

**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  
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults  
Associate Pastor for Students  
Minister of Music  
Organist  
Organist Emeritus  
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
Financial Secretary  
Receptionist/Secretary  
Sexton

Charles Poole  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Major Treadway  
Tim Coker  
Sheila Hess  
Billy Trotter  
Leslie Ward  
Sam South  
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley  
Lamenais Simeon

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 23**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

**Monday, May 24**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, May 25**

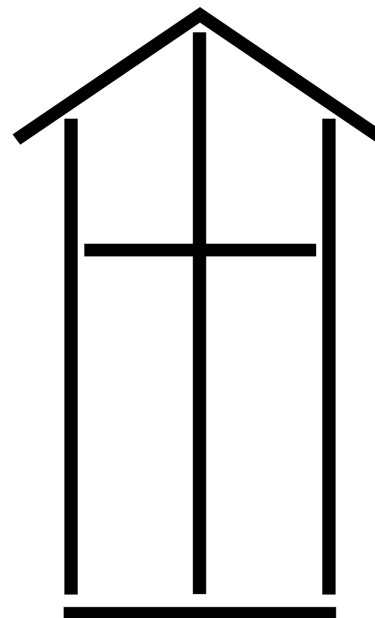
5:00 p.m. Deacon Nominating Committee, GH

**Wednesday, May 26**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, GH

**Sunday, May 30**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Almighty God, who on this day opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of the Holy Spirit: shed abroad this gift throughout the world, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
 May 23, 2021  
 Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer.

**The Meditation of Preparation**

Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that You breathe on us once again. Make our consciences tender to Your touch; we hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings.

May we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that You have distributed to bless the church and build Your kingdom on earth. Amen.

The Prelude "Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit" Buxtehude

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

\*The Procession of the Pentecost Banner Sterling Massey

\*The Processional Hymn No. 5 "Come, Thou Almighty King" *ITALIAN HYMN*

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
 help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
 come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
 our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless, and give thy  
 word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
 in this glad hour: thou who almighty art, now rule in  
 every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
 hence, evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in  
 glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

\*The Litany of Praise Jack McDaniel

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Loving God, today we give thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit.

**People: Fill us now, O God,**

Leader: Empowering us to proclaim the Gospel.

**All: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.**

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father" *MEINEKE*

\*The Prayer of Invocation Jack McDaniel

The Witness of Christian Baptism Thomas Greener

The Baptismal Affirmation In Unison

Thomas, we share in your joy today. Your profession of "Jesus is Lord" has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ's example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ's service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**BIBLE CAMP**  
**JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**

For Children Ages  
 3 Through Rising 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Friday 5:30-8:00 p.m. \* Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \* Sunday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

For More Information Contact Neely McGinnis  
[neelylauderdale@gmail.com](mailto:neelylauderdale@gmail.com)  
 or 769-257-8077

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, May 24**

**Cooks:**

Polly Watkins  
 Jean Welsh  
 Rebecca Black

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
 Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

**Monday, June 7**

**Cooks:**

Susan O'Mara  
 Becky Wooley  
 Wanda Johnson

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
 Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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**Brumfield House**

**May 27**

Scott Wilson

**June 3**

Mike Peters

**June 10**

Skipper Jernigan

**June 17**

Gayla Purvis

**June 24**

Bo Allen

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**June 6**

**Firecrackers**

Nason & Jane Claire Williams

**Sparklers**

Brian & Ramsey Long

**June 13**

**Firecrackers**

Aaron & Morgan Samuels

**Sparklers**

Patrick & Laura Taylor

## STUDENT NEWS:

**Stewpot:** Saturday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together. Email Major to sign up. ([major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org))

**Passport:** June 12-18. The deadline to register has passed but if you are still interested, please contact Major as soon as possible.

