

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Pastor	Charles Poole
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 15**

9:00 a.m. Youth Retreat, Northminster  
 10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH Deck  
 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Livestream

**Monday, November 16**

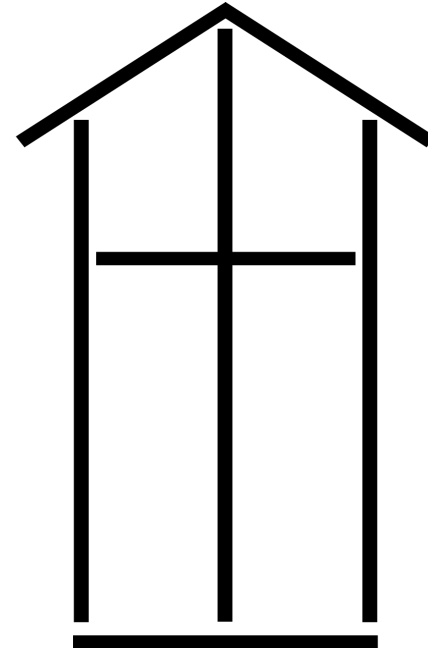
7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
 8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH

**Wednesday, November 18**

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, Sanctuary, GH

**Sunday, November 22**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Congregational Meeting



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“You can give without loving. But  
 you cannot love without giving...”

-Amy Carmichael

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## **STUDENT NEWS:**

### **Sunday Nights at the Youth House:**

**5:00 - 6:30pm on the deck.** This week, we will be joined by the 4th-6th graders to put together boxes for Advent that will be distributed to Northminster families prior to the beginning of Advent (in just a few weeks!).

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NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

Beginning **today**, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. Due to the uncertainty and protocols around COVID-19, we are providing the angels earlier than usual.

If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to email an angel and information to you. You may also stop by the church to get an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are uncomfortable or unable to do so, but would like to financially adopt an angel.

Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Let's provide Christmas cheer for all of Northminster's angels.

Monday, December 14, is the last day to bring gifts.

Please contact Megan Mayhan at **601-624-6701**
or **meganmayhan@gmail.com** with any questions.

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### **Wednesday Night Supper**

**November 18, 5:30 p.m.**

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30 for a brief prayer service which will also be livestreamed, after which we will move to the Great Hall to pick up meals which will be in closed containers, which we may then take home, or enjoy at tables with our households, or with friends with whom we have already been in fellowship; all with the same public health protocols and practices we are following on Sundays.

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DRIVE-BY COOKIE PARTY!

Northminster Back Parking Lot
Sunday, November 29 ~ 2:30-4:00

Please join us as we celebrate 39+ years at Northminster and prepare for our December move to North Carolina.

Cars are to enter from Eastover Drive
and exit onto Ridgewood Road.

We're eager to see your smiling eyes and share a few words as you catch some wrapped cookies in your car!

Gloria and Jim Martin

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#### ***Advent starts November 29<sup>th</sup>.***

The Worship and Music Committee has prepared  
***The Season of Advent Devotional Guide 2020.***

These worship guides for personal and family worship will be available throughout the church beginning the week of Thanksgiving and a digital copy can be downloaded from the Northminster website during the Advent season.

Please feel free to take copies for your family and friends as needed.

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

*We need to fall, and we need to see that we have done so. For if we never fall, we should not know how weak and pitiful we are in ourselves. Nor should we fully know the wonderful love of our Maker.*

-Blessed Julian of Norwich

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"  
Pam Wardlaw Steadman, *soprano*

Mueller

The Sermon

"On Counting the Days"

Charles Poole

### **TIME OF RESPONSE**

"Teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart."

-Psalm 90:12

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 426 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" *BEACH SPRING*

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Young

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for November 15 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Judges 4:1-7 ~ pages 191-192  
Psalm 90 ~ pages 476-477  
I Thessalonians 5:1-11 ~ pages 960-961  
Matthew 25:14-30 ~ page 807

## **CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

### **CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Matthew Beall and Kristy Bowers Beall on the occasion of their marriage on October 31 at Chapel Dulcinea, Austin, TX.

Ron Scott is recovering after surgery.

### **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

|                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Merle Dean       | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Libby McGee      | Robyn Chunn     | R.W. McCarley     |
| Pat Walston      | Jack Cochran    | Robbie Cross      |
| Vivian Thompson  | Martha Collum   | Nancy Herrin      |
| Roxanne Aldridge | Gorman Schaffer |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Twenty-Fourth Day after Pentecost.** The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry, and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

The Deacon of the Week is John England.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Nancy Bourn.

The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.

The Flowers for November are provided by Ann Lauman, Sylvia Carraway, Lida Caraway, Joe D. Rankin, and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captains for November are Keith Davis and Nancy Smith.

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## **Adult Studies: Bible 101**

**Tonight ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Sanctuary and Livestream**

Eddie Mahaffey leads us in a study of the Major and Minor Prophets in this third installment of Bible 101 which seeks to answer the "who, what, when, where and why" of Biblical Authorship.

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Sunday Night Children's Activities Promotion Night

Tonight ~ 5:00 p.m.

Our last night of Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 for the semester will be tonight from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. The children will begin the evening in their current classrooms (from the 2019-2020 school year) and then promote to their new classrooms halfway through the evening. Our first graders will move to the Elementary Atrium and our 4th graders will move to Girls of Grace and Guys 456.

If your child is planning to participate, please email Lesley (lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to let her know.