



NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

March 27, 2024



Easter Sunday Services

March 31, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Church-Wide Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. ~ Great Hall

(during the Sunday School hour)

Servers: Ann Calhoon, Cindy Reed, Kathryn Davis,
Hilda Boteler & George Luter



**Annual Gathering
Registration
Now Open!**

**Common Ground:
Beloved Community as Mission**

April 19-20, 2024

Northminster Baptist Church
3955 Ridgewood Rd,
Jackson, MS 39211

Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

Wednesday, April 3

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Youth House Backyard! Preschool and Elementary aged children can bring their baskets and will hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

Servers: Cade Montague, June Rankin, George Luter, Mary Heard, Sandi Rhoden, Joe D. Rankin

Now. Here. This.

“Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not keep that vigil, how they must have wept, so utterly human, knowing this too must be a part of the story.”

-Mary Oliver, “Gethsemane”

This too must be a part of the story. As we enter the back half of this Holy Week, approaching the tender, beating heart of our story, and seeking our place within it again, the words of the poet ring true.

It would be much easier to move cleanly from the pomp of Palm Sunday to the lilies of Easter Morning. But the cost of *easy* is often *true*. What makes this story so deeply true—to our life, to yours and mine, to the life of the world—is that it is not easy. It is so very hard. It is painful and shocking, and embarrassing to the point of being shameful.

At the cruel heart of the story of Holy Week is the weakness of those closest to Jesus and their inability to stand beside him; even to sit and stay awake as he prayed for his life.

But “this too must be part of the story” because it is, too, part of our story. Failure is the cost of breathing. We cannot outrun it, for even if our spirit is willing, our flesh will, at times, simply be too weak.

And yet as I have heard it said, *it is what embarrasses us that has the power to save us.* Or to quote another poet, Rumi, *Don't turn away. Keep your eyes on the bandaged place; it is where the light enters you.*

This is our invitation in the days to come. To not turn away. To keep our eyes trained on the bandaged places in this story as in our lives, for this is where the light of Easter morning will enter us.

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CAREGIVING CONCERNS

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Laura, Patrick, May and Annabeth Taylor on the death of Laura's mother, Anne Smith.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Carolyn Aden Libby McGee Sue Edwards
Robbie Cross Roxanne Aldridge Carla Holt
Gorman Schaffer Virginia Hamilton R. W. McCarley
Mary Lou Jernigan Tom Starling

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Milton Greenwood and Ryan McCarley.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

March 31 - Easter

For 8:00 a.m. Service

Firecrackers & Sparklers

Judy Gregory

For 10:30 a.m. Service

Firecrackers

Audrey Dickison & Brock Ratcliff

Sparklers

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, April 1

Cooks

Peggy Brady
Rebecca Starling
Amanda Milam

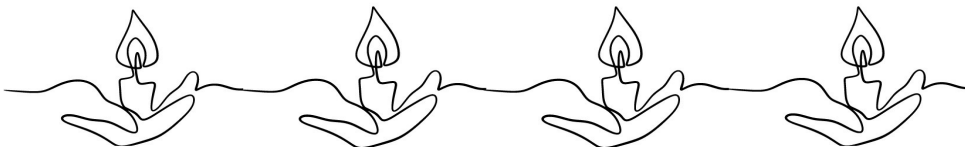
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Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Keith Davis &
Michael Grantham

Liturgy of the Light

Sunday, April 28 ♡ 5:30 p.m. ♡ Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children. There will be a reception in the courtyard after the service.



NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

INSIDE OUT

July 19th-21st

FRIDAY 5:30-8 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM - 12 PM

SUNDAY 9AM - 11:30 AM

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sandra Triplett
sandratriplett23@gmail.com
601.278.3817



Register Here!

To guarantee a t-shirt, please register by June 15.

THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



—DEACON OF THE WEEK—

March 24-30

Joe D. Rankin

March 31-April 6

Mary Ellen Stancill

April 7-13

Andy Frame

— CAREGIVING —

CAREGIVING CHAIR FOR MARCH

Susan O'Mara

CAREGIVING COORDINATOR FOR MARCH

Steve Godbold

CAREGIVING CHAIR FOR APRIL

Sarah Reynolds

CAREGIVING COORDINATORS FOR APRIL

Annette Hitt & Sunny Fowler

CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK

March 24-30

Sunny Fowler

March 31-April 6

Melissa & Steve Godbold

April 7-13

Sunny & David Fowler

LITURGIST FOR MARCH

Joe D. Rankin

LITURGIST FOR APRIL

Gray Jackson

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

Becky Frame

Kandy Sims

Geri Smith

Lisa Kelly

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

Jill Buckley

Kathryn Davis

Kandy Sims

Lesley Mosby

USHER CAPTAIN FOR MARCH

Nancy Smith

USHER CAPTAIN FOR APRIL

Keith Davis

AUDIO/VIDEO FOR MARCH

Bill Thompson

Steve Cook

AUDIO/VIDEO FOR APRIL

Ryder Taff

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

No Sunday School March 31. There will be an Easter breakfast in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will not meet for youth group Easter Sunday evening. We will be back in the Youth House on April 7 with Graham Eklund leading us.