**Mystery Trip:** July 15-20. There are still a few spots left. Contact Major ASAP if you want to go.

**Bible Camp:** July 23-25. Volunteers are needed to help with Bible Camp. All youth are encouraged to volunteer, even rising 7th graders. So, please contact Neely McGinnis if you want to participate. This is a great way to start your summer, get a few service hours and serve your church family. This invitation is not just for youth . . . Parents of youth are also welcome to share your time and talent.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Jonathan Boone	B.B.A., with a minor in Business Management, Mississippi State University
Ben Bowen	B.S.B.A., Business Administration with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship, The University of Southern Mississippi
Breland Parker	J.D., The University of Mississippi School of Law
Corrine Cox Ely	M.S., Psychology, University of Louisiana at Monroe
Harrison Smith	J.D., The University of Mississippi School of Law
Matthew Warren	J.D., The University of Mississippi School of Law
Benjamin Smith	Master of Divinity, Wake Forest University, School of Divinity
Courtney Allen Crump	Doctorate of Ministry, Bexley Seabury Western Theological Seminary
Shelby Wilson	B.B.A., Business Administration, Millsaps College

*We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.*

*Please call the church office, 601-982-4703, with degree and school information.*

### K2 Retreat

**Friday, June 4 ~ 6:00 p.m. until**

**Saturday, June 5 ~ 2:00 p.m.**

Children who have completed Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend the **K2 retreat** in the Youth House.

If your child would like to attend, please contact [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org), or 601-982-4703.

### ~~~~~ PassportKids! Camp Registration

Children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to Passport Camp! We will be going to Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

**JULY 5-9, 2021**

The deadline to register has passed but if you are still interested, please contact Lesley as soon as possible. [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org), or 601-982-4703.

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God of Wind and Fire, we celebrate today the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit, which You sent to believers on the day of Pentecost, and which is our blessing today. Lord, we thank you for the transforming work of Your Holy Spirit in our lives and through our lives toward others. We thank You that You have given us boldness to proclaim the Gospel. Remind us to use Your power to do the work You have given us. Amen.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation "Eternal Spirit of the Living God"

Callahan

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Anthem "Spirit of Faith, Come Down"  
J J Coker, *tenor*

Kirkpatrick

The Sermon "Concerning the Spirit"

Charles Poole

### TIME OF RESPONSE

God of power and love, may the boldness of Your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of Your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of Your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 295 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord"

Grams

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for May 23 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Psalm 104:24-34 ~ pages 483-484  
Acts 2:1-21 ~ page 885  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 ~ pages 704-705  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 ~ pages 878-879

#### CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

#### CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bill and Cindy Reed on the birth of their granddaughter, Frances James Reed. Frankie is welcomed, also by her parents, Jess and Maggie Reed.

Bill Barham is recovering after surgery.

Dianne Metzner is recovering after surgery.

Sandra Crosthwait is recovering after surgery.

#### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Pentecost Sunday.** Pentecost first appears as the “Festival of Weeks” in the book of Exodus. It was originally a festival of thanksgiving for harvest, and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit in a new way on “the birthday of the church.” The liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday is red.

The Pentecost Banner which heralds the day and leads us into worship is rich with the signs and symbols of Pentecost; the white swirls of wind and wonder transforming into the shape of a dove and a flame. These white images symbolize the purity and holiness of the Holy Spirit, and are three-dimensional; standing out from the rest of the banner, to symbolize the truth that the Spirit is not just a part of the Pentecost story in Acts, but transcends time and space and is a part of our story, even now. The angularity and use of the color red symbolize the radiant power, energy, and action of the Holy Spirit. The fire of the Spirit comes to rest on a dozen triangles, the twelve disciples. The additional, open triangle represents us, the whole family of faith, as we, too, are disciples of Christ, on whom, and through whom, the Holy Spirit descends and moves.

The Pentecost Banner was commissioned by our Worship Committee and created by Amy Williams and Gwen Anderson, and was given by Kaleidoscope, a Northminster creativity group, in loving memory of Cavett Taff and Cathy Bowles. In their lives among us, Cavett and Cathy helped us have banners and banner bearers to lead us and show us the way.

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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 Kirk Sims.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Cheryl Allen.

The Caregivers of the Week are Kandy Sims and Geri Smith.

The Liturgist for May is Joe D. Rankin.

The Flowers for May are provided by Becky Frame, Jill Buckley, Kandy Sims and Sylvia Carraway.

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.