



# NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

May 8, 2024



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Kelsey Mayhan  
Walker Rippee  
Davis Rippee

Bachelors of Accountancy, University of Mississippi  
Masters of Accountancy, University of Mississippi  
M.D., University of Mississippi Medical Center

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](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) with degree and school information.

## Now. Here. This.

In the tradition of the desert fathers and mothers, these early Christian monks who wandered out into the desert in the 3rd and 4th centuries, tired of the distractions of modern city life, it's said that someone asked Father Anthony, the patriarch of these monks, "What must one do in order to please God?"

The old man replied, "Pay attention to what I tell you: whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes, whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the Holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live do not easily leave it. Keep these three precepts and you will be saved."

I think about these words each year around Ascension Sunday, which we will celebrate this coming Sunday. Our church year follows the Easter and Pentecost story in the Gospel of Luke, in which 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus "ascends" into heaven.

But while this moment is of course about Jesus leaving, it's also about the disciples staying. *Wait here*, Jesus tells them as he is lifted into the sky. *Stay in Jerusalem, and the Holy Spirit will find you and tell you what to do.*

Jesus's final words of instruction as he disappeared into the clouds was a call for patience, attentiveness, and ultimately, I think, rootedness. Of course, the time would come for some of them to leave and take the good news to those in far flung places. But the New Testament bears witness that the gospel wasn't spread through one-off sermons and healings or flash-in-the-pan miracles, but instead through the consistent miracle of the ordinary: the blessing of congregational life.

A common life bound by the shared experience of God's love and the belief that we best participate in God's work of renewal for the whole world through committing ourselves deeply to the local community of which we are a part.


It's this common life and rootedness in our wider community that we celebrated this past Sunday with Northminster's 57th Anniversary. As Kelley Williams, Sr. reminded us, our church began with a calling to be a different expression of Christian witness in Jackson, marked by an openness to all in a time when churches were closing their doors to some. This was a commitment not only to each other, but to Jackson.


A worthy goal, but one we could only make good on over the long haul. And this is still true. So as we give thanks for 57 years as a people in this place, we also look ahead in hope for what is still to come, trusting that the same Holy Spirit Jesus promised then will find us now, and reveal new ways for us to the church, right where we are.

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## CAREGIVING CONCERNS

### CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Dally Wilson, a member of Northminster since 1993. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Dally's family and friends.

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Michael Grantham, a member of Northminster since 2022. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Michael's family and friends.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Rick and Judy Gregory on the death of Rick's father, Gus Gregory.

Billy Trotter is hospitalized at Woodland Rehab in Clinton.

### 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

## THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



### —DEACON OF THE WEEK—

May 5-11  
Jeff Wilson

May 12-18  
Cheryl Allen

May 19-25  
Justin Beard

### — CAREGIVING —

#### CAREGIVING CHAIR FOR MAY

Sunny Fowler

#### CAREGIVING COORDINATOR FOR MAY

Sarah Reynolds

#### CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK

May 5-11  
Bob Boteler

May 12-18  
Larry & Sara Cox

May 19-25  
Cheryl Allen

#### LITURGIST FOR MAY

Amanda Milam

#### FLOWERS FOR MAY

Kathryn Sams

Kandy Sims  
Lawana McLennan  
Lisa Kelly

#### USHER CAPTAIN FOR MAY

Matt Kelly

#### AUDIO/VIDEO FOR MAY

Brock Ratcliff

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Wednesday, May 15

#### Cooks

Carolyn McIntyre  
Jo Ann Welch  
Shari Culver

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence  
Rt. 2 Carol Taff & TBA

### Monday, May 27

#### Cooks

Amy Moremen  
Lawana McLennan  
Faye Barham

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame,  
Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

### Monday, June 3

#### Cooks

Lisa Cobb  
Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

### May 12

#### Firecrackers

Dana & Scott Wilson

#### Sparklers

Laura & Patrick Taylor

### May 19

#### Firecrackers

Whitney & Slates Veazey

#### Sparklers

Caroline & Kirk Sims

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.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Sunday School

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

### 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.

### Stewpot

**Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.** Meet in the Great Hall kitchen where we will prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot. We will go out to lunch when we finish.

### Smith Lake Youth Lake Trip

The youth will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13.

### Passport

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

## **CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING**

**Tuesday, June 11  
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

## Brumfield House

### May 9

Skipper Jernigan

### May 16

Bill Thompson

### May 23

Scott Wilson

### May 30

TBA

### June 6

Mike Peters

### June 13

Jeff Wilson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Wednesday, May 8**

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 9**

6:30 a.m. Teacher Appreciation  
Breakfast, Spann Elementary

### **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, L/CR

### **Wednesday, May 15**

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

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, May 19**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program Practice,  
Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Mentor Sunday

11:30 a.m. End of Mentor Program  
Celebration, GH

6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

### **Monday, May 20**

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

5:30 p.m. Wider Net Cmte., L/CR

### **Tuesday, May 21**

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

5:15 p.m. Youth Committee., YH

### **Wednesday, May 22**

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, May 26**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship

### **Monday, May 27**

**The church office will be closed.**

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

### **Tuesday, May 28**

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

### **Wednesday, May 29**

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal


### **Friday, May 31**

11:30 a.m. Spann Teacher Appreciation  
Lunch, GH

### **Sunday, June 2**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion



**SPLASH DAY**  
JUNE 12  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL GATHER IN THE BACKYARD AT NORTHMINSTER FOR WATER SLIDES, SPLASH POOLS AND SPRINKLER FUN! BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT, TOWELS AND SUNSCREEN; AND WE'LL PROVIDE A SNACK SUPPER.

QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT JAN AT JAN@NORTHMINSTERBATPIST.ORG

## **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).



## **STEW POT FOOD PANTRY**

### Monday, May 27

Bob Boteler

### Tuesday, May 28

Laine & Bob Hardin

### Wednesday, May 29

Mary & Chico Taylor

### Thursday, May 30

Sunny Fowler  
Jan McDonnieal-Wilson

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### **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!

### **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