



# NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

April 24, 2024



## Liturgy of the Light

Sunday, April 28 ♡ 5:30 p.m. ♡ Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children. There will be a reception in the courtyard after the service.



## Senior Recognition Sunday

**On April 28** Seniors will be recognized during Sunday morning worship. Following the service, seniors, families, and special guests are invited to a luncheon.

**Juniors:** We need your help to host the luncheon. You will be the servers for the luncheon; let Carrie Blount know if you can help us celebrate the graduating seniors.

## Now. Here. This.

Over the past few days I have found myself thinking a lot about prayer.

On the one hand, I cannot remember a time when prayer was not a part of my life. Table blessings and prayers before bedtime were an unquestioned part of my childhood, and even in those young adult years when I wasn't sure if I was running toward or away from it, prayer was a part of the faith I could not leave alone (or that couldn't leave me alone?).

But through the years my vision of what prayer is or can be has expanded in equal measure to my understanding of who God is.

I now see prayer as being less about transaction and more about formation. It's not so much about us informing God of our innermost needs, thoughts and emotions—however, voicing these things can be important, as they are often revealing for us.

Prayer is finally more about what God would say to us, in the silence we hold and even as we reflect on our own words.

Of course, our own private prayers are one thing, but praying in community with others is another. In communal prayer, or “corporate” prayer, we join our hearts and minds as we direct them to God. While it is probably useful to be clear in our aims for our own private prayers, this becomes especially important when praying with others.

Over the course of our Sunday worship we lift many prayers, each with a different purpose. We ask God's presence in our worship. We confess our sins and ask for forgiveness. We ask God's blessing as we depart. But in the focal prayer, in our tradition, the “pastoral prayer,” we lift our intercessions to God—asking God to move or act in some way, for us and others.

This is a tricky thing, to pray on another's behalf, and something I labor over each week. On some level, it is impossible to speak for another to God. Yet this is among the responsibilities we give to our worship leaders, trusting them to offer words to God that represent the heart of the congregation, even in an inherently imperfect way, and with all the necessary grace.

When this trust is broken it can be a painful thing. Sadly, this happened this past Sunday with our guest worship leader. This was disappointing and unexpected, and I am sorry for the discomfort and pain it caused to those present.

One thing this experience has illuminated—as mistakes can be our best teachers—is just how powerful and sacred our shared prayers can be; what happens in and around us when we direct our intentions toward shared joys, concerns, and hopes. It is the very heart of community.

Another gift of our shared prayers is that we commit to offering them every week, trusting that what happens to us in prayer happens best over the long haul. So until this Sunday, and with special gratitude for this community of prayer,

-SHD

Please join us as we celebrate the  
57th Anniversary of Northminster Baptist Church

## Anniversary Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, May 5 immediately following the worship service

Bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.

Volunteers: Sara Cox, Mary Heard, Cade Montague, Joe Rankin, Anna Katherine Scott and M'lee Williams

## CAREGIVING CONCERNS

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Carolyn Aden      Libby McGee      Sue Edwards  
R. W. McCarley      Roxanne Aldridge      Carla Holt  
Gorman Schaffer      Virginia Hamilton      R. W. McCarley  
Mary Lou Jernigan      Tom Starling  
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

**April 28**

### Chapel Coordinators

Taylor & Justin Beard

### Firecrackers

TBA

### Sparklers

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Monday, May 6**

### Cooks

Becky Wooley

Polly Bourne

Kathryn Davis

### Drivers

Rt. 1      Susan & Charles O'Mara

Rt. 2      Hilda & Bob Boteler

## Summer Sunday School for Children

Begins June 2 from 9:15 to 10:15

Meet us in room 106 where we'll divide into groups for stories, games, bible skills and crafts!


We hope your children will join us!

NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

# INSIDE OUT

**July 19th-21st**  
FRIDAY 5:30-8 PM  
SATURDAY 9 AM - 12 PM  
SUNDAY 9AM - 11:30 AM

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Sandra Triplett  
sandratriplett23@gmail.com  
601.278.3817



Register Here!

To guarantee a t-shirt, please register by June 15.

## ATTENTION GRADUATES

(or parents of graduates)

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

Please call or email the church office  
at 601-982-4703 or  
neely@northminsterbaptist.org  
with degree and school information.

## THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



### —DEACON OF THE WEEK—

**April 21-27**

Holly Wiggs

**April 28-May 4**

Dudley Wooley

**May 5-11**

Jeff Wilson

### — CAREGIVING —

#### CAREGIVING CHAIR FOR APRIL

Sarah Reynolds

#### CAREGIVING COORDINATORS FOR APRIL

Annette Hitt & Sunny Fowler

#### CAREGIVING CHAIR FOR MAY

Sunny Fowler

#### CAREGIVING COORDINATOR FOR MAY

Sarah Reynolds

#### CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK

**April 21-27**

Zina Bass

**April 28-May 4**

Nora Etheridge

**May 5-11**

Bob Boteler

#### LITURGIST FOR APRIL

Gray Jackson

#### LITURGIST FOR MAY

Amanda Milam

#### FLOWERS FOR APRIL

Jill Buckley

Kathryn Davis

Kandy Sims

Lesley Mosby

#### FLOWERS FOR MAY

Kathryn Sams

Kandy Sims

Lawana McLennan

Jill Buckley

#### USHER CAPTAIN FOR APRIL

Keith Davis

#### USHER CAPTAIN FOR MAY

Matt Kelly

#### AUDIO/VIDEO FOR APRIL

Ryder Taff

#### AUDIO/VIDEO FOR MAY

Brock Ratcliff

## **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**

Tonight we will meet at the youth house at 5:00 to eat dinner and then walk over to the sanctuary to attend Liturgy of the Light led by the children.

