in the country giving *Expelled* a good review and yet according one source, exit polls of actual movie-goers indicate a 96% approval rating. Where's the disconnect?

Focus on the Family's James Dobson and the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission's Richard Land, have given the film a thumbs up.

Earning over \$7 million at the box office (as of May 13, 2008), *Expelled* is the twelfth-highest-grossing documentary film to date in the United States. The film highlights several scientists and educators who lost their jobs by simply mentioning Intelligent Design as an alternative theory to Darwinian Evolution. Using metaphors and other documentary style interviews, Stein shows how "science" is shielded from truth and free thought. The film also goes so far as to argue that Darwinian thinking contributed in no small part to the Holocaust. It brings to light how prominent figures in academia have a prejudice and hatred of anything that is contrary to their point of view of how life began.

The film does a great job of highlighting the debate (or lack thereof) between Intelligent Design and Darwinian Evolution. It poignantly reveals the irony of higher learning institutions, who pride themselves in open-mindedness and freethinking, failing to even entertain any idea of how life originated other than from aliens or crystals.



What the film does not do is give an in-depth description of Intelligent Design and/or Creationism. And although it is not an outward endorsement for Creationism, it does open the door for discussion and spur further investigation by many in to the origins of life.



Jennifer Wilson, our Office Administrator, joined Northside in October 2004 and came on staff in April 2007. She is actively involved as a consultant with Build for the Future, a capital funding program sponsored by the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

## The Baptists are Coming!

We have been delaring for months, "The Baptists are coming! The Baptists are coming!" And now, the time has arrived. The Southern Baptist Convention is being hosted in Indianapolis, June 8-11. This is only the third time in the history of the convention for it to be held in Indiana. This is a rare and wonderful treat. I want to encourage you to attend the meetings. They are all open to the public and will be inspirational and motivational.

To play the gracious host to our Baptist guests from across the nation, Northside is having three dynamic morning services on Sunday, June 8.

The first service will be at 8 AM and will feature guest speaker, Scott Mescher. Scott grew up at Northside and recently served as Indiana's Director of Student Evangelism. He is now working to complete his doctorate at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Our college band, Gray Road, will lead worship and this will be the send-off service for over 100 people leaving to be part of our Ultimate Youth Camp.

The 9:30 and 11:00 services will feature the Northside Baptist Choir and Orchestra. The 9:30 service brings Dr. Jerry Rankin back to Northside. Dr. Rankin is president of the International Mission Board. This organization oversees the 5000+

## Pastor's Corner

by **DR. MARK HEARN**  
*Senior Pastor*



Southern Baptist Missionaries in foreign lands.

At 11:00 AM, the morning activities will culminate with a message from Dr. Frank Cox, who has pastored the North Metro First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia for 27 years. Dr. Cox is one of six candidates to be president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Come early, stay late, serve others, and let the convention know what Hoosier Hospitality really is

Exciting Times!