Youth Lake Trip

The youth group (this includes rising 7th graders) will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13.

Deposit is \$50 due by May 6 and the total cost is \$150 due by June 5th. Please email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

Passport

The youth with travel to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC July 13-19. Rising 7th graders can go to PassportKids OR Passport Youth. Deposit is \$100 due by April 1 and the total cost is \$450 by May 1. Please email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

The church office will be closed Monday, April 1. Caregiving will meet Tuesday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m.

For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

Children's Birthday Gathering

**Tuesday, April 9
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Children who have a birthday in April are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Scott.

Brumfield House

March 28

Mike Peters

April 4

Mitch Peters

April 11

Joe Sims

April 18

Dudley Wooley

April 25

TBA

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs substitute drivers. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, please contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation
12:00 p.m. Communion, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:15 p.m. Youth Cmte., YH

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies Cmte. L/CR

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Ellen Gabardi Spiritual Workshop, Adult Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, April 6

9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

Monday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

Tuesday, April 9

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
6:45 p.m. Ramadan Dinner, St. Andrews Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 310

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Please remember to bring flowers for the flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday!

Wider Net Updates and Opportunities

Wider Net Book Club: "Having Nothing, Possessing Everything," by Mike Mather. Book club meeting TBD. Books are available in the church office for \$20. You may write check or follow QR code to pay on the church's online payment portal (select Wider Net: Book Club Book tab)

Mid City Neighborhood Walk and Talk, April 20. Northminster is providing five gift baskets for door prizes. If you would like to create a gift basket, please contact Ginger Parham at 601-201-2441 for more information, or donate online following the QR code (select Wider Net: Mid City Gift Baskets tab).



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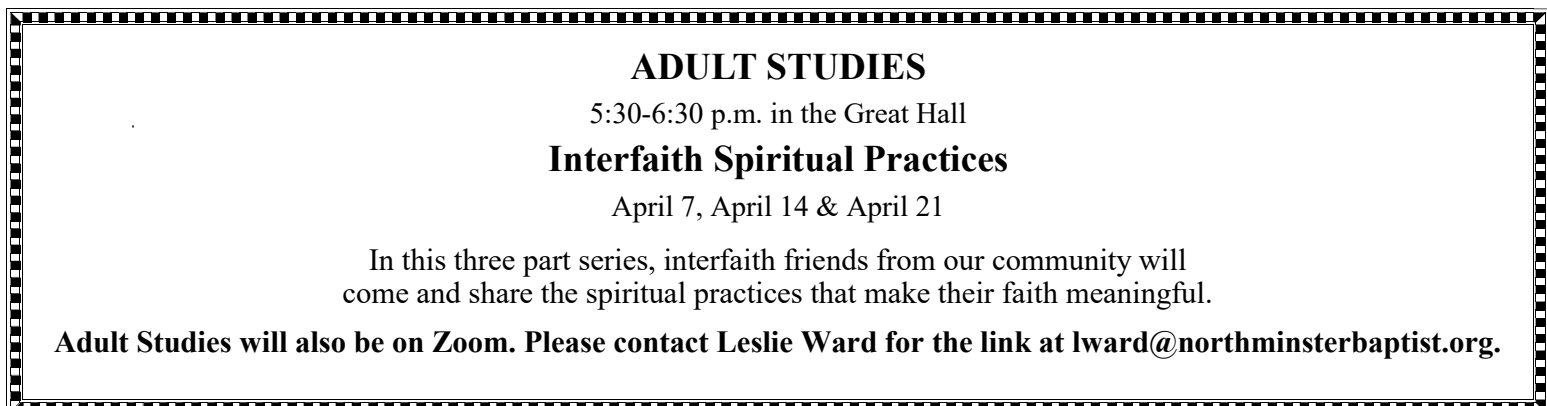
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GUY^S vs GIRLS
GAME DAY
April 14 @ 3:30-5:00
Contact Jan at jan@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up!

