



northside

BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

<p>January 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remembering Our Baptisms Catechesis for the Living of Our Faith January-April 2022</p>
<p>Sunday Schedule 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>We are beginning something new with this new year, a catechesis for the living of our faith by revisiting the basics of what we believe as Christians. Catechesis is defined as religious instruction given to a person in preparation for Christian baptism or confirmation, using a specific plan of basic teachings. In a sense we are taking the months before Easter, which will include both Epiphany and Lent, as if we are preparing for baptism at Easter.</p> <p>Together in small groups of ten or less, participants will consider what it means to become a member of a Christian church and to join with fellow Christians around the world in a humble ministry of service and witness. You will share stories of where your commitment has taken you and how this simple decision has affected your life.</p>
<p>Church Staff</p>	
<p>Norma Baker Church Hostess</p>	<p>In other words, you will be talking about stepping out in faith. Faith is believing even when you can't see. Faith means stepping out to follow Jesus because you trust him, even though you aren't at all sure where he might lead you. By faith we Christians press forward together toward a common hope.</p>
<p>James Stringer Interim Church Treasurer</p>	<p>The book of Hebrews speaks of our ancestors in the faith as pilgrims who <i>"died in the faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them."</i> (Hebrews 11:13-16)</p>
<p>Martha Hutson Church Recorder</p>	
<p>Janet Taylor Organist</p>	
<p>Tequila Johnson Nursery Worker</p>	<p>You will be having conversations in the following weeks about the faith which our ancestors held until death. You will talk about what you believe, and where faith might take you. Along the way, you will probably discover why it is that living in such faith makes us seem and probably feel like "strangers and foreigners" even in our hometowns.</p>
<p>Susan Meadors Associate Pastor</p>	
<p>Toney Keeler Director of Music</p>	<p>The importance of this emphasis cannot be understated. As a local congregation, and part of the global Church we must revisit the foundations of our faith from time to time. There is no better time for us than now. As we emerge from a worldwide pandemic, it is natural for us to ask some big questions like: How does being a Christian change my day to day life? What does the global Church offer to the world?</p>
<p>Dottie Serio Pianist</p>	
<p>Courtney Stamey Senior Pastor</p>	<p>There is something that each of us can learn from this series, if we will commit to it. Six, one-hour sessions over twelve weeks is what we are asking each person to do. You do not need to be a Northside member to participate. We have several great small group facilitators lined up to help navigate these next few months with you. In the coming days you will have the opportunity to sign up for which time works best for your schedule. If you are asking the question, "Is this for me?" the answer is "Yes, this is for all of us." Please do not hesitate to reach out to Courtney or Susan for any more details.</p>

2022 Committees

(Members serve for three years; numbers reflect how many years left to serve.)

Children's Committee

Heather Ivery 1
Britney Freeny 2
Cynthia Goodman, Chair 2
Sarah Denley Herrington 2
Meredith Thomason 3
Martha Stringer 3

Worship and Music

Lida Stark, Chair 1
Landa Strum 1
Ruth Randman 2
Darren Dale 2
Judy Gearhart 3
Nancy Leigh Strum 3

Denominational Relations

Jimmie Street 1
Michael Williamson, Chair 1
Sam Drummond 2
Mary Ann McIlwain 2
Jimmy Sclater 3
Roxie Parks 3

Outreach

Jimmie Street 1
Jenta Boone, Co-Chair 1
Ricky Nations, Co-Chair 2
Steven Patterson 2
Karen Nolan 3
Ruth Frost 3

Family Life/Recreation

Emily Bond 1
Bradley Freeny, Chair 1
George Dale 1
Tim Nicholas 2
Nena Christmas 2
Tanya Mayfield 3
Samir Fokeladeh 3
Mary Lea Nations 3

Personnel

M. D. Whitfield 1
Jason Parham 1
Margaret Drummond 2
Pam Coker 2
Sarah Howe 3
Kim Corbett 3

Finance

Graham Carner 1
Audrey Harrison 1
Greg Nolan 1
Trina Cobb 2
Kay Brodbeck 2
Gail Shelton 3
James Stringer 3

Properties

John Goodman 1
Ken Boone 1
Bart Mayfield 2
Lance Ringler 2
Alan Thomason 3
Bradley Lewis 3

Team Chairs

(Members serve as long as they wish and join anytime)

Christian Formation

Buddy Wagner

Kitchen

Norma Baker

Missions

Buddy Wagner

Senior Adults

Emily Fokeladeh

Sound & Light

Ed Livingston

Wedding

Martha Stringer

Youth

Emily Bond

2022 AR/LA/MS Five Day**Academy for Spiritual Formation**

Sunday, May — Friday, May 6

The Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA

Seeing Anew . . . Living Forward

The Academy of Spiritual Formation is an offering of the Upper Room Ministries which focuses on providing a retreat with study, prayer, rest and community, and where morning and evening prayer and communion frame each day. It is intended for both clergy and laypersons who hunger for rich spiritual experiences.

The faculty for this academy include Dr. Amy Oden, Professor of Early Church History and Spirituality at Saint Paul School of Theology. Her latest book and focus is *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness*. The other faculty member is Jerry Webber who is an amazing teacher, spiritual guide, and writer who will present, "The Parables as Spiritual Guides."

