



NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

February 14, 2024



ADULT STUDIES

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Practices of the People

February 25, March 3 & March 17

In this series we'll explore a variety of Christian spiritual practices. Each of the pastors will lead a session, and during the final session we will invite members of our family of faith to share spiritual practices that have been meaningful to them.

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.

Elementary Service Day + All Ages Playdate

Monday, February 19

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First through sixth graders will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a service project. We will leave campus and return by noon. Children of all ages are invited to join in the Great Hall at noon for a playdate.

Now. Here. This.

Audrey's grandmother, known to her family as Meme, was famous for presenting her family with gifts on her own birthday, since in her words, "they were the ones who made it special."

Whether they intended to or not, the youth did something similar for us this past Sunday, when what we lifted up as "Youth Sunday" quickly became a celebration of the whole church. As they led us so beautifully and powerfully in Sunday school and worship, our youth shared with us the heart of our faith that we hope to have given them through the years.

The celebration continued after the service with our dessert auction, which had a wonderful turnout and I'm told raised nearly \$6,000 (!), and our congregational meeting to elect a search committee to fill our Associate Pastor for Students position. In accordance with the bylaws, four members were named to represent the deacons and committees for youth, children, and personnel. The congregation was charged with electing three at-large members. The committee is as follows:

Carrie Blount, representative from youth committee
Blakely Fender, representative from personnel committee
Holly Wiggs, vice-chair of deacons
Hart Wylie, representative from children's committee
Smith Boykin
Graham Eklund
Clay Wooley

I am excited to work closely with this committee as we meet soon to select a chair and take on the holy task of inviting a new minister to serve among us.

I was struck at the dessert auction how after each dessert was won at such "generous" prices, the winner immediately started passing plates around to share it with others. This seemed to be a perfect metaphor not only for that special day, but for the church. The best gifts are those too good to keep.

SHD

Dabbs Massey Announced as Interim Director of Youth

In the weeks since Major Treadway shared the news of his departure to serve as a senior minister, members of the Youth Ministries Committee and the Personnel Committee have met to discuss ways we can best support our youth as the search for a new Associate Pastor for Students begins. As a result of these conversations, we are happy to report that Dabbs Massey has agreed to serve in the position of Interim Youth Coordinator on a part-time basis. Dabbs' years of experience in working with our Northminster youth uniquely qualifies her to support this important work.

We welcome Dabbs to this temporary part-time role of service and support.

CAREGIVING CONCERNS

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Jason, Betsy, Sarah Beth and Thomas Greener on the death of Jason's father, Nick Greener.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Milton Greenwood

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

February 18

Firecrackers

Natalie & Cy Parks

Sparklers

Sophie Maneck & Rachel Roy

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, February 21

Cooks

Cathy Davis

Judy Rankin

Sara Hays

Drivers

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2 Rob Hill &
Ryan McElveen

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

March 3

Immediately Following Worship

This will be a time to learn about why we do Children's Ministries the way we do Children's Ministries at Northminster, talk about upcoming Children's Ministries activities, and share our gratitude for those who lead our children in Sunday School and Sunday night activities.

This year, we will also be recognizing

Annette Hitt,

who has recently retired from her role as Sunday School Director, after more than 40 years of welcoming our children on Sunday mornings.

Children and their families, and all children's department teachers and their families are invited, as well as anyone who would like to learn more about Children's Ministries.

Please RSVP to Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



—DEACON OF THE WEEK—

February 11-17

Bill Thompson

February 18-24

Eddie Mahaffey

February 25-March 2

Dabbs Massey

March 3-9

Anne Guidry

— CAREGIVING —

CAREGIVING CHAIR FOR FEBRUARY

Sarah Reynolds

CAREGIVING COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY

Gail England

CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK

February 11-17

Amanda Milam

February 18-24

Amy Finkelberg

February 25-March 2

Brooks Elfert

Sarah Love

LITURGIST FOR FEBRUARY

Rose Mary Porter

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

Lisa Kelly

Kathryn Sams

Jane Claire Williams

Jill Buckley

USHER CAPTAIN FOR FEBRUARY

Judy Rankin

AUDIO/VIDEO FOR FEBRUARY

Ryan McElveen

Palm Cross Making and the Palm Sunday Processional

On **March 20** at 9am, anyone who would like to help make Palm Crosses is invited to join the Flower Committee in the Great Hall. Bring a pair of scissors. No previous experience required!

On **March 24**, children are invited to participate in waving palms for the processional at the 10:30 worship service. Please meet in the children's area by 10:15 to line up!

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will meet at 5:00 p.m. for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship

Save the Date

June 10-13. Youth trip to Smith Lake.

Passport

July 13-17. Cost \$450. The youth will travel to Passport youth camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. There are twelve spots available. To reserve your spot, email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org.

Brumfield House

February 15

Mary Ellen Stancill

February 22

Amy Finkelberg

February 29

Kirk Sims

March 7

Cathy Davis

March 14

Elizabeth Boone

March 21

Dabbs Massey

March 28

Mike Peters

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, March 22

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, March 20.

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

A Lenten Offering

The Worship and Music Committee offers this year's edition of "A Lenten Journey" as a gift to our congregation.

We hope that the creative expressions and offerings by members and friends of Northminster will encourage and enhance meaningful daily worship and meditation throughout this season of preparation. Copies are available throughout the church for you to take and share.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, March 19

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday Night Supper Tonight

Ash Wednesday

The Imposition of Ashes

Supper in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Service in the sanctuary immediately after supper.

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family

Servers: M'lee Williams, Kathy Burkhalter, Joe D. Rankin and Mary Heard

Cashier: George Luter

Menu: barbecue chicken, assorted salads, cheese grits, marinated vegetables, rolls and cornbread, coconut and strawberry cake, and iced tea

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 14

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 16

Women leave for retreat

Sunday, February 18

Women return from retreat

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

Monday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Elementary Service Day
12:00 p.m. All-ages Playdate, GH

Tuesday, February 20

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

5:15 p.m. Youth Committee, YH

Sunday, February 25

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
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wider Net Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 3

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/Communion
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Lunch, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Cmte. L/CR

Wednesday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Northminster Women's Retreat 2024

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

INSIDE OUT

Anger. Fear. Sadness. Joy. Disgust. They are not just characters in one of the best movies of all time.

They are real emotions that when processed well help us live more fully in God's way. We will explore stories of scripture, and spiritual practices of our own faith and others, that help us process these emotions well. We'll also enjoy a movie night and a time of creative response, share our stories and deepen our friendships with one another.

*Cost: \$225 per person; \$300 for a single room
Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.*

While the deadline has passed, if you would still like to attend, please email Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

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

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

Northminster Essentials 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.