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BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

February
2020
Ordinary
Time

Lived Wisdom

Among our richest sources of gladness at Northside Baptist Church are the many friends in this fellowship who have lived long, full lives. In an attempt to tap into their wisdom I have asked members of eighty years or more three questions: (1) Who is someone that greatly influenced your life? 2) What is a book that shaped your life? 3) What is a blessing or word of encouragement you would give to our church today? Here are their responses:

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
9:15 am
Worship
10:30 am
Evening Activities
See Calendar

Joe Cooper Dr. Theodore Clark, systematic theology professor in seminary.
The Varieties of Religious Experience by William James
“I am indebted to the entire congregation for their care and friendship, but nothing has meant more to me than the fellowship of the Coffee Cup Sunday School class.”

Church Staff

Norma Baker
Church Hostess

Merle Thomas Sue Thayer, one of our saints who invited Merle to Northside
The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan (of which Merle was one of those girls!)
“Northside stood by me when my daughter Geri was sick. I do not know how I would have made it this far without Northside. I pray for Northside all the time.”

Beverly Hughey
Church Treasurer

Trina Ferguson My mother, Trinidad Cestero.
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (It opened my eyes!)
“Hello, Northside Baptist Church. I love you. Thank you for being the Jesus-inspired, open-door community church that welcomes, accepts, and validates all people. May God bless our ministry.”

Martha Hutson
Church Recorder

Heather Ivery
Church Administrator

Tequila Johnson
Nursery Worker

Ruby McCleod My UA BSU director’s wife Flora Barnes led me to Christian faith and discipleship.
The book, *The Ethel Cotton Course in Conversation* (1951), read 60 years ago, now my children and grandchildren are reading it.
“Forgive, because unforgiveness is too hard a burden to carry and it limits our life and living. Unforgiveness is to the soul what osteoporosis is to the body.”

Susan Meadors
Associate Pastor

Wilma Hemphill My mother, Mary Harvey, influenced me most.
The “Guidepost Magazine” stories have inspired me all my life.
“May God continue to lead us, protect us and shower us with knowledge and blessings. May all our members continue to love Him and serve Him and praise Him.”

Toney Keeler
Director of Music

Dottie Serio
Pianist

LaDeane Moore My father Reuben Boyd Robertson, Sr.
A book of biographies of Saints, especially the life of Martin Luther.
“Continue reaching out. My first love is music, especially classical music and church music, and I love the church choir at Northside.

Courtney Stamey
Senior Pastor

Janet Taylor
Organist

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News of Interest

- Jean Hunt My mother, Margaret Mayes, who had a loving heart all her 93 years.
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand, made me re-examine forgiveness in Jesus' teachings.
 "This last year has brought many changes to our households. My children and I decided before the holidays to major on the word "joy" each day and we are continuing to do so. If you come to my kitchen door you will find a 'joy' ornament hanging there, a gift from a dear Northside friend. Could be that all can find meaning anew in this word."
- Caby Byrne Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor and friend from early days at MC, and through the years, too.
The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 "May the church keep growing spiritually, sinking its roots deep in the way of Christ so it can face whatever comes."
- Bradley and Jo Ann Pope both recommend *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg
 Dr. Wayne Oates, professor of Pastoral Care at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Bradley)
 Henry Joseph Stanley, father of Jo Ann Pope (Jo Ann)
 "Continue being the loving and caring fellowship by following the life and teachings of Jesus."
- Nancy Hancock My sister, Maggie Hardle, continues to be a great influence.
 A devotional book, *Hope for Each Day* by Billy Graham
 "Live each day for the Lord and serve others."
- Thelma Basley Rose Bowie, neighbor friend in Chicago who welcomed all to her home. She listened to me and helped me work out my faith when I was a young girl, and really all throughout my life.
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
 "May the church read, study, learn, and memorize the Scriptures, applying it to all our living. As we do so God's word will come to us and guide us and strengthen us and give us understanding."
- Hal Lee While missionaries in France, Dr. J. D. Hughy was our Area Director from 1966 – 1986, and was a respected leader who helped us live out our calling with encouragement and wise counsel. I cherish his memory.
 Several years ago I read "*The Challenge of Jesus; Rediscover Who Jesus Was and Is*", written by N.T. Wright. It helped me tie some ends together and know Jesus a little better.
 "May the Lord bless our church with a growing sense that our fellowship is both with Christ and one another. 1 Cor. 1:8-9."
- Lou Ann Lee *The Road Less Traveled* by Scott Peck which I read as a missionary. I did not know of him or that he was not a Christian at that time, but he helped me understand a little better what Jesus was saying when he said "love thy neighbor as thyself." His definition of love was: *The will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth*". In that all of us have a lazy streak, to love our selves and then others, we must call on the grace of God.
 "It is my prayer that the people of Northside will choose to love, and to love others as they love themselves."
- Kitty Brogan My father, Donald Dunn, set the example how to live and how to trust and love God.
 One of my favorite books is *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado.
 "Hebrews 12:1 says, 'Let us run the race that is put before us and never give up.' So let us move forward in faith and trust."
- Norma Baker Eileen Buck, a Sunday School teacher who was angelic-looking, soft-spoken, kind and loving. She showed love to everyone and always made me want to strive to better myself.
 The book is one I imagine to be, *Rules for Life*, and the authors were my Mother and Father.
 To Northside: "Stay true to your beliefs. Always be the light in the darkness and always continue to be the Body of Christ to all those around you. May the next fifty years be memorable."

News of Interest

Welcome Toney and Janet!

Our music ministry will enjoy leadership from two new faces. Toney Keeler begins as the Director of Music, and Janet Taylor transitions from Interim Organist to Permanent Organist.

More about Toney:

Toney Keeler, a native of Lumberton, Mississippi holds degrees in Music Education from William Carey University. He is Director of Choral Activities at Northwest Rankin High School where he conducts the Resonance Concert Choir, Revolution A Capella Ensemble, Renaissance Concert Choir, and Madrigal Ensemble, and the Rhapsody and Reflection Show Choirs. Toney is an avid cook, enjoys playing the piano, and Starbucks.

What's your favorite hymn? *All Creatures of Our God and King*

What composer are you enjoying right now? *Tom Trenney*

Who has influenced your spirituality the most? *My mother's faith example and encouragement has developed and strengthened my faith.*

What is a story from scripture that resonates with you? *David anointed as King of Israel*

More About Janet:

Janet has been active in church music since she began playing piano and organ at her hometown church, Pope Baptist, at the age of 12. She has been a member of First Baptist Clinton since 1972, where she has been active in their music program and served as pianist for the senior adult choir, "Joymakers." She also served as organist at Providence Presbyterian Church (formerly Westminster) from 1980-2016.

Janet was a part-time instructor in music at Mississippi College from 1969-2016, teaching applied piano, group piano, music theory and aural skills, music history, and occasionally music appreciation.

She also enjoys cooking, reading, attending granddaughter events such as soccer, cross country meets, and show choir, and playing with Rafa, her Havanese puppy.

What's your favorite hymn? *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

What composer are you enjoying right now? *Beethoven*

Who has influenced your spirituality the most? *My late husband, Ralph Taylor*

What is a story from scripture that resonates with you? *The Good Samaritan*



Recent Prayer Requests

Taylor Choina, (14) grandson of the Livingstons, facing surgery to remove a pelvic bone cyst

Eldridge Coleman, grandfather of Audrey Harrison, hospitalized in Oxford, internal bleeding

Donna Corbett, mother of Kim Corbett, cancer

Mary Davis, friend of Susan Meadors, cancer

Doug Harper, friend of Jimmie Street, diagnosis of pancreatic cancer

Parker Ingram, 2 year old son of Eastside teacher Morgan Ingram (friend of Strums) Ewings sarcoma in his spine.

Rikki Morrow, granddaughter of Jimmie Street, pregnant and having seizures; school teacher in Puckett

Ben Myers, friend of Wilma Hemphill, in ICU at Veterans Hospital, Jackson

Blake Parham, brother of Jason Parham, chemo therapy for cancer

Jerry Parrott, friend of the Yates, blood disorder

Suzie Ratliff, niece of Caby Byrne, cancer

Cathy Vernon, friend of Wilma Hemphill, broken hip and wrist from fall

Tony White, husband of John's colleague LaJune, congestive heart failure

Members at Home

Ruth Houston – 227 Brookdale Asst. Living, 39056

Sue Nations – 319A, Avondale Dr., 39056

Merle Thomas – 100 Parker Dr., #2B, 39056

LaDeane Moore – 200 Serenity Lane, Apt. 310, Madison, 39110

Bonnie Berry (Crockett) –140 Castlewoods Blvd, Memory Care Unit Room 120, Brandon, 39047

Sympathy

We express loving sympathy to **Annie Bess and T.K. Saul** in the loss of Annie Bess's brother,

Forest Persons, who passed away January 15th.



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3rd Tuesday Book Club

The Book Club will meet **Tuesday, February 18 at noon** in the church fellowship hall to discuss the book, *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Please bring your lunch, a book, and a friend. Dessert and coffee/tea are provided.

Senior Adult Fellowship

Tuesday, February 11 2020, at 11 am, the seniors will be celebrating Valentine's Day, enjoying the talents of Marijane Whitfield and friends, the musical combo **Slightly Tarnished**. Rumor has it there will be dancing!!! The meal is provided by Norma at a cost of \$5 per person: Chicken Cordon-Bleu Casserole, Smothered Green Beans, Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad, Rolls and Dessert. RSVP to the office so Norma can plan accordingly.

Women in Ministry Month February 2020

February 2– LaJune White, recent graduate of MC speaks during Sunday School and preaches in worship.

February 9– Courtney Stamey preaches and **BSA Troop/Pack 1475 Scout Sunday**

February 16– Susan Meadors preaches

February 23– Rev. Dr. Angela Parker, Professor of NT and Greek at McAfee School of Theology speaks during Sunday School and preaches in worship.