### **End of the Year Party**

is next Sunday, May 5th! We will have burgers and crawfish on the deck of the youth house, play games and enjoy fellowship with one another as we wrap up another school year.

### **Summer Events**

All summer events will include the rising 7th graders! We will have some in town summer events. Dates will be posted soon so check back for those.

### **Smith Lake Youth Lake Trip**

The youth will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13. Deadline to sign up is May 6 with a deposit of \$50. The total cost is \$150 due by June 5th. Please email Dabbs at [dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org) to reserve your spot or for any questions you might have.

### **Passport**

The youth will travel to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC July 13-19.

## **CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING**

**Tuesday, May 7**

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

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

### **Brumfield House**

**April 25**

TBA

**May 2**

Bryan Bridges

**May 16**

Skipper Jernigan

**May 23**

Scott Wilson

**May 30**

TBA

**June 6**

Mike Peters

**June 13**

Jeff Wilson

### **Meals on Wheels needs volunteers**

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

If you can help, please contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, April 24**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 28**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship/Senior Recognition Sunday

11:30 a.m. Senior Recognition Lunch  
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six, NCC

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Light

**Monday, April 29**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving

**Wednesday, May 1**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 3**

8:00 a.m. Stewpot Retreat, GH

**Sunday, May 5**

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. NM Anniversary Potluck, GH

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

5:00 p.m. Youth End of the Year Party, YH

**Monday, May 6**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, May 7**

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

**Wednesday, May 8**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 12**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, May 13**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving

**Wednesday, May 15**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.

## **Wider Net Updates and Opportunities**

**Wider Net Book Club:** "Having Nothing, Possessing Everything," by Mike Mather. Book club meeting TBD. Books are available in the church office for \$20. You may write check or follow QR code to pay on the church's online payment portal (select Wider Net: Book Club Book tab)



## **PASTORAL CARE NUMBER**

**601-980-1002**

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**The last Preschool and  
Elementary Atrium, and  
SN456 until fall will be  
Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CLASSES  
WILL NOT MEET  
MAY 26!**

**Bibles for Rising Seventh Graders**

As our seniors leave, our rising seventh graders become part of the Youth Group. The tradition has been to have members of the congregation honor each new Youth Group member with a Bible to use throughout their years at Northminster. The Bibles cost \$30 each. If you are interested in honoring one of these new members of our Youth Group with a Bible, please contact the church office at 601-982-4703 or [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org).

***This year's new Youth Group members:***

Benjamin Buckley	Dixon Clark
Bowen Cox	Nicholas Mahaffey
Sterling Massey	Evie Moremen
Elizabeth Peters	Marlow Ratcliff
Kate Samuels	Dudley Stancill
May Taylor	Madeleine Wylie

# Northminster Birthdays

## May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <i>Patsy Caraway</i> <i>Katherine Aden Rhodes</i> <i>Turner Strickland</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Ellie Caraway</i> <i>Jack McDaniel</i> <i>Charlie McGinnis</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Marsha James</i> <i>Jennifer Stribling</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Robert Parrott</i>
<b>5</b> <i>J. Michael Moody</i> <i>Kirk Sims</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Robert Palmer</i> <i>Randy Smith</i> <i>Luke Warren</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Luke Fender</i> <i>Whit Ramsey</i> <i>Richard Rula</i> <i>Mary Hastings Garraway Samson</i> <i>Helen Turner</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Emily Jones</i> <i>Ariel Murphy</i> <i>Sanders Reid</i> <i>Chico Taylor</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Farren Sams</i> <i>Alston Thompson</i> <i>Montell Watkins</i> <i>Kendall Yates</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Hilda Boteler</i> <i>Marty Cobb</i> <i>Carter Long</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Libby McGee</i> <i>Kimberly Simmons</i> <i>Karen Treadway</i> <i>Mae Vance</i> <i>Gene Yates</i>
<b>12</b> <i>Jason Eklund</i> <i>Ava Puckett</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Gwen Anderson</i> <i>Zina Bass</i> <i>Eddie Mahaffey</i> <i>Alan Stallings</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Natalie Pace</i> <i>Beverly Raddin</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Kip Bowen</i> <i>Buck Cox</i> <i>Cara Croom</i> <i>Gloria Green</i> <i>Charles McClintock</i> <i>June Rankin</i> <i>Bracken Ray</i> <i>Lee Wooley Russell</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Cole Mahaffey</i> <i>Rachael Pace</i> <i>Katrina Reynolds</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Kane Ditto</i> <i>Jim Grenfell</i> <i>Emily Taff</i>
<b>19</b> <i>Laurie Lee</i> <i>Gayla Purvis</i> <i>Morgan Samuels</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Rita Royals</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Olivia Smith</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Sydney Bowles Fuller</i> <i>Emileigh Williams</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Thomas Boone</i> <i>Peggy Goldstein</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Dixon Clark</i> <i>Neely Grimsley</i> <i>Breland Parker</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Watts Everett</i>
<b>26</b> <i>Sasha Hammack</i> <i>Mike Simmons</i> <i>Lachlan Welsh</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Mary Ann Everett</i> <i>Wyatt Kitchell</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Kathy Burkhalter</i> <i>Blair Taff</i> <i>Ron Welch</i> <i>Rebecca Wiggs</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Rick Fortune</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Nicky Drake</i> <i>Richard Jones</i> <i>Bennie Reynolds</i> <i>Kenneth Windham</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Anna Rickard</i>	