



NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

November 13, 2024



Wednesday Night Supper

Tonight

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, butter beans, green salad, cornbread, desserts & iced tea

Servers: Ann Calhoon, Jennifer Carter,
Gloria Montgomery, Amy Moremen
and Sandi Rhoden

Cashier: George Luter

2025 Northminster Deacon Officers

At their October Meeting, the Deacons elected the following officers for 2025

Chair: Holly Wiggs

Vice Chair: Dudley Wooley

Secretary: Mary Ellen Stancill

Also, the Deacons elected
Marty Kelly as Church Clerk, and
George Smith as Church Treasurer.

Northminster's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.

The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service.

We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.

Volunteers: Hilda Boteler, Kathy Burkhalter, Sara Cox, Gloria Montgomery,
Joe and Judy Rankin, Sam Sanders and George Williams

Now. Here. This.

Writer and lay theologian Marilynne Robinson argues that for all our modern questioning and search for meaning, we often fail to appreciate the “givenness of things.”

“Givenness” is a philosophical term that refers to that which is “assumed” or “granted,” as in the “givenness of human nature” or the “givenness that the choir will sound great on Sunday morning.” “Givenness” is what’s there when we start.

Robinson argues that today's dominant worldview has an undue suspicion of the givenness of things in a way that previous generations would have found absurd. We imagine coming into the world with a blank slate. Whatever preceded us is of no consequence. Whatever comes after is of no concern. While we’re here, the loudest voice often decides what’s true. More and more, it seems, our focus is not on what we are “given” but on what we can take.

For a Christian person, much in life is understood to be *given*. The love and grace of God are given. God’s provision, mercy, and hope (perhaps even God’s sense of humor!)—all given. We can assume all of these things are as real and true as the day is long and live life accordingly. Some days, this is harder to do than others. On other days, it is absolutely essential.

Times of trial or crisis, when we question what is real or true, require a stubborn memory to widen our view beyond the present moment. It’s often in seasons when what we have taken as given seems insufficient that we must hold these promises even closer.

Of course, to say that life is *given* is also to say that life is a *gift*. This is why the great medieval Christian writer and mystic Meister Eckhart once wrote, “If the only prayer you say in your life is ‘thank you,’ that would be enough.” It would be cliché if it weren’t so true. Gratitude is at the very heart of faith.

The givenness of life, the giftedness of life. Each proceeds from the other, and taken together, they are the table and chairs for the great Thanksgiving feast to which we’re all invited. All we’re asked to do is find our seat.

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———— **CAREGIVING CONCERNS** ————

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at UMMC.

Jack McDaniel is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Adult Studies

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

Rising Hope: A Together for Hope Documentary

November 17

“In this cinematic portrait of the forgotten Mississippi Delta, a coalition region of Together for Hope, the cinematographers follow the inspirational individuals who, despite challenging personal hardships, are determined to keep hope alive in their communities and turn the tables on the degrading narrative of rural poverty.”

We'll watch the documentary across two nights of Adult Studies and conclude our viewing on November 17 with a discussion led by Jason Coker, President of Together for Hope.

Boarding Homes Project: An Advent Tradition

Sunday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.
Great Hall

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and gift. On Sunday, December 8, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to participate in our community together.

You can help by

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing them in individual gift bags to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to boarding homes

THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



———— **DEACON OF THE WEEK** ————

November 10-16

Eddie Mahaffey

November 17-23

Matt Kelly

November 24-30

Dabbs Massey

———— **CAREGIVING** ————

**CAREGIVING CHAIR
FOR NOVEMBER**

Sarah Reynolds

**CAREGIVING COORDINATOR
FOR NOVEMBER**

Gail England

CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK

November 10-16

Nena Carmody

November 17-23

Becky Wooley

November 24-30

Gail England

LITURGISTS FOR NOVEMBER

Amy Finkelberg
Anne Brawley

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Jill Buckley
Kandy Sims
Jane Claire Williams
Geri Smith

**USHER CAPTAIN
FOR NOVEMBER**

Matt Kelly

**AUDIO/VIDEO
FOR NOVEMBER**

Jeffery Massey

**Preschool Atrium,
Elementary Atrium
and Four5Six**

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

— YOUTH NEWS —

Youth Sunday School

Join us in the youth house at 9:15 a.m. for donuts and good conversation.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will not meet November 17. We will resume November 24.

Youth Fall Retreat

The youth will be going on our Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes this weekend, November 15-17.

Stewpot

Saturday, December 7, 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.

Save the Date

Passport 2025 will be June 21-27 at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. Rising seventh graders can choose to attend Passport or Passport Kids.

Parent and Youth GroupMe

All youth and parents should be on the GroupMe to receive communication about upcoming events. If you are not on the GroupMe, please email Dabbs to be added. This is our main source of communication for the youth group. Dabbs' email is dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org.

**Children's
Birthday
Gathering**

Thursday, December 5
3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Brumfield House

November 14

Mitch Peters

November 21

Holly Wiggs

November 28

Mike Peters

December 5

Bo Allen

December 12

Bryan Bridges

Children's Worship Hour

November 17

Firecrackers

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

Sparklers

Sophia & Rachel Royston

November 24

Firecrackers

Anne & Parker Snow

Sparklers

Jane Claire & Nason Williams

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

Wednesday, November 13

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 15

Youth leave for Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Children leave for Fall Retreat

Sunday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Baby Dedication

5:00 p.m. Banner Bearer & Acolyte Training, Narthex

5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary

Atrium, Four5Six

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

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

Monday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 20

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. Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Luncheon for Choir, GH

Monday, November 25

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

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

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 28

Church Office Closed

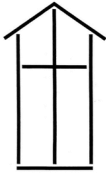
Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

Giving Thanks to Kathryn

Two Wednesdays ago, we thanked Kathryn Davis for her many years of faithful service in providing our Wednesday night suppers. Kathryn is stepping away from this role to tend to a coming grandchild and the new season of life it brings. It is a holy and special thing when someone's unique gifts match the needs of a congregation, especially when those needs are so close to our common life together. Please thank Kathryn for her years of hospitality, which have been a gift to Northminster.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, November 20

Cooks

Kathy Burkhalter
Helen Turner
Elizabeth Quinn

Drivers

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Rt. 2 Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

Monday, November 25

Cooks

Lawana McLennan
Faye Barham
Amy Moremen

Drivers

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Steve Bass & Keith Davis

Pastoral Care Number

601-980-1002

SAVE THE DATE

Northminster Women's Retreat 2025

Friday, January 24—Sunday, January 26

Eagle Ridge Conference Center

Raymond, MS

Northminster Angel Tree

Beginning Sunday, November 24, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Tuesday, December 17, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com with any questions.