

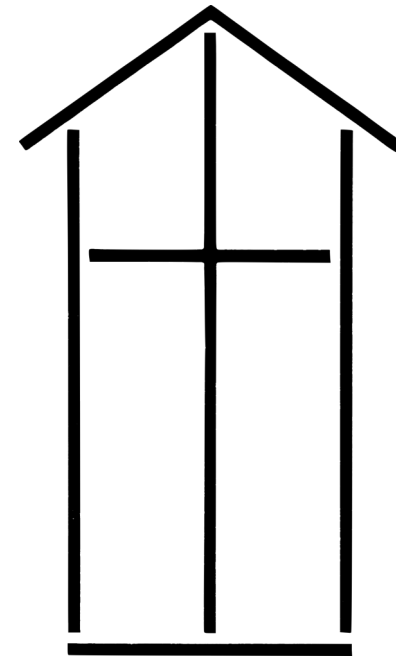
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Cheryl Allen.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Kathryn Davis.
The Caregivers of the Week are Kathryn Davis and Susan O'Mara.
The Liturgist for September is Kirk Sims.
The flowers for September are provided by Kandy Sims, Kathryn Davis, Geri Smith, Kathryn Sams and Jill Buckley.
The Usher Captain for September is Dawn Warrington.

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.

Senior Pastor	Scott Dickison
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Interim Youth Coordinator	Dabbs Massey
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red, life that shall endless be.

—"Love That Will Not Let Me Go"
George Matheson, 1882

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———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, October 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children whose birthdays are in October are invited to stop by the Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

**Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium
and Four5Six tonight at 5:00 p.m.**

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, October 18, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office, 601-982-4703, by Wednesday, October 16. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents’ Night Out on November 8 and December 13.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

September 15: Firecrackers—Olivia & Keith Studdard
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

September 22: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen &
Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton

Save the Date—Children’s Retreat

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat. This year we will be exploring the theme “Our Time is Sacred,” and highlighting the life of Jesus through the colors of the liturgical calendar. We’ll play games, have Bible study, do a ropes’ course, and have a bonfire. This year, we will have our retreat at the same time as the Northminster youth, and we will gather for a kickball tournament with them in the afternoon.

We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on November 16 and return in time for worship at Northminster on November 17. More details to follow.

People: There is nothing hidden from its heat.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

People: Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

All: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Invocation

Ella Boykin

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Dedication of Children and Parents

Cavett Taff
Son of Ryder and Blair Taff

The Litany of Dedication

Marty Harper

Leader: We are here today to present Cavett to the church and to dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: We, his parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

People: That he is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.

Leader: What will this child be told about his faith history?

People: He will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage; and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Sav-

ior; and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with him regularly, teach him to pray and lead him into a loving relationship with God?

Parents: *We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.*

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

People: **Yes, we too, will share in his growth, for he belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

People: **For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child Scott Dickison

The Lessons Isaiah 50:4-9a Marty Harper
James 3:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“What is it that you regret? Well. I think you know what I regret. I mean things you might have done differently. Or not done. That kind of regret.” His grandmother turned and looked out the window across the darkening fields, her hand to her mouth. “I don’t know, Honey. Not all that much. I think people regret what they didn’t do more than what they did. I think everybody has things they failed to do. You can’t see what is coming, Bobby. And if you could it is no guarantee you’d make the right choice even then. I believe in God’s design. I’ve had dark hours and I’ve had dark doubts in those hours. But that was never one of them.”

—Cormac McCarthy, *The Passenger*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon Marty Harper

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, September 18

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: jumbo stuffed pasta shells, Caesar salad, crunchy French bread, assorted desserts, iced tea

Children’s Menu: chicken tenders, fruit, chips

Servers: Kathy Burkhalter, Jennifer Carter,

Sandi Rhoden and M’Lee Williams

Cashier: George Luter

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Pool Party & Cook Out

Sunday, September 22, 4:45-6:30 p.m.

Jean and Kelley Williams’ house—2030 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS. Bring your appetites, swimsuits, and towels, for an evening of food, fun, and water.

Youth Fall Retreat

November 15-17

The youth will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15 to head to Twin Lakes. During our retreat we will have a bonfire, complete a challenge course, sing, share sacred moments together and even have a kickball tournament with the Northminster children! We will return in time for worship at Northminster on November 17.

Our retreat theme will be “Our Time Is Sacred” and Kelsey Stillwell will be leading us. Kelsey is a writer, retreat leader, and former Associate Pastor for Youth and Missions at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, Georgia.

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, September 18

Cooks: Shari Culver
Carolyn McIntyre
Leah Hendrix

Rt. 1 Drivers: Suzan & Tommy Thames
Rt. 2 Drivers: Carol Taff & Tricia Boyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Studies

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Midwives of a Movement: A Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary Tonight

“*Midwives of a Movement* chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the SBC in the 1970s and 1980s. Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists over the last 40+ years.”

Tonight, we'll gather to view *Midwives of a Movement* and share in a brief discussion of this wonderful documentary.

What It Means to Be Human: Studies in Genesis

September 22 and 29 & October 6, 20 and 27

Few books in the Bible have captured the imagination of readers through the generations like the book of Genesis. Placed at the beginning of scripture, it tells a story of creation that echoes out through all that is to come. This fall, Scott will lead us in taking a closer look at the opening eleven chapters of Genesis, which we often take to be the story of creation and humanity's beginnings. Yet we will consider how these founding stories aim to tell us not only from where we have come, but also who we are in the present.

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 574

CANONBURY

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

*The Offertory Prayer

Ella Boykin

The Offertory

“Andante”

Mendelssohn

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Cantique”

Fauré

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration,
O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming,
whose wondrous might dispersed the pow'rs of hell,
and rouse our slumb'ring souls with radiance all illum'ning,
that they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us we implore thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee,
accept the hymns we chant to thy eternal glory
and these thy gifts we return unto thee.

COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends an invitation to membership by request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please come forward at this point in the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE

At a certain point, you say to the woods, to the sea, to the mountains, the world, “Now I am ready. Now I will stop and be wholly attentive.” You empty yourself and wait, listening.

—Annie Dillard, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 568 *HENDON*

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “Fanfare” Phillips

**The congregation will please stand.*

The scriptures for today are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, page 594
James 3:1-12, pages 981-982
Mark 8:27-38, page 820

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2), which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season’s emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

CARE CARDS may be found in the pew racks, if you would like to write anyone. Place your cards in the offering plate. Cards will be mailed from the church office on Monday morning.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

⌄ Northminster is saddened by the death of Patsy Caraway, a member of Northminster since 2003. Christian sympathy is extended to Gregg, Lida, Nate and Ellie; and all of Patsy’s family and friends.

⌄ Northminster is saddened by the death of Jean Moak, a member of Northminster since 1989. Christian sympathy is extended to Wilson Moak, and all of Jean’s family and friends.

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at St. Dominic’s.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Roxanne Aldridge	Carolyn Aden
Tom Starling	Sue Edwards	R.W. McCarley
Carla Holt	Virginia Hamilton	Libby McGee

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

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.

Pastoral Care Number

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need, please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

September 19:	Justin Beard
September 26:	Jeff Wilson
October 3:	Joe Sims
October 10:	Kirk Sims