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BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

October 2018
Season of Pentecost

The Richard Brogan Lecture Series at Northside Baptist Church
October 6-7, 2018
“Protestant Spirituality”
Dr. Wm. Loyd Allen
McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia

CBF MS Fall Assembly
“We Are One in the Spirit”
Oct. 12-13, 2018
Northminster Baptist Church
Jackson, MS

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

We eagerly welcome Loyd and Libby Allen back for a special weekend honoring a saint of this church, Dr. Richard Brogan, at our annual fall Brogan Lecture Series. Dr. Wm. Loyd Allen, professor of church history and spiritual formation at Mercer University’s James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia will present three lectures on Protestant Spirituality, and preach during Sunday worship, “Martin Luther: A Personal Testimony.” Dr. Allen has taught in higher education for over thirty years, is a published author, and has particular interest in Christian Spirituality, which he teaches at McAfee, as well as classes on the Reformation. As faculty for the Upper Room Academy of Spiritual Formation he regularly delivers the two-year curriculum on Protestant Spirituality.

We are excited to announce that Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby will be our guest speaker for Fall Assembly 2018. Dr. Cosby is the president of Simmons College and pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. He is a highly sought after speaker and addresses issues of racial justice and healing. He has spearheaded the Angela Project that includes CBF; National Baptist Churches of America, Inc.; and Progressive National Baptist Churches around the 400th Anniversary of the first African brought to the Americas as a slave. His work has transformed the neighborhood of West Louisville.

Additionally, we will have a concert by Jackson’s own, Claire Holley, now a LA singer/song writer. A Nora Jones-esque folk/alt-country, Holley plays guitar or piano to create a nostalgic and fun sound that moves you. We are so excited to welcome her back home at our Fall Assembly. “The charm of Holley’s hummable melodies, imagistic lyrics and vocal prowess suggest she’ll keep bringing crowds in from the cold...” –*Washington Post*

Finally, we will also have a wonderful opportunity to watch a preview of the documentary film Civil Hope that chronicles Civil Rides, the 3-day, 200-mile cycling trek that we sponsored last year that raised money and awareness for rural poverty. Theo Avgerinos, the film director, and the executive team for Civil Rides will all be available for a Q&A during our workshop time. Other workshops will include Kyle Tubbs, CBF’s New Church Starts Manager, and Susan Meadors, Associate Pastor at Northside Baptist Church, for the Upper Room’s Academy for Spiritual Formation.

Register online at www.cbfms.org or by calling the church office.

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Dr. Allen is a native of Cuba, Alabama, but also has Mississippi and Northside ties. He served as Chair of the Department of Christian Studies and Philosophy at Mississippi College from 1992-1995. Loyd and his wife Libby and daughter Clare were beloved members of Northside Baptist Church during that time.

Saturday, October 6
Session 1, 5pm “How Roman Catholic and Protestant Spiritualities Differ”
Dinner, 6pm, Cost \$5 Red Beans and Rice
Session 2, 6:45 pm “Luther and Reformed Spiritualities”

Sunday, October 7
Session 3, 9:30 am, “Anglican and Anabaptist Spiritualities”
Worship, 10:30 am, Sermon, “Martin Luther: A Personal Testimony”

News of Interest

The Baptism of Kate Wilson



This evening, September 23, The Circle of Mercy congregation will gather to witness, bless and celebrate the baptism of Kate Wilson and six other young disciples in Lake Eden, at the influx of a creek we call the Mountain Stream. The stream has a source, hidden high upon and deep within this mountain, which is part of the Great Craggies. Bubbling out of a small spring, it joins other channels of water, and flows through a forest of Tulip Poplars, Red Oaks, Buckeyes, and eastern Hemlocks. The upper creek, in that thick forest, is alive with salamanders and stoneflies. It runs over some falls, past a few well-loved campsites, behind our friend Hap's house, beside two graves, beneath a backyard tree fort, and under a wooden footbridge before cascading through a rhododendron thicket and finally leveling out through a shady grove into the lake.

That is the place where Kate will step into the water. Our pastors, Nancy Sehested and Missy Harris, will invoke the triune name, and immerse them one by one, as they each affirm their own faith. The whole church will become younger, a new creation, and Kate's story will converge with the stories of all the saints and the story of God.

This past Eastertide the young people at Circle of Mercy began a conversation about faith, belief, discipleship, and baptism. That conversation continued through youth camp and then a pivotal journey to Matanzas, Cuba, to hear and see the witness of the church in that historic, tortured, and beautiful place. Their shared journey continued this past Sunday when they each gave a statement of their individual faith to the church. One of the young people wore a t-shirt that said, simply, "Yes." That shirt spoke for all of us.

"There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God" (Psalm 46). There is a river with a hidden source deep in God's eternal living. There is a river whose wellspring is the coming of Jesus to be immersed in our joys and sorrows, to teach, demonstrate, and inaugurate God's peaceable reign on earth as in heaven. There is a river with living water, the Holy Spirit, that nourishes the land, washing and refreshing all life, and finally cannot be contained. (See David Cunningham, *These Three Are One*.)

Last Sunday, as Kate affirmed her own faith, with her own singular spunk and wit, I felt the connection and convergence of powerful streams in her life, and I gave thanks for Northside. You raised the child who has now affirmed this faith that you first professed for her. You shaped her vision of a good life in a real community. You gave her words to sing and music to pray. You stood by the words you spoke when you dedicated her. You live and share a life credible enough that a bright, growing young woman could be given the gift of faith, trust, and affirmation. Thanks be to God, the Source, the Wellspring, the Living Water.

