



# NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

January 3, 2024



## Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 21 through Sunday, March 3

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church, or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, email Lesley  
at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

invites you to the

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

OF

REVEREND SCOTT H. DICKISON

Sunday, January 21, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Northminster Baptist Church

3955 Ridgewood Road

Jackson, Mississippi

The Work of Christmas  
by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman, in his classic poem, reminds us that Christmas is less a holiday—a special time set apart for something different—and more an invitation to live and love a certain way in our lives as they are the whole of the year.

Thurman writes elsewhere,

*The symbol of Christmas—what is it? It is the rainbow arched over the roof of the sky when the clouds are heavy with foreboding. It is the cry of life in the newborn babe when, forced from her mother's nest, it claims its right to live. It is the brooding Presence of the Eternal Spirit making crooked paths straight, rough places smooth, tired hearts refreshed, dead hopes stir with newness of life. It is the promise of tomorrow at the close of every day, the movement of life in defiance of death, and the assurance that love is sturdier than hate, that right is more confident than wrong, that good is more permanent than evil.*

What crooked path will you make straight in the coming year? What tired part of your heart, or the heart of another, will you refresh? What dead hope will stir with the newness of life?

And please remember that small things will do. Christmas is nothing if not a reminder of the power of small things to make a world of difference in the hands of the God of creation.

Christ has come into the world, bringing light and love and the promise of new life. May this light, love and new life fall on you in the coming year. And may we all join in the holy work before us of bearing these things to a world in desperate need of them.

—SHD

**Baptism of the Lord  
Vespers Service**


**Sunday, January 7  
5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary**

*Welcome*

Walter Fountain

## **CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

### **CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Harold Caver, a member of Northminster since 2006. Christian sympathy is extended to Doug, Missy, Stone and J.W. Caver, and all of Harold's family and friends.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Becky, Stephen, Ben, Andrew and Wesley Oakes on the death of Becky's father, Robert B. Neal.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Beverly and Tim Lawrence on the death of Beverly's brother, Jack Grisham.

Bill Boone is receiving physical therapy at Methodist Rehab.

### **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

Carolyn Aden  
Robbie Cross  
Gorman Schaffer  
Mary Lou Jernigan  
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Libby McGee  
Roxanne Aldridge  
Virginia Hamilton  
Tom Starling

Sue Edwards  
Roger Paynter  
R. W. McCarley  
Carla Holt

## **THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION**



### **—DEACON OF THE WEEK—**

**December 31-January 6**

Dudley Wooley

**January 7-13**

Cheryl Allen

**January 14-20**

Justin Beard

### **— CAREGIVING —**

**CAREGIVING CHAIR  
FOR JANUARY**

Annette Hitt

**CAREGIVING COORDINATORS  
FOR JANUARY**

Faye Barham

Susie Friou

### **CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK**

**December 31-January 6**

Faye Barham

Annette Hitt

**January 7-13**

Amy Finkelberg

Jo Ann Welch

**January 14-20**

Faye Barham

Helen Turner

### **LITURGIST FOR JANUARY**

Richard Joiner

### **FLOWERS FOR JANUARY**

Jennifer Stribling

Becky Frame

Kandy Sims

### **USHER CAPTAIN FOR JANUARY**

Dawn Warrington

### **AUDIO/VIDEO FOR JANUARY**

Kelley Williams, Jr.

## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

**January 7**

**Firecrackers**

TBA

**Sparklers**

Kelly & Josh Guyton

**January 14**

**Firecrackers**

Dana & Scott Wilson

**Sparklers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, January 17**

### **Cooks**

Jo Ann Welch

Carolyn McIntyre

Shari Culver

### **Drivers**

Rt. 1 Zina & Steve Bass

Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Keith Davis

## **Studying the Bible as Spiritual Practice**

January 28 and February 4

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

We will begin this semester of Adult Studies  
with this offering led by Scott Dickison.

There are many good and understandable reasons why even the most committed person of faith would reach for sources beyond the Bible for spiritual growth and practice. Devotional books, podcasts, and other resources abound. Dig a little deeper and it's probably true—as with so many things—that the more we learn about scripture, the more we know we don't know! Over these two weeks Scott will lead a discussion about what scripture is and isn't and how we can approach it anew as a foundational spiritual resource.

## **Lunch & Learn with Marshall Ramsey**

January 30 at 12:00 p.m.

Marshall will be sharing his story and his  
cartoons, while we enjoy a meal together.

RSVP by January 25 to

lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703

## **Children's Birthday Gathering**

**Tuesday, January 23**

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Youth Sunday School**

**Sunday mornings at 9:15ish** in the Youth House. There will be donuts and good conversation.

### **Twelfth-Night Bonfire**

**Sunday, January 7 at 4:15 p.m.**

Bring holiday greenery (wreaths, Christmas trees, etc.) to add to the fire as we focus our attention on what we would leave behind in this new year and what we would take with us.

We'll have supper and s'mores! Meet at the youth house at 4:15 to caravan to the bonfire in Flowood.

### **Stewpot**

**Saturday, February 4, 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.

### **Youth Sunday/Dessert Auction**

**February 11.** Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips and activities.

### **Spring Break Beach Retreat**

**March 11-14.** Somewhere at or near Orange Beach. More details to

**Preschool and  
Elementary Atrium,  
and SN456**

**will resume on  
Sunday, January 7  
at 5:00 p.m.**

### **Brumfield House**

**January 4**

Scott Wilson

**January 11**

Jeff Wilson

## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, January 19**

**6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC**

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office, **601-982-4703**, by

**Wednesday, January 17.**

Please feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

Parents of 6th graders are invited to attend the

### **Mentor Parents' Meeting**

on

**Wednesday, January 10**

**at 6:00 p.m.**

in the Library

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, January 3**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 7**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion/Baptism

4:15 p.m. Twelfth-Night Bonfire, YH

5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC

5:30 p.m. Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, January 8**

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR

6:00 p.m. Mentors Parents' Meeting, L/CR

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 14**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Deacon Installation

5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

**Monday, January 15**

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

**Wednesday, January 17**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR

10:00 a.m. Meal on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 19**

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

**Saturday, January 20**

9:00 a.m. Deacon Retreat, GH

**Sunday, January 21**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR

10:30 a.m. Worship/Baptism

2:00 p.m. Scott Dickison Installation and Reception

5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

**Monday, January 22**

8:00 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, January 23**

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

## **Upcoming Wider Net Events**

**Saturday, January 6 at 8:00 a.m.** (until work is finished), Revitalize Mississippi is hosting a community cleanup at the corner of Pleasant Avenue and Erie Street. Wider Net has arranged for an AmeriCorps group to be there from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will clean out and board up the old Forte store on the corner, along with some other work in the area. Lunch will be served for those who RSVP to [frametown@gmail.com](mailto:frametown@gmail.com) or by calling Andy Frame at 601-500-1508.

**Monday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m.,** Wider Net is joining with New Mt. Zion MB Church to have a lunch event in the field across from the old Forte store. There may be a service project built into the event, but the main focus of this event will be to remember Dr. King and the history in the community. There will be a "kids zone" and food. Please contact Andy Frame for more details at [frametown@gmail.com](mailto:frametown@gmail.com) or 601-500-1508.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Northminster Women's Retreat 2024**

Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18  
Eagle Ridge Conference Center  
Raymond, MS

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
SUPPERS RESUME**

**JANUARY 17**

**5:30 p.m. - Great Hall**

**YOUTH SUNDAY AND DESSERT AUCTION**

**SAVE  
-THE-  
DATE**



**FEBRUARY 11TH**

