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BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

May
2021

Season of
Eastertide

Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:30am
Online and In
Person

Church Staff

Norma Baker
Church Hostess

James Stringer
Interim
Church Treasurer

Martha Hutson
Church Recorder

Heather Ivery
Church Administrator

Tequila Johnson
Nursery Worker

Susan Meadors
Associate Pastor

Toney Keeler
Director of Music

Dottie Serio
Pianist

Courtney Stamey
Senior Pastor

Janet Taylor
Organist



Jenny Nolan, daughter of Greg and Karen Nolan, grand-daughter of Trina Ferguson, and niece of Trina Cobb will be graduating from the University of Mississippi in May with a B.B.A. in Banking and Finance and minors in Management Information Systems and Entrepreneurship.



Emily Mosley graduated with a Masters of Science in Advertising and is now working (remotely, from Boston for the time being) as a media buyer for the media agency OMD in NYC. She's excited to get to the city soon.



Isabela Oropeza, daughter of Michael Ann Oropeza, granddaughter of Jimmie Street will graduate from Clinton High School on May 28. She plans to attend Hinds Community College next year and enroll in their nursing program.

Hunter Cannette will graduate with a Bachelors in Music Education and "go out into the field of music education to spread the joy and love of one of God's greatest gifts to humankind, music. This community has made a lasting impression on my life and will always be a place I feel welcome and call home. I will be moving back home for now while I secure a job. I would like to thank you all for making me always feel loved and appreciated during this time of my life. I will miss you all and will visit when I'm able."



News of Interest

Dessert Auction Success

April 18 is not a day I will forget for certain because I believe it was our most successful Youth Dessert Auction EVER. Thanks to our church community we raised an amazing \$5625 for our youth and chaperones to go to PASSPORT camp in Greensboro, North Carolina!

If you missed the action, here is a brief-ish recap. (If you know me, storytelling is a favorite pastime for sure.)

Thanks to our amazing church family we had over 30 different desserts to auction and sell bake sale style! We had cakes made by Jimmy Sclater and Jean Hunt and Jo Beth Prather and Samir and Emily Fokaladeh. We had cookies and brownies and mini cakes stocking our bake sale table from myself, Ian and Nick Davis, and a neighbor of Courtney and Michael's. There were special treats on the table from Rosemary Williamson and Martha Hutson. We had pralines made by the Davis clan--even though I'm told that Nick and Ian did the most work!



As everyone settled in, our gracious host--Aaron Bond--started off the bidding and we didn't let up for nearly an hour and a half of fun! The highest seller of the auction was Jimmie Sclater's chocolate cake bought by Judy Gearheart. Behind it, Susan and John Meadors's famous pie and cheesecake! The Davis's pralines and Mary Coker's pies were also a hit! Pound cakes and iced cakes flew through the bidding.

What I felt most was the love our church has for our youth. Our Youth worked hard! They handed out winning bids. They tallied prices. They manned tables. They modeled items. They baked something or recruited bakers. Their hard work paid off and your support shined through!

Thank you Northside for continuing to support our Youth and show them they are loved! Thank you Health Team for allowing us to have this event. If I listed every dessert we had for the Auction, it would fill up five pages. Thank you! Thank you! THANK YOU!!

Now what's next? We have 8 youth and 2 chaperones signed up for camp. Travel and tuition for each person is \$725. Please contact me (emeltonpharmd@gmail.com or 662.822.3884) or Courtney if you would like to help sponsor a youth or chaperone going to camp.

- Emily Bond



On Thursday, April 15, CBF MS hosted a state-wide food summit bringing together nearly 100 people across the state to learn from four nationally recognized food experts. Brian Burton, President and CEO of Three Square (the fastest growing food bank in America); Alexis Weaver, Outreach Specialist from Atlanta Community Food Bank (the largest food bank in America); Jeremy Everett, Founder and Executive Director of

the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty; and Jackie Davis Slay, a 30-year veteran of the USDA. These speakers helped our coalition learn about trauma informed care regarding food distribution, best practices of food delivery during the pandemic, all the resources for food production and food delivery from the USDA, and how to build food coalitions that make a massive impact. The speakers were excellent, and we had terrific participation from those who attended.

The participants virtually came from all over the state and represented organizations like the American Heart Association, Mississippi Center for Justice, Feeding the Gulf Coast, Choctaw Health Center, MS Dept. of Health, MS Dept. of Human Services, just to name some. A huge thanks goes out to Michael Stamey, who contracted with us to be our technical supervisor. Debbie Pierce, our Assistant Coordinator at CBF MS, and Alexis Jones, our MC Social Work intern, did all the planning and coordinating to make this event the success that it was. It's a true joy to work with great people. I am blessed beyond measure with that reality everyday.

- Jason Coker

News of Interest

Why do we wear masks indoors?

Some of you have asked why we need to wear masks indoors if we are vaccinated. The health team has given us some guidance on this:

1. The vaccines are not 100% effective at preventing infection.
 2. Even after vaccination, you can be infected and potentially transmit infection to others.
 3. Not everyone has been vaccinated (only 21% of Mississippians are fully covered at present), and some have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated (babies, children, youth).
 4. There is limited data on how long vaccines will be protective.
 5. We still have significant circulating levels of viral activity.
 6. Variants (mutated coronavirus strains) are becoming more widespread. Some of these are more transmissible and some are more deadly. While we think our vaccines in the U.S. will be protective against some of these, we do not have good data on how they perform against all circulating variants.
 7. It is what public health officials (CDC and MSDH) tell us we need to do when meeting in public, in mixed groups, in large groups, indoors.
 8. It is not just about your protection, it is about everyone else's health as well. We are a church family, and family cares for one another.
 9. We are loving our neighbors by doing what is stated. We will continue to wear our masks until we are told it is okay to stop.
- Thank you for all of your trust and patience over the last year. We are still early in our return to in-person gatherings, with lots to learn and places to grow. Please stay tuned for more news and guidance from the Health Team.

Business Meeting, May 16, 2021

The Business Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Agenda

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| 1. Opening Prayer | 6. Assoc. Pastor Report |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | 7. New Members |
| 3. Properties Committee | 8. Other Business |
| 4. Health Team Report | 9. Closing Prayer |
| 5. Pastor's Report | |

Recent Prayer Requests

- Abby Bosarge**, 18, Yvette Dale's brother's granddaughter, hospice care
- Hale Byrd**, friend of Jimmy Sclater, prostate cancer
- Beverly Cavin**, Ken Boone's cousin, brain cancer
- Cassidy Clevenger**, 27, granddaughter of Sheila Wagner, rehab from stroke
- Donna Corbett**, mother of Kim Corbett, cancer
- Delia Garcia**, grandmother of Anna Garcia
- Ali Jenkins**, cancer in spine
- Carson Kennedy**, friend of Joseph Meadors, deployed to Kuwait
- Jeannie Lane**, friend of David Miller, strokes
- Stephen McCord**, father of Audrey Harrison's friend Stephonie Francia, cancer
- Eddie Mellado**, husband of Judy Gearhart's sister Jan, cancer treatment is working well.
- Olser Moore**, Dustan Jones's grandfather, heart issues
- Blake Parham**, brother of Jason Parham, ongoing chemotherapy for cancer
- Sherri Wheat**, neighbor of Stringers, health issues
- Bland Williamson**, father of Michael Williamson, fainting spells

Members Confined at Home

- Merle Thomas — 100 Parker Drive, #2B, 39056
- La Deane Moore — 200 Serenity Lane, Apt. 310, Madison, 39110
- Thelma Basley — 650 A Highland Colony Pkwy Apt. 302, Ridgeland, MS 39157
- Deborah Skelton — Lakeland Nursing and Rehab Center, 3680 Lakeland Lane, Jackson, MS 39216

Sympathy

We offer loving sympathy to Megan and Jason Ross and their children Sam and Susannah in the death of Megan's father, Henry Black. We remember also Megan's mother, Brenda Black and her brothers, Randy and Stan (Emily) and children Dylan and River.

We offer our loving support to Bill and Lida Stark, as well as Rene and Joey Roberts and Will, and Edith and Chris Kennedy and Jay, in the death of Bill's sister Barbara's husband Jerry Clark, Saturday, April 24.



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Northside's newsletter will be distributed digitally beginning with the June 2021 issue. This is not only fiscally responsible, but will also make it easier to share what's going on at Northside with others.

If you prefer to still receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the church office by May 15 at 601-924-4555 or at info@northsidebaptistms.org.