

**Northside Christian University** is an exciting Bible based Christian education community whose mission is to nurture and unlock the minds of believers and assist them as they move down the “Pathway” from “Exploring Christ” to “Christ Centered.” Nationwide research has shown that Bible based classes with life application are significant catalysts to one’s spiritual growth. It is for that reason **Northside Christian University** exists and will play a vital role in providing the resources most effective in moving one to the next step on their “Pathway.”

**Northside Christian University** offers several Elective Classes, Certificate Programs and Seminars during our two yearly semesters. Our current Certificate programs include Bible Knowledge and Interpretation, Leadership Development, and Evangelism. Each of these Certificates consists of 6-8 classes, any and all of which can be taken as an elective by anyone wishing to do so with or without the desire of pursuing one of the Certificates. A list of these classes can be easily located in our Course Catalog or on our website.

Each course will last 6-10 weeks and is taught by a well qualified instructor, and/or local professor all of which is of minimal cost. Prices cover materials, books and resources needed for the course. **Northside Christian University** will also periodically offer a number of short Seminar classes.

I look forward with great anticipation to see how God will bless you and your efforts as you work your way through this Bible based curriculum and subsequently further on your “Pathway.” May his presence be known and felt with each step you take.

Blessings,

David N. Rutherford  
Senior Pastor

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### I AM IN A LIFE GROUP, IS THIS DIFFERENT?

The short answer is YES! L.I.F.E. Groups, though usually doing some type of Bible study, are really more about relationships and, doing life together. Northside Christian University by comparison consists of far more in depth, Seminary style lecture classes.

### WHY DOES NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY EXIST?

Nationwide surveys, including the one held here at Northside, show that certain things contribute best to one's spiritual growth. Things like a personal "Quiet Time," relationships with other believers and Biblical elective classes consistently rank the highest as those things that most contribute to one's spiritual growth. Northside has the "Quiet Time Binder" to assist with personal devotions, Northside has LIFE Groups to build Christian relationships with other believers and now NCU will fill the role of offering Biblical founded elective classes.

### WHAT IS NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY?

It is an exciting Bible based Christian education community whose mission is to nurture and unlock the minds of believers and assist them as they move down the "Pathway" from "Exploring Christ" to "Christ Centered," offering classes on everything from Biblical Interpretation to Science of Creation to The Life Of Christ and so much more.

### WHEN DOES NCU START?

NCU operates within a semester system and will offer 2 semesters a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Each semester NCU will offer classes the subjects of which can be found in the Northside Christian University Course Catalog as well as at the NCU Counter in the Lobby.

### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Four weeks prior to the start of each semester, registration will begin at the NCU Counter. Each class will cost around \$60-\$75 (scholarships are available) and last from six to fifteen weeks. However, NCU will be partnering with other ministries to bring in special classes and seminars - the cost of which would vary. Each student will be able to register for classes, ask questions, and buy books and other NCU materials at the NCU Counter.

### WHO WILL BE TEACHING THE CLASSES?

Each class will have a qualified instructor to lead the class - that might be anyone from a Pastor, a local professor or even a live web feed with a professor from another state. Instructors will likely change semester to semester and can always be found in the Instructor Bio section of the Northside Christian University Course Catalog.

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# NOT ASHAMED?



## Creation, Evolution, and the Biblical Worldview Guest Speaker - Terry Mortenson

Dr. Terry Mortenson, a speaker, writer and researcher with Answers in Genesis, will answer these questions and more, based on the Bible and science, as he deals with such topics as dinosaurs, ape-men, natural selection, geology and the history of this controversy about origins. All the lectures will be well-illustrated and understandable for teens and adults regardless of their level of training in science or the Bible. Get answers to defend your faith in the Bible.

Evolution?

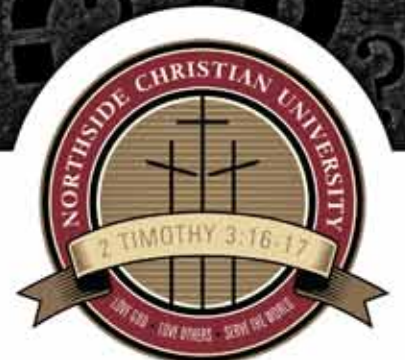
Dinosaurs?

Adam & Eve?

Young Earth?

Creationism?

Noah & The Ark?



September 12th - 14th SUNDAY - TUESDAY

Time: 6pm - 8:30pm ALL 3 NIGHTS

Cost: \$25 COST INCLUDES:  
ALL 3 NIGHTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE NCU COUNTER

[www.northsidechurch.com](http://www.northsidechurch.com)

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**DAVID HOPPER** - TRANSITIONAL MINISTRIES PASTOR

David Hopper is the Transitional Ministries Pastor here at Northside Christian Church. He has been a ministry leader for fourteen years. He is currently finishing a Master's degree at Biola University in organized leadership. He has led teams in all levels of leadership and has a lifetime mission of building leaders who go beyond themselves to build up leaders around them. David has one published book called *In The Eye of the Storm* about Youth Ministry and Leadership.



**GARY OLSBY** - SMALL GROUPS/MEN'S PASTOR

Gary Olsby is the Small Groups and Men's Ministry Pastor here at Northside Christian Church. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Education from Pacific Christian College & a Master's Degree in Christian Education from Talbot School of Theology (Biola University). Gary has been involved in full-time ministry for over thirty years, and has been on staff here at Northside since 1992.



