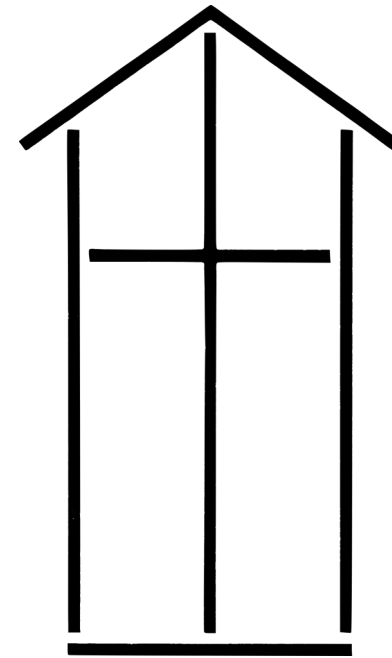


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dudley Wooley.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Kathryn Davis.
The Caregiver of the Week is Jim Blackwood.
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
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Christian way is either a great leap forward or a great leap backward; there is no middle ground. The best way to see the Christian faith is to see it in action.

—C.S. Lewis

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———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

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

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, September 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, September 13, 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, September 11. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents’ Night Out on October 18, November 8 and December 13.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

September 8:
Firecrackers—Whitney & Slates Veazey
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

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

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.

Leader: Then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
People: And the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
Leader: For waters break forth in the wilderness,
People: And streams in the desert;
Leader: The burning sand shall become a pool,
People: And the thirsty ground springs of water.

—Psalm 146, adapted

*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

Sarah Love

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Presentation of Bibles to First Graders

James Buckley Allen, III	MacKaye Benton Dickison
DeMilly Morgan Guyton	Walter Lewis Hendrix
Ada Maneck	Guy Sayle Snow
Annabeth Campbell Taylor	Rhodes Pearl Wilson

Pastor: This is an exciting time for the children who are gathered before us. They have entered first grade, and many of them have also begun worshipping with us in the sanctuary for the first time.

People: It is our privilege to make a place for them, for they belong to us, just as we all belong to God.

Pastor: As we officially welcome our first graders to worship today, we present them with Bibles inscribed with their own names, praying that, as the Scripture is placed into their hands, so it will become written upon their hearts.

All: Together we give thanks for the children of our congregation and for the Bible; both gifts from God to help us all learn and grow.

The Lessons

Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, 14-17

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Redemption means that Christ's work is not just to forgive us but to transform us into the people we were meant to be. Forgiveness is the beginning of a new life.

—Tim Keller

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Scott Dickison

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

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. 578

BEACH SPRING

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

*The Offertory Prayer

Sarah Love

The Offertory

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Wood

*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 7:24-37

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Midwives of a Movement: A Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary September 15

“*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.”

On September 15, we'll gather to view *Midwives of a Movement* and share in a brief discussion of this wonderful documentary.

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Woody's Peppermint Party

Tonight, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Join us for a farewell party for Woody as he “retires” from being a youth leader after 20+ years! We would love for any former youth group members to join us and show their appreciation for Woody as well!

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.

Save the Date

Youth Fall Retreat, November 15-17 at Twin Lakes. More information to follow.

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Lunch and Learn with Ellen Daniels

Tuesday, September 10
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$10.00

Everyone is invited to join us for a delicious meal and to learn from Ellen Daniels, Executive Director of the Mississippi Book Festival.

RSVP by September 6 to
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org
or 601-982-4703.

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Amy Moremen, Sandi Rhoden

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, September 11
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: Hilda Boteler, Amy Moremen, Judy & Joe Rankin

Cashier: George Luter

Adult Studies

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

Back to the Basics: A Sabbatical Report

Tonight

What might one discover on a hike of the Appalachian Trail? What might God say on a 7000-mile cross-country road trip? What could one learn from three months of intentional sabbath? Lesley will share some of the answers to these questions, and other stories and lessons from her sabbatical to kick-off Adult Studies for the fall.

The Anthem

“We Praise You, O God”
Ben Bullock, *trumpet*

Jennings

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

O God of our fathers and mothers, we bless you;
Through trouble and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O God, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

The Sermon

“Rich in Faith”

Scott Dickison

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

The church is not a select circle of the immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in. It is not a palace with gate attendants and challenging sentinels along the entrance-ways holding off at arm's-length the stranger, but rather a hospital where the broken-hearted may be healed, and where all the weary and troubled may find rest and take counsel together.

—James H. Aughey

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539

HOUSTON

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Largo”

Handel

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 125, pages 498-499
James 2:1-10, 14-17, page 981
Mark: 7:24-37, page 819

Today is the Sixteenth 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Today
immediately following the worship service

Agenda:

Approval of the 2024-2025 Education Leadership
Election of Deacons

Deacon Nominees

Blakely Fender	Charles O'Mara	Mike Peters
Elizabeth Quinn	Geri Smith	Wilson Stribling

CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

Kathy Miller is receiving physical therapy at Madison Health & Rehab.

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 12:	Scott Wilson
September 19:	Justin Beard
September 26:	Jeff Wilson
October 3:	Joe Sims

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, September 18

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Shari Culver	Suzan & Tommy Thames
Carolyn McIntyre	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Leah Hendrix	Carol Taff & Tricia Boyd