Bro Mark

## PRAYER MINISTRY

by Don Sherman

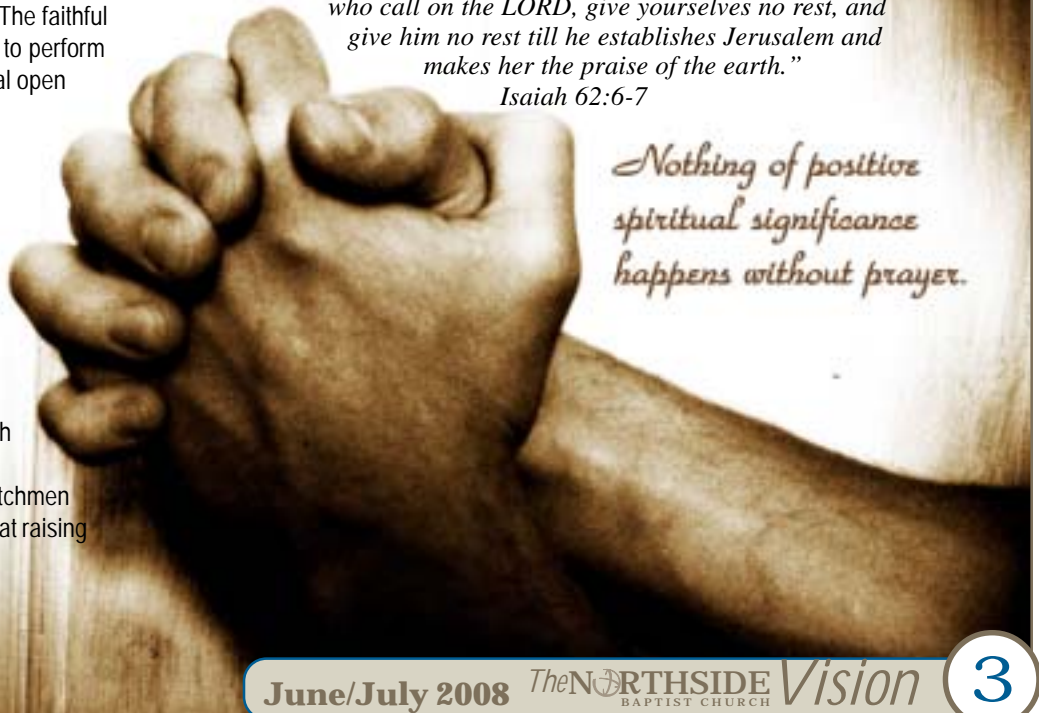
Can you pray with us one hour? The faithful Watchmen of Northside continue to perform yeoman service. We have several open hours on the Watchman Wall of Prayer that need to be filled. Visit the Prayer Ministry table in the Guest Center to sign up.

The best way to learn to pray effectively is to stay in the Word and pray regularly. When you are willing and available the Holy Spirit will act in wonderful ways that you never imagined! Through the next year we will be offering guides and study materials to Watchmen that want to take an in-depth look at raising their prayer life to the next level.

*"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth."*

*Isaiah 62:6-7*

*Nothing of positive spiritual significance happens without prayer.*





# Florida Prison Ministry Trip April '08

God truly went before us, as we prayed, "God touch their hearts, and prepare the ones who You would call to Yourself."  
- Ray Gilliland

This week was a fulfillment of specific answer to prayer for me, for us to minister with Art and Jill. I believe it is only the beginning. May God continue to guide us as we plan for the future in all our mission endeavors.  
-John Reeder

We have experienced numerous revivals, convention sermons, mission trips and other church events where the gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed, but never have we been in the middle of the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit in a worship experience like those we participated in while in the prisons in Florida.  
- Curt and Mary Lou Waters

I will remember this past weekend with Art and his Evangelism Explosion Prison Ministry "Musicianary" outreach until I die and will strive daily, hourly and by each moment to be "Completely Yours" Lord!  
-Tommy Linder

It took the Lord "sending me to prison" to understand what freedom of worship really means. -Ray Seaman



I was scared of the unknown, excited to see all the men that attended the service, overwhelmed with joy at the way Art and Jill pour their whole hearts into ministering to the inmates. - Evelyn Gilliland

The most inspiring moment for me was on the second night one of the men came in with a huge smile that didn't leave his face for the entire service. When we were worshipping in song, he was enjoying it the most and closed his eyes several times to savor the moments with his Savior as we sang.  
- SuzAnne Keith

We went in feeling a little afraid and a little anxious, and came out knowing that God had been with us... Thank you, Jesus that you have given us a message of hope that can light the darkest of dark places.  
- Kathy Martine

It was impressed upon me again that the fields are white unto harvest, and the laborers are few. The mission field of US prisons is wide open, and the ones inside those locked gates are ready to hear the good news and to accept the free gift of salvation.  
- Bev Whitely

As the prisoners approached the prison chapel, I was struck by their tattered uniforms and rough exteriors. They looked exactly as I had pictured the prisoners to be. But, once the worship started, I couldn't have been more surprised by their genuine expressions of worship and love for our Father.  
- Jennifer Wilson



## Women's Day in Kharkov March 2008

This March, the fourth women's team from Indiana made its way to Ukraine. The first team prayer walked in May 2004 and sensed the hopelessness of people in this country where less than 2% know Jesus as Savior. God tugged at Betty Harlan's heart to pray for a conference for Ukrainian women to bring hope in place of despair. As a result, another Indiana women's team helped to host a women's conference in November 2005, which drew about 150 people in Dnepropetrovsk and another 150 in Kharkov. Since Women's Day is a national holiday in Ukraine celebrated on March 8, the 2007 conference was scheduled for that day. Though it was a Thursday, 250 attendees travelled to the conference in Kharkov.