**JOSH O'BAR** - ASSISTANT SMALL GROUPS PASTOR

Josh O'Bar has been on staff here at Northside as a Pastor for over two years. He has a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Literature from Ozark Christian College in Joplin Missouri. He has always had a passion for teaching and helping people understand more of why we believe that the Bible is the true and inerrant word of God and is currently heading up Northside Christian University.



**LITO SOLORIO** - OUTREACH PASTOR

Lito Solorio has been associated with Northside Christian Church for 8 years. While serving under David Hopper as the Jr. High Pastor beginning in 2002. Sometime later 2006 Northside Christian Church sent him to Ozark Christian College where he obtained his Bachelor in Christian Ministry. In the past 4 years Lito has served in Memphis, TN with a church of 6,000 strong and worked in Joplin, MO teaching an Abstinence program within the public school system. He has a strong passion to win people for Christ and encourage them in their journey with God.



**SEAN WILSON** - INVOLVMENT/ASST. MISSIONS PASTOR

Sean Wilson is the Involvement and Assistant Missions Pastor here at Northside Christian Church. He has a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Ozark Christian College. Sean Specializes in local ministry, outreach and has a passion to see Christ alive in every neighborhood in Fresno/Clovis. He has been married to his wife Sheyenne for 6 years who herself is also a graduate of Ozark Christian College.

## LEADERSHIP

### (L301) **Understanding Your Influence -**

This course will focus on your individual influence and strengths. In this class students will work to Maximize Your influence to the highest potential in daily life, emphasizing lifestyle and attitude - all to help you foster interdependence while maintaining identity and integrity within your church, business, or community. Students will be surveying the landscape of leadership thinking today and the delineation of successful leadership attitudes, behaviors, and communication styles that may be adopted or developed to achieve success. Instructor: David Hopper, Mondays: 6:00-7:30pm Weeks: 8 - Starts 9/19/10 Cost: \$80

## BIBLE HISTORY OVERVIEW

### (BK201) **Bible History Overview**

The Bible is kind of like a large puzzle. It has 66 books, written over 1,600 years by over 40 authors, yet it all makes sense. However, for many, the Bible is still quite confusing. Bible History Overview will give you the “Box Top” (storyline or big picture) of Bible history and therefore build a solid foundation for studying other portions of Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events and how they all fit together in one cohesive unit from creation through the establishment of the Church.

Instructor: Gary Olsby, Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm Weeks: 10 - Starts 10/06/10 Cost: \$60

## BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

### (BI201) **Basic Biblical Interpretation -**

A look into basic Principles of biblical interpretation. students will learn how to examine, dissect and come to an understanding of how to be sure one has come to the authors intended meaning.

Instructor: Josh O’Bar, Thursdays: 6:00-8pm Weeks: 12 - Starts 9/16/10 Cost: \$75

## MISSIONS

### (M202) **Introduction to Kingdom Living –**

In This course students will gain an introductory understanding into the study of Mission and Missio Dei (the mission of God). Students will be given a theological foundation of what it means to be “sent” and a foundation into what the Gospel is. The class will not only focus on Global but Urban Outreach (local) as well. Through each lesson students will challenge each other on how to live and be Christ where we live.

Instructor: Sean Wilson, Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00pm Weeks: 8 - Starts: 9/14/10 Cost: \$65

### (M301) **Personal Evangelism –**

In this course students will examine Jesus role in evangelism as well how we are to develop our own style in communicating to others the love of Christ. The course will evaluate our culture’s current attitudes and reaction to the Gospel and how best to introduce them to Jesus. In taking this course each student will be better equipped, more comfortable and prepared to effectively lead our friends to Christ.

Instructor: Lito Solorio, Sundays: 6:00-7:30pm Weeks: 6 - Starts 9/12/10 Cost: \$65

## SEMINARS

### (S-EV210) **Answers In Genesis - Creation, Evolution, and the Biblical Worldview**

Young-earth creationism, old-earth progressive creationism, theistic evolution, etc. How do Christians respond to the ideas of evolution and millions of years? What does the Bible say and what is the scientific evidence? Some Christians say that it doesn't matter WHEN or HOW LONG God created but only THAT God created. Is that right? Dr. Terry Mortenson, a speaker, writer and researcher with Answers in Genesis, will answer these questions and more, based on the Bible and science, as he deals with such topics as dinosaurs, ape-men, natural selection, geology and the history of this controversy about origins. All the lectures will be well-illustrated and understandable for teens and adults regardless of their level of training in science or the Bible. And resources will be for sale for those who want to study the issues further. Come and hear what the museums, school textbooks, and TV science programs don't tell the public. And get answers to defend your faith in the Bible. Seminar subject matter is simple enough for children as young as 10 years old, yet technical enough to challenge adults.

Speaker: Terry Mortenson, September 12th - 14th, Sunday - Tuesday.  
6:00pm - 8:30pm, Cost: \$25.

Sunday - Creation vs Evolution: Why it matters (60 min)  
Dinosaurs: Have you been brainwashed? (60 min)

Monday - Origin of Species: Was Darwin right? (60 min)  
Ape-men: the grand illusion (60 min)

Tuesday - Millions of Years: where did the idea come from? (60 min)  
Noah's Flood: the rocks confirm the Bible (60 min)