Susan Meadors is a member of the team organizing this year's retreat. Former attendees from our church include: Jenta Boone, Kitty Brogan, Daphne Myers, Ruth Randman, Landa Strum, Beverly Hughey, and Kathy Pace. If you wonder if this might be something for you, consult Susan or one of them about what to expect from an academy retreat.

For more information:

www.academy.upperroom.org/event/five-day-Mississippi.

Brochures are available in the office.

Dottie's 35th Year

This January we celebrate Dottie Serio's thirty-fifth year as our church pianist. In addition to tickling the ivories, Dottie has served as a faithful member of our church including as Youth Minister alongside Joey and recently as a deacon. In her time, she has inspired countless others to use their gifts for God, especially youth and children who are learning the piano. We will honor Dottie in a worship service on a to-be-determined date. Keep an eye out for ways we will celebrate her.



Joey & Dottie Serio



News of Interest

INVITATION

This Event is Postponed to a Later Date

You're invited to a brief recital of new works for organ and clarinet at Northside Baptist Church, 1475 E. Northside Drive, Clinton MS on Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Janet Taylor, organist at Northside BC, and Jimmy Sclater will play *Eight Chorale Preludes for the Christmas Season, Book II*. The program will be about 45' in length. This group of pieces is the second in a projected set of three books that, when completed, will number about 24 chorales preludes.

COVID-19 Epiphany Service of Remembrance

This Event is Postponed to a Later Date

Epiphany is the season of growing light. This year, we want to shed a little light in our community through remembering those who have lost their lives to COVID-19, and to move into the new year with hope and resilience. Our church is joining with several other Clinton churches to worship and pray including: First UMC, Episcopal Church of the Creator, and Lynch Chapel Methodist Church. We will have a worship service at a TBD time at First United Methodist Church. Also, there will be opportunity to pray in a labyrinth made of luminaries at the Episcopal Church of the Creator. Please make it a priority to join in for this special opportunity. "Arise, shine, for your light has come" Isaiah 60:1



EPIPHANY

Thank you from Heather Ivery

I am grateful for the years I have been able to serve as your church office administrator. This position has allowed me the opportunity to get to know many of you much better than our simple "hellos" on Sunday mornings. From the Wednesday morning pray group to the volunteers who helped prepare newsletters, holy week and advent booklets to those who answer the phone in the afternoons, I appreciate you all. The flexibility offered me during last year when school was closed was invaluable. Brooklin was able to come to work with me each day and the fellowship hall became her classroom as she attended school virtually. I have been fortunate to not only call Northside my church home, but also my employer for the last 3 1/2 years. It has been a very special place to work with a really wonderful staff.

Recent Prayer Requests

Amelia Bian, fractured foot, boot for 8 weeks
Alice Boone, friend of Ruth Frost, multiple myeloma
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
Joe Cooper, rehabilitation at home after hip replacement
Dante' Finocchiaro, father of Courtney Stamey, personal issues
Nancy Hancock, chemotherapy for cancer and shingles
Ali Jenkins, cancer in spine
Jeannie Lane, friend of David Miller, recovering from strokes
Ken Lewis, brother-in-law of Janet Taylor, treatment for bladder cancer and prostate cancer
Edward Livingston, home with broken leg
Blake Parham, brother of Jason Parham, ongoing chemotherapy for cancer
Kenneth Shank, brother of Ruth Randman, health issues
Bill Shields, brother-in-law of Susan Meadors, rehabilitation at home and out-patient

Teachers: Amelia Bian, Simon Bian, Hunter Cannette, Nena Christmas, Britney Freeny, Tequila Johnson, Beth Russo, Nancy Leigh Strum, Bradley Freeny, Darren Dale, Toney Keeler, Karen Cathey-Austin, Stephanie Carmichael, Sue Carrie Drummond, Mark McComb, John Meadors, David Miller, Mary Nicholas, Steven Patterson, Dottie Serio, Michael Stamey, Amy Williamson

Health Workers: Ruth Drummond, Dereck Davis, Linda McComb, Jason Parham, Emily Bond, Peyton Herrington, Tanya Mayfield, Jo Ann Young, Pam Coker, Aaron Bond, Michael Williamson, Demetrius Miles, Cassie Sherman, Pam Bodo

Members at Home or Care Center

Merle Thomas — 100 Parker Drive, #2B, 39056
 La Deane Moore — 1251 Pinehaven Drive, Room 205, Clinton MS 39056
 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

Christian Sympathy

We extend loving sympathy to Kay Brodbeck in the death of her brother-in-law Mel Edgerly who died 12/16 of pancreatic cancer and other complications. We pray comfort to Kay's family at this time.

We extend loving sympathy to Nancy Hancock in the loss of her nephew Randy Ponder on December 25th.



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Caring, Growing**

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northsidebaptistms.org

Looking Ahead

January– Dottie Serio's 35th Anniversary

January 2nd & 9th– Virtual Worship

January 9th– Catechesis Emphasis Begins
Sign Up for a Small Group

January 17th– Office Closed

**January 30th– Deacon Ordination for
Toney Keeler**



**Happy New Year from
Northside Staff and Families!**