

Brumfield House

May 20

Jennifer Stribling

May 27

Scott Wilson

June 3

Mike Peters

June 10

Skipper Jernigan

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, May 19

Cooks:

Shari Culver

Jo Ann Welch

Carolyn McIntyre

Drivers:

Rt. 1

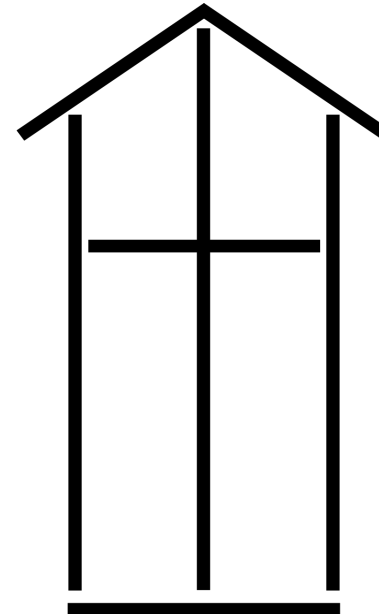
Gwen Anderson &

Amy Finkelberg

Rt. 2

Susie Friou &

Kurt Metzner



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 16

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program Prepare for Worship,
Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. End of Mentor Program Celebration
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, GH

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group, Courtyard

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, GH

Sunday, May 23

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

-John 16:33

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide
May 16, 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

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. God gave us eternal life, and this life is in the Son. Whoever has the Son has eternal life.

-1 John 5:10-11

The Prelude "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Travis

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Anders Quinn

*The Processional Hymn No. 43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for, lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*The Litany of Praise Chesley Quinn

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

People: We go in Jesus' name,

Leader: To bring glad tidings to the poor,

All: God's favor to proclaim.

-Dolores Dufner

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Andrew Mahaffey

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

STUDENT NEWS:

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. Sign up with Major by May 15.
major@northminsterbaptist.org

Bible Camp: 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 (see details below). This is a great way to 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.

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**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  
[neelylauderale@gmail.com](mailto:neelylauderale@gmail.com)

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K2 Retreat

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

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

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

If your child would like to attend,
please contact lesley@northminsterbaptist.org,
or 601-982-4703.

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**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the Seventh Sunday of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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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 Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Cheryl Allen.

The Caregivers of the Week are Zina Bass and Taylor Beard.

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.

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### Nursery Re-opening

We have resumed offering childcare during the worship service.

If you would like to bring your child to the nursery, **please contact the office or Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)) to make a reservation.**

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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

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.

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## The Celebration of the Mentor Program

### The Litany of Blessing

Lesley Ratcliff

Pastor: The young people before us today are at a turning point in their lives. They are leaving the path of childhood and entering the path of young adulthood.

**Sixth graders:** *We are ready for the journey.*

**Congregation:** **Your family of faith will be with you every step of the way. Though we cannot all be present with you today, we will be faithful witnesses to your journey, and seek to encourage and support you. May our presence on your journey remind you of God's love for you and God's call upon your lives.**

**Sixth graders:** *We will remember and be true to God's love and calling.*

**Congregation:** **May God continue to bless your journey as you seek God's path. May God grant us all the grace, vision, and strength to walk in the light of Christ's love.**

*Amen*

The Lessons

Psalm 1  
Acts 1:15-17; 21-26

Will Fender

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Forget about video games, sports teams, cell phones, TV, school and work. Get still and find God in the silence!

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation "Be Thou My Vision"

Wood

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel John 17:6-19

Bess Borne

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God**

The Anthem "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"  
Lucy Elfert, *soprano*

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The Sermon "Into the World"

Charles Poole

## TIME OF RESPONSE

Tell me about despair, yours and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
Are moving across the landscapes,  
Over the prairies and the deep trees,  
The mountains and the rivers  
Meanwhile, the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
Are heading home again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
The world offers itself to your imagination,  
Calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –  
Over and over announcing your place  
In the family of things.

-Mary Oliver

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end; be  
thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend: I  
shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor  
wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near; I  
see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear: my  
foes are ever near me, around me and within; but  
Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will. O  
speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O  
speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that  
where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be; and,  
Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O  
give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Trumpet in Dialogue”

Clerambault

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for May 16 are found on the following pages in the  
Pew Bible:**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 ~ page 885  
Psalm 1 ~ page 424  
I John 5:9-13 ~ pages 991-992  
John 17:6-19 ~ pages 879-880

## Mentor Sunday

For six Sunday mornings, the sixth graders and their Adult Mentors have explored some of the basic tenets of our faith, including topics such as worship, Baptist history, baptism, communion, youth discipleship, prayer, and other-mindedness.

The Adult Mentors listed below have served as witnesses, and have represented this community of faith, as these sixth graders have prepared for their graduation from the children's department to the youth house. This Sunday the sixth graders have prepared our liturgy and led us in worship. This is a Sunday to celebrate and bless our sixth graders.

### Mentees

Bess Borne  
Will Fender  
Andrew Mahaffey  
Chesley Quinn

### Mentors

Marcia Poole  
Chris Wiggs  
Christian Byrd  
Monica Daniels

Cover Meditation offered by Will Fender

Meditation of Preparation offered by Bess Borne

Litany of Praise offered by Chesley Quinn

Meditation of Confession offered by Andrew Mahaffey

Time of Response offered by Chesley Quinn

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CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Bill Barham 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
Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin
Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer