



NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

January 21, 2026



January 18 Congregational Meeting

At a special meeting called by the Chair of the Board of Deacons on Sunday, January 18, the Congregation voted to accept the Board of Deacons' recommendation that Northminster form a Search Committee for an Associate Pastor for Community and Mission. The Congregation elected two members to serve on the Search Committee: Andy Frame and John Studdard. Per our Bylaws, the rest of the Search Committee will be comprised of the Vice Chair of the Board of Deacons (Blakely Fender) and one representative from each of the Standing Committees responsible for the area in which the minister will work: Denominational Relations (TBD), Missions (Gray Jackson), Personnel (Bill Thompson), and Wider Net (Margery Van Meter).

Adult Studies

Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Baptist Distinctives: An Exploration of Denominational Relations

January 25, February 1, April 19 and 26

Northminster provides financial and leadership support to a variety of Baptist ministry partners. Those partners are working in four basic platforms, each of which is related to a particular aspect of being Baptist: 1) Theological education; 2) News and Advocacy; 3) Network Support & Faith Formation; and 4) Long-term Mission Support. On January 25 and February 1, we will explore our investment in theological education and our work in the news and advocacy arena. In addition to information about our Baptist ministry partners, on February 1, we will be joined by our former associate pastor, Stan Wilson, who will inform us about his role with RAWtools South.

The Birth of Satan: The Biblical Roots of the Evil One and Why He Won't Go Away

February 15, 22, March 1 and 8

Satan, Lucifer, Old Scratch, Beelzebub, the Prince of Darkness. His many names are evidence of how the Devil has captured the imagination like few other biblical characters. Yet much of the character we recognize was developed apart from the pages of scripture. Over these four weeks, using T.J. Wray and Gregory Mobley's fascinating book, *The Birth of Satan: Tracing the Devil's Biblical Roots*, as our guide, we will tease out what the bible actually says from what has been gathered from other sources. Finally, we'll talk about how we make sense of evil in the world, and how we might understand the Adversary today.

Northminster Trivia Night

May 3

More details coming soon—but start getting excited for fellowship and fun at Northminster's first Trivia Night, which will close out Adult Studies for the semester.



SPANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Our friends at Spann need underwear and socks for their school clothing closet. They welcome all sizes for children ages 4-12. Please drop your donations off in the church office by February 6 and we will deliver them to Spann.

Wednesday Night Supper

Tonight, January 21

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: roast beef, smashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, rolls & cake

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Sara Cox, Cade Montague & Carol Taff

Cashier: George Luter

Beth Israel Congregation Shabbat Service

Friday, January 23, 6:15 pm
Northminster Sanctuary

Northminster is invited to join Beth Israel Congregation as we welcome the surrounding faith community this coming Friday night for a service of Shabbat and support following the recent arson attack. The traditional "oneg," or fellowship time, will follow in the Great Hall. There will be no childcare, as children are welcome in the service.

CAREGIVING CONCERNS

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS
Beth Israel Congregation

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Virginia Hamilton Libby McGee Sue Edwards
Carla Holt Gorman Schaffer

The Caregiving meeting for Monday, January 26 has been cancelled due to the possibility of inclement weather.

Northminster Essentials

through Sunday, March 1
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 6, 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, February 4. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.



MAHJONG MINISTRY

2:30 TO 4:30 IN THE GREAT HALL

NEXT HAND: FEBRUARY 15

WE'LL ALSO PLAY MARCH 15, APRIL 26 AND MAY 17
JOIN US FOR ONE, SOME OR ALL OF THE DATES!



SIGN UP HERE FOR ALL SPRING MAHJONG OFFERTINGS!

THESE WILL BE EVENTS FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE LEARNED THE BASICS.
IF YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO LESLEY ABOUT A TIME TO DO SO.

THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



— DEACON OF THE WEEK —

January 18-24
Matt Kelly

January 25-31
Mike Peters

February 1-7
Elizabeth Boone

— CAREGIVING —

**CAREGIVING CHAIR
FOR JANUARY**
Sarah Reynolds

**CAREGIVING COORDINATOR
FOR JANUARY**
Gail England

**CAREGIVING CHAIR
FOR FEBRUARY**
Annette Hitt

**CAREGIVING COORDINATORS
FOR FEBRUARY**
Faye Barham
Helen Turner

CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK

January 18-24
Sarah Love

January 25-31
Amanda Milam

February 1-7
Brooks Elfert

LITURGIST FOR JANUARY
Joe Rankin

LITURGIST FOR FEBRUARY
Holly Wiggs

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY
Jennifer Stribling

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY
Jill Buckley
Kathryn Sams
Lesley Mosby
Lawana McLennan

**USHER CAPTAIN
FOR JANUARY**

Dawn Warrington
**USHER CAPTAIN
FOR FEBRUARY**
Matt Kelly

**AUDIO/VIDEO
FOR JANUARY**

Brock Ratcliff
**AUDIO/VIDEO
FOR FEBRUARY**
Ryder Taff

— YOUTH NEWS —

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

Youth Sunday Nights

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Stewminster Basketball

Seventh and eight grade boys from Northminster and Stewpot will meet to play basketball. Games will be played at Madison Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m., each Thursday from January 22 through February 12, with playoffs to come.