The numerical growth continued in 2008, as at least 350 women attended the Women's Day Conference to be encouraged in their faith, or to hear about a Savior they don't yet know. Each year the Ukrainian leadership takes more responsibility for this event. This year during the opening large group session, two believers shared testimonies about God's work in their lives. One was a young Ukrainian who told about her mission trip to India, evidence that God is growing His church in Ukraine spiritually, as well as numerically.

Northside's Bev Olonoh traveled with the group. The team's messages challenged attendees to recognize God's calling in their various life roles – as wife, mother, coworker or friend; to teach children the ways of the Lord, whether at home or at church; to evaluate their relationship with God; and to recognize disappointment as a time to seek God's perspective, rather than allow despair or unforgiveness to breed.

In our Indiana partnership with Ukraine, relationships are being built. Missionary Keith Wofford shared what a pastor told him, "It is good when Americans come and work alongside us in Ukraine. But when the same Americans return again and again, it shows us that they really care and are partners with us."

## Northside Student Ministry Sets Out to Change Washington

We hear a lot of talk about change these days. Those of us who know Jesus Christ, know that He is the only avenue to effect truly positive change in this world. With that in mind, a group of 30 students and leaders from Northside are embarking on a mission in Washington, DC, July 18-27.

They will divide into four teams and assist the following ministries in the area:

**Christ House** is a 24-hour medical recovery facility providing residential health care for men and women who are homeless and sick. Located in Washington, DC, Christ House opened its doors on Christmas Eve of 1985.

Formed in July of 1987, **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** provides emergency help for persons living in the Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fairfax Station, and Fairfax areas.

Known for their creative approach to ministry and strong volunteer base, **NCC** is a multi-site fellowship that meets in both rented and permanent facilities for worship services and church events. They are one church with four locations: Union Station, Ballston Common Mall, Ebenezers Coffeehouse and Georgetown.

**Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc.** was organized to maintain facilities which will temporarily care for battered spouses and their children, who are homeless and destitute because of abuse.

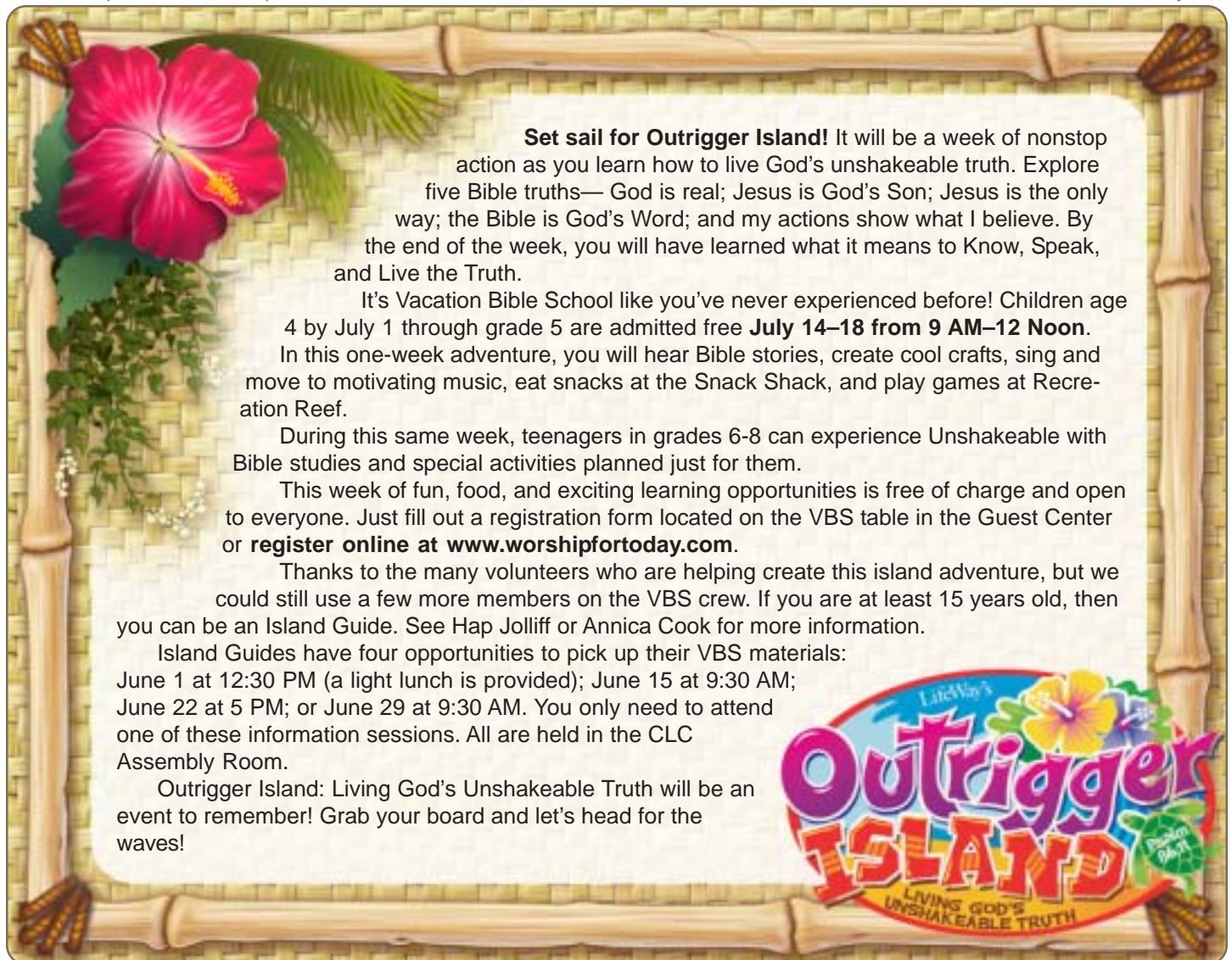
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Tony Manning  
Carrie Martine  
Leah Martine  
Jack Meils  
Jim Moran  
Scott Moran  
Vicki Moran  
Joe Reed  
Kenna Street  
Aaron White