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ADULT STUDIES
5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
Interfaith Spiritual Practices
April 7, April 14 & April 21

In this three part series, interfaith friends from our community will come and share the spiritual practices that make their faith meaningful.

Adult Studies will also be on Zoom. Please contact Leslie Ward for the link at lward@northminsterbaptist.org.

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HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

Palm Sunday	10:30 am, Worship Service with Palm Sunday Processional 5:30 pm, Choir Presentation: Rutter's "Requiem"
Monday	8:30 am-1:00 pm, Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, Communion offered in the sanctuary
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Maundy Thursday	8:30 am-1:00 pm, Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Communion Service and "Gethsemane" offered by John Maxwell
Good Friday	8:30 am-1:00 pm, Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary 7:00 pm, Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunday	8:00 am, Easter Worship Service 9:00 am, Church-wide Easter Breakfast 10:30 am, Easter Worship Service

Rutter's Requiem

Rutter's Requiem is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works from the twentieth century. This beautiful, thoughtful music setting comprises a blending of selected texts from the Catholic Requiem Mass and the Anglican 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

"The seven sections of the work form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: the first and last movements are prayers on behalf of all humanity, movements 2 and 6 are psalms, 3 and 5 are personal prayers to Christ, and the central Sanctus is an affirmation of divine glory."

Stations of the Cross

From the earliest days of Christianity, faithful Christians would go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, retracing Jesus' final footsteps by visiting historical sites that were associated with Christ's suffering and death. Over the centuries these "Stations of the Cross" or "Way of the Cross" would be replicated to other places, allowing Christians to make their own pilgrimage closer to home. This Holy Week you are invited to make your own journey to the Stations of the Cross, contemplating Christ's deep love and sacrifice through the reading of scripture, prayerful meditation, and reflection.

The visual images of the Stations of the Cross displayed in the sanctuary were made by Northminster's Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries after learning about the Stations of the Cross. Using pastels, watercolors, colored pencils, and other media, our children and youth experienced their own journey through the Stations of the Cross, each having left their artistic mark upon each image.

Northminster Birthdays

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Paul Buckley Ramsey Long Brock Ratcliff Martha Thomas Jake Williams</i>	2 <i>Robert Grenfell Jr. Lee Parrott</i>	3 <i>Mary Phillips Beard Cruise Long Josie Sones Steve Walkinshaw Scott Wilson</i>	4 <i>Leigh Box Steven Burnham James Jefferson Graham Levanway Janie Luter Ruby McLeod Carter Stockett</i>	5 <i>Joe M. Rankin Ozzie Williams Martha Worley</i>	6 <i>Fred Krutz Katie Lowery Dawn Warrington</i>
7 <i>Janet Clark Eric Welsh</i>	8 <i>Emily Benzenhafer Stone Caver</i>	9 <i>Parkes Denton Elizabeth Prestel Dolores Taylor</i>	10 <i>Missy Caver Norman Perkins Sam Sanders Madeleine Wylie</i>	11 <i>Mallory Bass Pamela Clark Robin Harvey Margie Van Meter Clay Wooley</i>	12 <i>Lucy Davis</i>	13 <i>J. W. Caver Michelle Hardge Julie Wooley</i>
14 <i>Mimi McLennan</i>	15 <i>Lexii Murphy Stephen Smith</i>	16 <i>Ann Mabry Hendrix Andrew Mahaffey Elizabeth Peters Ella Jane Simmons</i>	17 <i>Harriet Brewer Blakely Fender Mary Fox Janice Gilreath Brian Long</i>	18	19 <i>Gloria Montgomery Jim Sones Kate Walkinshaw</i>	20 <i>Marilee Cleveland Todd Everett Ginny Lloyd Anna Mitchell Peters Michael Williams</i>
21 <i>Kay Hedglin</i>	22 <i>John Carol Clark Beverly Lawrence Sandra McDaniel Van White Dudley Wooley</i>	23 <i>Mona Evans</i>	24 <i>Gray Bridges Reynolds Clark Brooks Elfert Elta Johnston Suzan Thames Reeves Wilson</i>	25 <i>Emily Jones Dave Peterson</i>	26 <i>Dawn Perkins Mallie Thomas</i>	27 <i>Cori Ely Christopher Hedglin</i>
28 <i>Amanda Clark Lucy Russell</i>	29 <i>Dowling Guyton James Guyton Ellie Vance Dolores Watkins</i>	30 <i>Jerry Summerford</i>				