



NORTHMINSTER NEWS

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MS

January 7, 2026



Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service

Sunday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for this special evening service as we bear witness to the baptism of members of our congregation, and take time to remember our own time in the baptismal waters.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 18
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Consider the recommendation to form a search committee for an Associate Pastor for Community and Mission

You're invited to a

WINTER CONCERT,

a gift from Janet and John Clark
to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 18, 3:00 p.m.

Jorge Diez, *clarinet*
Shellie Kemp, *violin*
Bonnie Brown, *violin*
Ausra Jasinesiciute, *viola*
Mert Ozkan, *cello*
Cheryl Coker, *soprano*
Shirley Foster, *soprano*

Lunch and Learn with Katie Blount

Tuesday, January 20
12:00—1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Katie Blount is director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, a position she has held since 2015. Katie will share with us about her work helping the department oversee the Two Mississippi Museums and other historic sites across the state.

The cost will be \$10 per person. Please RSVP by January 15 by calling the church office or emailing Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

ADULT STUDIES

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 & Advocacy; 3) Network Support & Faith Formation; & 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 & 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.

Welcome
Jeb Snyder

— CAREGIVING CONCERNS —

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Christian sympathy is extended to Linda Shelton Lamar on the death of her husband, Wayne Terry Lamar.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Virginia Hamilton Libby McGee Sue Edwards
Carla Holt Gorman Schaffer

Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 18 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.

Gratitude for the Angel Tree

Because of your generosity, 96 children received Christmas gifts this year! In partnership with the Madison Central High School Beta Club, the Germantown High School National Honor Society, and other local community organizations and businesses, Northminster was able to spread love in a meaningful and joyful way this Christmas season. Thank you for being the good and faithful “angels” who keep this ministry going!

—Megan Mayhan

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Elementary Service Day & Preschool Play Date

JANUARY 19 • 9AM - 1PM

Service Day: CHILDREN IN 1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A SERVICE DAY IN HONOR OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY. WE WILL MEET IN THE GREAT HALL AT 9AM TO PUT TOGETHER BLESSING BAGS.

AT 10AM, WE WILL CARPOOL TO THE RESOURCE CENTER TO DELIVER THE BAGS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE RESOURCE CENTER FROM NORTHMINSTER MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEER THERE. WE WILL RETURN TO

NORTHMINSTER AROUND 11AM TO JOIN THE PRESCHOOLERS FOR A PLAY DATE.



Play Date: CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN AND UNDER ARE INVITED TO GATHER IN THE GREAT HALL AT 11AM FOR LUNCH AND A BOUNCE HOUSE. WE WILL WRAP UP AROUND 1PM.

THIS MONTH/WEEK IN ACTION



— DEACON OF THE WEEK —

January 4-10
Dabbs Massey

January 11-17
Bill Thompson

January 18-24
TBA

— CAREGIVING —

**CAREGIVING CHAIR
FOR JANUARY**
Sarah Reynolds

**CAREGIVING COORDINATOR
FOR JANUARY**
Gail England

CAREGIVER(S) OF THE WEEK
January 4-10
Gail England

January 11-17
Becky Wooley

January 18-24
Sarah Love

January 25-31
Amanda Milam

LITURGIST FOR JANUARY
Joe Rankin

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY
Geri Smith
Jennifer Stribling
Jane Claire Williams
Kathryn Davis

**USHER CAPTAIN
FOR JANUARY**
Dawn Warrington

**AUDIO/VIDEO
FOR JANUARY**
Brock Ratcliff

Parents' Night Out

Friday, January 9, 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, January 7. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

— 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.
will resume January 11, 2026

Stewpot

Saturday, February 7

**Youth Sunday &
Dessert Auction**

February 8

Superbowl Party

February 8, 5:00 p.m.

**Children's
Birthday
Gathering**

Tuesday, January 13
3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

Atrium & Four5Six

will resume
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
on January 11

November 2025 Finance/Stewardship Committee Report

November 2025 YTD to November 2024 YTD
Comparative Financial Summary

	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Total Income	*1,672,162	**1,859,398	187,236
Total Expenses	1,682,212	1,815,437	133,225
Excess			
Revenues/Expenses	-10,050	43,961	54,011

*Includes \$261,323 of prepaid giving

**Includes \$341,476 of prepaid giving

Children's Worship Hour

January 11

Chapel Coordinators
Camille & Drew Snyder

Firecrackers

Caroline & Kirk Sims

Sparklers

Audrey Dickison & Matt Thames

January 18

Firecrackers

Dana & Scott Wilson

Sparklers

Leah & Tal Hendrix

January 25

Chapel Coordinators

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

Firecrackers/Sparklers

Sandra & Rob Triplett

Brumfield House

January 8

Jeff Wilson

January 15

Deacons

January 22

Skipper Jernigan

January 29

Kirk Sims

February 5

Bo Allen

February 12

Mike Peters

February 19

Deacons

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

Wednesday, January 7

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 9

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship/Baptism/Deacon Ordination

11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC

2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH

4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir

5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Baptism of the Lord Vespers

Monday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 18

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

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

3:00 p.m. Concert, Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

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

Monday, January 19

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

9:00 a.m. MLK Service Day

11:00 a.m. MLK Playdate, GH

Wednesday, January 21

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

11:30 a.m. Committee Orientation, GH

3:30 p.m. Girls' Scavenger Hunt

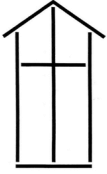
5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

Monday, January 26

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, January 21

Cooks

Leah Hendrix
 Shari Culver
 Carolyn McIntyre

Drivers

Rt. 1 James Bethea & John Dawson
 Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin

Monday, January 26

Cooks

Cathy Davis
 Polly Watkins
 Jean Welsh

Drivers

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

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.

MAHJONG
 MINISTRY
 2:30 TO 4:30 IN THE GREAT HALL

NEXT HAND: January 11

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



SIGN UP HERE FOR ALL SPRING MAHJONG OFFERINGS!

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 LEARN.