The DC Team



**Set sail for Outrigger Island!** It will be a week of nonstop action as you learn how to live God's unshakeable truth. Explore five Bible truths— God is real; Jesus is God's Son; Jesus is the only way; the Bible is God's Word; and my actions show what I believe. By the end of the week, you will have learned what it means to Know, Speak, and Live the Truth.

It's Vacation Bible School like you've never experienced before! Children age 4 by July 1 through grade 5 are admitted free **July 14–18 from 9 AM–12 Noon**. In this one-week adventure, you will hear Bible stories, create cool crafts, sing and move to motivating music, eat snacks at the Snack Shack, and play games at Recreation Reef.


During this same week, teenagers in grades 6-8 can experience Unshakeable with Bible studies and special activities planned just for them.

This week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone. Just fill out a registration form located on the VBS table in the Guest Center or **register online at [www.worshipfortoday.com](http://www.worshipfortoday.com)**.

Thanks to the many volunteers who are helping create this island adventure, but we could still use a few more members on the VBS crew. If you are at least 15 years old, then you can be an Island Guide. See Hap Jolliff or Annica Cook for more information.

Island Guides have four opportunities to pick up their VBS materials: June 1 at 12:30 PM (a light lunch is provided); June 15 at 9:30 AM; June 22 at 5 PM; or June 29 at 9:30 AM. You only need to attend one of these information sessions. All are held in the CLC Assembly Room.

Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth will be an event to remember! Grab your board and let's head for the waves!



## The Next Generation...What Shall We Do?

by Hap Jolliff

Deuteronomy 4:10b "Assemble the people before Me, and I will let them hear My words, so that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth and may instruct their children."

This gracious revelation of God to His people, Israel, revealed a three-part response on their behalf. Learn. Live. Instruct.

As Christians we recognize a duty to be learning the things of God to understand His will and how we are to worship Him. We recognize that there is a way we are to live before Him, namely by faith. Yet we

often fail to take responsible action to 'instruct' that which we have learned in hearing. This is seen statistically. And as Barna has observed, fewer than one in ten *church* families read the Bible or pray together outside of a meal setting in a month's time.<sup>1</sup> What could be fewer than 'one'? May the Lord help us to do better not for the sake of numbers, but to live in obedience to the call to 'instruct'.