Youth Sunday & Dessert Auction

February 8

Superbowl Party

February 8, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, February 10

3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

Children's Worship Hour

January 25

Chapel Coordinators

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

Firecrackers/Sparklers

Sandra & Rob Triplett

February 1

Firecrackers

Laura & Patrick Taylor

Sparklers

Kim & Kyle Watson

February 8

Chapel Coordinators

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

Firecrackers & Sparklers

Lida & Gregg Caraway

Brumfield House

January 22

Skipper Jernigan

January 29

Kirk Sims

February 5

Bo Allen

February 12

Mike Peters

Atrium & Four5Six

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

Wednesday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

7:00 p.m. Stewminster Basketball, Madison Methodist Church

Friday, January 23

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service, Chapel

10:45 a.m. Beth Israel Torah Study, Chapel

Sunday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Committee Orientation & Lunch, GH

3:30 p.m. Girls' Scavenger Hunt

4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir

5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, January 26

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, January 27

5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, January 28

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Stewminster Basketball, Madison Methodist Church

Friday, January 30

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service, Chapel

10:45 a.m. Beth Israel Torah Study, Chapel

Sunday, February 1

9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

3:30 p.m. Guy's Scavenger Hunt

4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir

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✕ GIRLS' SCAVENGER HUNT

January 25

3:30-5:00

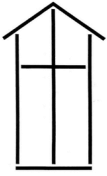
FIRST THROUGH SIXTH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SCAVENGER HUNT AND A SNACK ON THEIR RESPECTIVE DATES. WE'LL MEET IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA TO START THE HUNTS!

February 1

3:30-5:00

GUYS' SCAVENGER HUNT ✕

Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Meals on Wheels

Monday, January 26

Cooks

Cathy Davis
 Polly Watkins
 Jean Welsh

Drivers

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

Monday, February 2

Cooks

Becky Wooley
 Polly Bourne
 Jim Blackwood

Drivers

Rt. 1 Nancy Smith &
 Amy Finkelberg
 Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

Meals on Wheels is in need of a cook for Team 6 (Mondays). If you are interested or know someone that may be interested, please contact Peggy Brady at 601-201-6242 for details.

Northminster Women's Retreat 2016
 Saturday, February 28 - Sunday, March 1
 Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS

Unrushed:
 Finding Sacred Rest

On this year's retreat, we will explore the gift of sabbath as a sacred unhurried way of being. We'll gather for a learning session on Saturday morning, vespers service and games on Saturday night, and a learning session and worship service mid-day on Sunday. The remaining time will be open for you to explore the gifts of sabbath. We'll have optional sessions on walking the labyrinth, creating art, practicing gentle movement, and settling into quiet meditation, and you will be able to find whatever holy rhythm suits your needs. As always, we'll laugh together, rest together, and savor plenty of good snacks along the way!

Cost: \$200 per person; \$250 for a single room
 Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

Questions or to Register? Contact Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-917-0159.

Save the Date

PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING
 for
ALL WHO VOLUNTEER
 with children, youth or vulnerable adults!

March 22
5-7pm

SAVE THE DATE

July
 24-26

BIBLE CAMP 2026

Northminster Birthdays

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Trey Clark</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 Lawrence Deas Bill Gilreath Miller Glenn Steve Smith</i>	<i>4 Carrie Ann Stallings</i>	<i>5 Sandy Black</i>	<i>6 Rick Calhoon Ken McCarley</i>	<i>7 Cooper Creson Wil Freeman Dennis Griffin Lynnon Jernigan Ada Maneck Jerry Mills</i>
<i>8 Wake Fuller</i>	<i>9 Sid Dickison Tim Frame Marilyn Joiner Jim Phillips</i>	<i>10 Lee Boyd Ann Arrington Long</i>	<i>11 Dan Stancill</i>	<i>12 Scott Dickison</i>	<i>13 Donna Cox Kit Fields</i>	<i>14 Dea Dea Baker Gerry Lauman Tom Underwood</i>
<i>15 Johnny Evans Sterling Massey Sydney Simmons Gene Yates III</i>	<i>16 Joan Haynie John Tingle Ginger Wooley</i>	<i>17 Sam Boone Rachel Martin Butler Susie Friou Tripp Martin Scott Stearman</i>	<i>18 Janie Lee Ryder Taff</i>	<i>19 Andrew Clark Kandy Sims Caldwell Stevenson Megan Wylie</i>	<i>20 Carrie Blount Kristian Clark Casey Baine Hollingshead Kenna Norris Harper Reid Caroline Samuels Lisa Strum George Watson</i>	<i>21 Max Arinder Smith Boykin Krysten Jernigan James Levanway Ross McClintock Sarah Reynolds</i>
<i>22 Sheila Lindley</i>	<i>23 Major Treadway Gafford White</i>	<i>24 Wilson Moak</i>	<i>25 Joey Hayes Mary Elizabeth Smith</i>	<i>26 David Moak Mary Jane Ridgway Mary Ellen Stancill</i>	<i>27 Mike Maples Becca Vance</i>	<i>28 Ben Bowen Hallie McGinnis</i>
<i>29 Patty Clark</i>						