So, we have a noticeable unhealthy balance between home and church responsibility for instructing, yet what does this mean? Do we forsake teaching in the church at all? No. Rather we build it for the purpose of

modeling and supporting the family. We are collectively thankful for those who invest in and evangelize the children in our midst. And maybe some of their insights will share the joys of teaching and reaching preschoolers. Consider these responses from preschool teachers. When asked if preschoolers 'have taught you anything' they responded; "patience, creativity, they are so honest", "yes, their childlike faith is real and trusting and believing", another response stating "patience and how to learn through play."<sup>2</sup> And when asked 'why do you invest week in and week out' they said; "I love watching them grow, mature and learn to love



# Upward Soccer Coming in Fall 2008

by Aaron Miller

It's a race to the heart of children!

Throughout the year, an estimated 16 million children participate in organized sports across the country. Many of us have seen children across the city, every weekend, playing in various soccer leagues. Yet how many are being told the good news of salvation? Children begin to form opinions and thoughts about God and other important subjects at a very young age. And most children at age 13 state they believe they know the Bible and have closed their minds to additional instruction. If this is true, their worldview is already shaped.

Our race then is against a world hostile to the light and truth of the gospel. So what can we do to help point children to God and shape their worldview to know and glorify Him?

A short time ago, Awards night for Upward Basketball™ & Cheerleading concluded a season full of memories that 232 children will have for a lifetime. They and their families participated in a ministry focused on a single purpose – “To introduce children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports.” Thanks again to all who served! But now we must look ahead to another opportunity to serve and reach the hearts of lost children.

This summer, Northside will reinstitute soccer into our Upward ministry. Excited about the opportunities to come, we support that ‘Every Child Is A Winner.™’ and move with expectancy that God will bring hundreds of children to hear this truth and His message. With dedication to do His work through us, may we serve with the expectation of “God Moments”, eager to see His will be done. We serve to glorify our Savior and pray that His message of salvation will be heard and that the light of His truth will spread to all the families that will join us this season. The

God”, “saved to serve...I could never tire of it”, and “they are so funny.”<sup>3</sup> These are just a few of the insights we could gather from the preschool teachers. Do all of these teachers have degrees? No. Are they readily able to deal with every situation and comment that comes up in the classroom? No. Yet as they live by the Spirit they are led and compelled to ‘instruct’ the next generation - believing that they indeed are our spiritual legacy. If you would like to make a difference for eternity and have a heart for children, would you consider serving through in the preschool

ministry? If you see the need to help lay a foundation in these children with God’s perspective, will you join us in the work? Hope to talk to you soon!

<sup>1</sup>George Barna. “Turning Children into Spiritual Champions” (Ventura, CA: Issachar Resources, 2003), VHS.

<sup>2</sup>Responses to Questionnaire: Vicki Hull, Shirley Smiley, and Carol Seigworth quoted respectively.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.



Hap Jolliff is our Director of Children’s Ministry. He joined Northside’s staff in May, 2007. Hap enjoys spending time with his wife, Elizabeth and son, Sam. He is currently a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

## Key Dates

**July 16** – Coach and Referee Training  
**July 26** – Evaluation Day, 9 AM-Noon  
**July 28** – Deadline for early registration  
**July 30** – 2nd Coach and Referee Training  
**August 4** – 2nd Evaluation Day, 5-7 PM  
**August 18** – Practices Begin  
**September 6** – First Games  
**October 12** – Awards Night

harvest is ready! The hearts of children are at stake! I pray that the laborers will not be few, for there is a place for anyone who can make a commitment to as little as a few hours in a designated role – to win the heart of a child for Jesus! In doing this at Northside, we join a global vision shared by saints around the world with a single mind and goal:

**Four** million children – *On Your Mark...*  
**One** million leaders – *Get Set...*  
**Won** hearts – *GO!*

Wanna race?

***The harvest is ready! If you’re interested contact Hap Jolliff at [hjolliff@worshipfortoday.com](mailto:hjolliff@worshipfortoday.com)***



## I Would Die For You (continued from page 1)

The book is full of quotes from people who knew BJ and were close to him, which includes many members of Northside.

Dr. Walker Moore, president and founder of Awe Star Ministries, says BJ Higgins is "this generation's Jim Elliot." More than fifty years ago, Jim Elliot's violent death, along with four fellow missionaries, focused the world's attention on his life and his journals. Elisabeth Elliot, Jim's wife, told his story in several books following his death. She and the sister of one of the slain missionaries took up the cause of reaching the people who had killed their loved ones and the tribe came to know God through their efforts.

If BJ is this generation's Jim Elliot, then Brent and Deanna are now in the role of Elisabeth Elliot. Not only have they willingly shared intimate details of their son's relationship with Christ, but they have taken up the mantle of reaching the world with the gospel. Brent is now VP of International Operations for Awe Star – the organization with which BJ went on mission. (Brent was on staff at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp when BJ passed away.)

In slightly less than sixteen years of life, BJ Higgins experienced a full and amazing relationship with his Savior. It was a relationship that few people realize so fully, though they live to be eighty. We can't second-guess God, or ask what might have been. BJ was willing to die to further God's kingdom.

From a personal perspective, I remember hearing that BJ had become ill. It was August of 2005 and I knew he had just returned from his second mission to Peru. We, the members of Northside, were asked not to visit the hospital and overwhelm the family. During that time, my son Jeff called me and said he had been asked to set up a blog (web log) for the family. Blogs were not so commonplace back then, but this one became a phenomenon. People around the globe were logging into the blog every day to check BJ's status and to see how to pray for him. I read the updates every morning, crying and praying and being inspired by excerpts from the journals of a very godly teenager.

When BJ died, it brought some things to light that we otherwise might not have seen or understood. This book, the blog ([prayforbj.com](http://prayforbj.com)), the memorial service and even the calling upon his parents' life are all letting us see God at



work. He is moving in this generation. He is raising up young people who will go where he sends them.

BJ's memorial service, here at Northside, concluded with young people flooding to the front of the auditorium saying, "I will take BJ's place" (on the mission field). That event reminded me of Jesus' words in the book of John when He said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:23-26 NASB)

## William Carey's Mission Carries On



He is known as the "father of modern missions." William Carey was a Baptist preacher in England in the late 18th Century who felt the call of God to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who

had never heard. His most famous quotation has survived him, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." This calling took him to the streets of Calcutta in India. Among the

converts of his ministry were the ancestors of the Mondal family, who are now members of Northside Baptist Church.

Rowland Mondal's father was a Baptist pastor in Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim country. About ten years ago, Rowland and his wife, Nilima, and their two sons came to the United States and to Indianapolis and joined our church. Rowland has served as a pastor to Bengali Christians and seekers in the Central Indiana area over the past few years.

Last year, Rowland and his son Barnard, who is now 16, began having conversations about mission work. Barnard says, "I wanted to go on a mission's trip because God has blessed

my ancestors with the promise of salvation, that was shared with them by missionaries. It would be wonderful to do the same thing for other people- to tell them that Christ has died for them and they have the chance to accept Him. Last year, I felt closer to God than ever before, and when my dad talked to me about missions, I knew that it was something that I wanted to be a part of. And now I'm on my way to Panama."

Barnard will be traveling to Panama with Awe Star Ministries July 25 (Barnard's 17th birthday) through August 4. The team will perform a musical drama called "Freedom" as a way to present the gospel and open doors to lead the people to Christ.



## Ripple Effect (continued from page 1)

BJ's friend Taylor came to visit on BJ's first night in the hospital. After being out of touch for a few months, Taylor was glad to see BJ sit up and wave to him. Over the six weeks, Taylor remembers coming to the hospital and singing one of their favorite praise songs with especially relevant lyrics, "The enemy has been defeated. Death couldn't hold you down". Taylor remembers, "It was hard to see him in the hospital and not be able to talk to him. I prayed that he'd be alright."

Jason Teboe, a friend of BJ's sisters, says he was on a spiritual detour and missed out on the relationship he could've had with BJ. When the illness drew attention to BJ's passion for following Christ, Jason was challenged to let go of the sin that was taking him off course.

Middle school student Ali Ward was relatively new to Northside and to faith in Christ. When she heard that fellow teenager BJ was in the hospital with a life-threatening illness, she asked God what purpose it would serve to have this happen to a guy who loved Him so much. "I was like, 'How does this apply?'" she says. But her questions led her deeper into the Scriptures and she soon began her relationship with Jesus.

The auditorium was quiet as the founder of AweStar, the group that led BJ's missions to Peru, took the pulpit to issue a challenge. I patted my eyes with the tissue. "Who will take BJ's place on the mission field?" Walker Moore asked. Family members, friends and even former strangers poured down the aisles like water to the weary souls in mourning. Among the ninety-nine were Eric, Taylor, Jason and Ali. Eric remembers an intensive time of growing spiritually and emotionally through the passing of his friend, BJ, "That moment defined me. It was the first time I ever felt death. It was rough. But if it hadn't happened, I would've never gone to South America".

The week after the funeral, I ran into Jason at the Oasis conference, which encourages Christians in reaching out to Muslims here in the United States. Two days later, a new family, a Muslim family, moved into Jason's neighborhood and he began a

friendship with them. Just a few months beyond that, Jason was literally taking BJ's place on a mission to a Muslim country in North Africa led by the Higgins family, the very trip that BJ had hoped to take if he recovered. Although there are fears that arise because of the risks of traveling to share the Gospel in other nations, Jason points out, "The one thing that I fear the most is suffering for things *other than* Christ."

That same summer, at NSM's Ultimate Youth Camp, Taylor listened for direction from God during a time of prayer. He began to feel a pull toward India. On the last night of camp, Ali Ward, her mother and her cousin were three of many baptisms. As Ali and the others exited the water, they could see Leah David's face drenched in tears as she hugged her big brother, Eric, goodbye. Her brother was on his way to Chile with AweStar and Leah sincerely thought she may never see him again. She knew the reality of the risk. After all, BJ had died as a result of serving on the mission field in South America.

Eric did return safely, and he was bubbling over with his own stories of God at work in the world. He talked to Ali about a trip to Panama for younger students. Ali was soon signed up for summer 2007. He talked with Taylor about an upcoming India trip led by Lauren Higgins. Taylor got on board. Now, even Eric's little sister Leah has heeded the call to take the Gospel to the nations. She will be going to Peru on mission this summer. Another Northside high school student, Barnard Mondal, is joining AweStar's team to Panama in just a few weeks.

Eric, Taylor, Jason and Ali have continued to go and tell since their commitment in 2005. After his initial Chile mission in 2006, Eric has participated in NSM's mission efforts including Scotland 2007 (where the group worked with Northside's own Gena Wilson) as well as helping to lead the mission to Washington D.C. this summer. Taylor took part in AweStar's mission to India last summer and will serve alongside Eric on NSM's Washington D.C. trip this July. Ali

treasures the memories of her time in Panama last summer and is looking forward to serving in Maine this June and July. Jason continues to globetrot in sharing Jesus, having gone to North Africa in 2006 and Ecuador in 2007, and is preparing for a mission to South Asia this summer. But all are more than aware of the need to be on mission even in their own schools, workplaces and communities here in Central Indiana.

Eric says his school can sometimes be a more difficult mission field than Chile. Still, he is sharing his faith in creative ways. Recently, he carried BJ's biography, *I Would Die For You: One Student's Story of Passion, Service and Faith*, with him at school for an entire week. "Every day, a different person asked about it. When you tell them there was a 16-year-old kid who went to Peru and died for what he believed, you can see that they never imagined the Christian life could be so fulfilling. People are so new to the idea of being passionate about the Christian faith," Eric says.

Jason, who works at a large company with lots of internationals with different world views and religions, realizes that very few of them have been to an American home. He said, "BJ taught me to be intentional. I'm going to talk to these people and show love to them."

When BJ went under at the hospital, I had no idea that a few weeks later he would be raised up to new life, absent from his earthly body and present with the Lord. I have to admit that I had trouble accepting the result after six weeks of intensive prayer from hundreds and maybe thousands of us. But as I am wading in evidence of what God is doing in just a few of the ninety-nine who went forward at BJ's funeral, I am seeing the ripple effect of BJ's life, suffering and death. And there's more. As each of these take steps of obedience, they are causing new little waves around here and even around the world. It may not be captured in slow motion on a video, but if you look around you, I think you too will notice the waters moving.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Connection Groups 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Special Guests: Brent &amp; Deanna Higgins  Baptist Center Donations</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM  JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Lion's Den 9:30 AM River Heritage Pk</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Wed Night Activities 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Women's Prayer Group 9 AM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>CrossOver '08 9 AM  C2 Stirred 6:30 PM</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Morning Worship 8 Scott Mescher 9:30 Jerry Rankin 11 Frank Cox</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM Lion's Den 9:30 AM AM Dillon Pk</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>No Wed Night Activities</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Women's Prayer Group 9 AM  Women on Mission 10 AM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>C2 Stirred 6:30 PM</p>
<p>SBC National Meetings-Convention Center</p>						
<p>Ultimate Youth Camp at Pleasant Valley Ranch in Perrysville, Ohio, June 8 through 14</p>						
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Connection Groups 9:30 AM VBS Materials 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM  Happy Father's Day!</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM  Lion's Den 9:30 AM AM Holland Pk  JOY Luncheon 11:30 AM</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Business Meeting 6:10 PM Wed Night Activities 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Women's Prayer Group 9 AM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Ladies' Summer Tea 2 PM  C2 Stirred 6:30 PM</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Connection Groups 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM VBS Materials 5 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM  JOY Bible Study 9:30 AM  Lion's Den 9:30 AM AM Inlow Park</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Wed Night Activities 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Women's Prayer Group 9 AM</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>C2 Stirred 6:30 PM</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Connection Groups 9:30 AM VBS Materials 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 20px;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">June 2008</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">June Highlights                      1 Brent &amp; Deanna Higgins                      7 CrossOver '08                      8-14 Ultimate Youth Camp                      8-11 SBC National Mtgs                      15 Father's Day                      21 Ladies' Summer Tea</p> </div>				

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

**July  
2008**

**1**  
Men's Prayer  
Breakfast 7:30 AM  
  
JOY Bible Study  
9:30 AM  
  
Lion's Den 9:30  
AM Holliday Park

**2**  
Wed Night  
Activities 6:30 PM

**3**  
Women's Prayer  
Group 9 AM

**4**  
Independence  
Day: Office Closed

**5**  
C2 Stirred  
6:30 PM

**6**  
Connection  
Groups 9:30 AM  
  
Worship 11 AM

**7**

**8**  
Men's Prayer  
Breakfast 7:30 AM  
  
JOY Bible Study  
9:30 AM  
  
Lion's Den 9:30  
AM Dillon Park

**9**  
Wed Night  
Activities 6:30 PM  
Deacon's Meeting  
7:30 PM

**10**  
Women's Prayer  
Group 9 AM  
  
Women on  
Mission 10 AM

**11**

**12**  
C2 Stirred  
6:30 PM

**13**  
Connection  
Groups 9:30 AM  
  
Worship 11 AM

**14**

**15**  
Men's Prayer  
Breakfast 7:30 AM  
  
JOY Luncheon  
11:30 AM

**16**  
Business Meeting  
6:10 PM  
Wed Night  
Activities 6:30 PM  
Upward Soccer  
7:30 PM

**17**  
Women's Prayer  
Group 9 AM

**18**  
**19**  
C2 Stirred  
6:30 PM  
  
NSM DC Trip

Vacation Bible School 9 AM to Noon

**20**  
Connection  
Groups 9:30 AM  
Worship 11 AM  
  
Food Collection for  
Covenant Foods

**21**

**22**  
Men's Prayer  
Breakfast 7:30 AM  
JOY Bible Study  
9:30 AM  
Lion's Den 9:30  
AM River Heritage

**23**  
Wed Night  
Activities 6:30 PM

**24**  
Women's Prayer  
Group 9 AM

**25**

**26**  
Upward Soccer  
Evaluation 9AM -  
Noon  
  
C2 Stirred  
6:30 PM

Northside Student Ministry traveling to Washington DC July 18-27

**27**  
Connection  
Groups 9:30 AM  
  
Worship 11 AM  
  
NSM DC Trip

**28**

**29**  
Men's Prayer  
Breakfast 7:30 AM  
  
JOY Bible Study  
9:30 AM  
  
Lion's Den 9:30  
Am Inlow Park

**30**  
Wed Night  
Activities 6:30 PM  
  
Upward Soccer  
6:30 PM

**31**  
Women's Prayer  
Group 9 AM

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4 Independence Day  
14-18 VBS  
18-27 NSM DC Trip



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