-Stan Wilson

HIS HEART MINISTRIES: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE



HIS Heart is an inner-city ministry to the children, youth, and families of West Jackson. A community ministry of Calvary Baptist Church, HIS Heart began in 1998 with prayer-walks through the streets of West Jackson. As it became apparent that the greatest need in the community was to minister to the children and youth, backyard Bible clubs were started to take the Word of God "down the streets and into the homes of those in the inner city." Today HIS Heart is a non-profit organization, and Bible study for children continues through Bible Clubs which meet each Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Calvary. Susan Meadors recently visited on a Sunday afternoon and observed the good work they are doing. After Susan's visit, Paula Stodghill, Executive Director of HIS Heart, spoke to the Missions Committee about an opportunity for us to serve there. Here is how Northside can help: Churches are asked to provide 10 volunteers to be present at the Bible study sessions with the HIS Heart leaders who plan and carry out the activities. Our commitment would be for only one Sunday a month. There is no training or advanced preparation required, just our presence. We are also asked to provide a meal (something easy to serve) for the 30-40 children who come for Bible study. Our first Sunday will be October 21, and if all goes well, our second Sunday would be November 18. If you wish to volunteer for either of these Sundays, please contact the Church Office. Let's join with Calvary in their mission "to establish relationships with the families and children of the community for the purpose of enriching their lives through love, faith, hope, and friendship."

-Emily Fokeladeh

News of Interest

Consider Serving

However imperceptible it might seem in the outside temperature, the arrival of fall signals the start of a busy time in the church year for Northsiders. We anticipate a great time of spiritual enlightenment during our Dick Brogan Lecture series led by former member Loyd Allen. The state CBF meeting follows at Northminster, and shortly thereafter, on All Saints' Sunday, we will remember with respect and appreciation our deceased members. All the while, plans are being formulated for the Advent season. In the midst of all this, we must take care to participate prayerfully in a most critical aspect of church polity: that of selecting a group of four persons to serve a term on the Diaconate. Unfortunately, we often excuse ourselves from this opportunity for service with thoughts of our own inadequacies: "I'm not a good enough Christian;" "I'm not spiritual enough;" "I don't have enough time;" or "I'm not a leader." Rather, I would urge you to think of the unique gifts with which you have been blessed and consider if they can be joined in Spirit-led ways to the talents of others in service to Christ and his church. Serving as a deacon has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my adult spiritual journey, and I remain ever so grateful for the opportunity. Details of this process will be made available shortly from the Deacon Nominating Committee. Please join with me in *intentional* prayer for the Committee, for the Deacons who remain on the Diaconate, and for each of us members, as we consider how we best can use our gifts to help Northside be what the Lord is calling it to be. We are a people who believe in, and have seen the results of, ardent prayer to God. Let's look forward joyfully to what is in store for us.

—Martha Hutson

Installation Service

Sunday was a special day. In many ways, this was the punctuation on my "beginning" with Northside. In this service, we committed to journey together through several covenants. What I like about covenant language is that it is not contractual. Covenants have a give and flex that contracts cannot imitate. That is because covenants have **grace**. Now that the beginning is over, we will need grace, Northside. God is up to something good here and the Spirit is at work. We will need grace to discern that, and grace to cover us when we will certainly stumble and sin. As Susan challenged us, grace must not solely come from me or from you. We must be co-authors of grace, broken and blessed as the Body of Christ.

-Courtney Stamey

Recent Prayer Requests

Norma Baker, recovering from surgery
Theron Crockett, serious health issues
Felicia Davis, throat cancer remission, anxiety
Trina Ferguson, health concerns
Doyce Graham, liver disease
Pat and John Green, former members, Pat has brain tumor and John is caregiver
Martha Hassell, wife of Dr. John Hassell, hospitalized for stroke
Polly Massey, sister of Nancy Hancock
Mary Garrison Minyard and her son Gabe Parker, friends of Will Nations
Kari Myers, friend of Susan Meadors, uterine cancer
Sue Nations, mother of Ricky Nations
Parker Pierce, 11-year old friend of Carner family, leukemia
Faye Planch, friend of Wilma Hemphill
Lucy Rushing, rehabilitation from a fall
Sylvia Smith, heart issues
Sue Staley, friend of Kitty Brogan, chemotherapy
Karen Treadway, chemo therapy for cancer
Cynthia Tucker

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday October 30, 5:30-7:00

Get ready for Zoo-Mania! This year our trunk-or-treat is animal themed. We are sending mail outs to our neighbors so, please consider decorating a car. We will even have a competition for "best decorated car" decided by a mystery celebrity judge.

Monthly Book Club

The book for October is *The Fighter* by Michael Farris Smith. Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and join the discussion.



New Member

Michele Smith joined Northside on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Michele is the daughter of Ron and Doris Smith and mother of Benjamin Eubanks. We are excited to have her as a member of our church family. Michele is a retired educator and enjoys gardening.



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URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FROM BRAZIL



In 2012, Northside Baptist Church and Primeira Igreja Batista em Bultrins, Brasil, joined in a Partnership Covenant declaring that the two churches “are yoked together as Partners in the gospel.” As part of this covenant, we committed to “pray for one another regularly” and to “share the celebrations and concerns of the church community.” Paulo

César Pereira, pastor of the church in Bultrins and also current president of Aliança de Batistas do Brasil, shared recently several serious concerns about the “injustice and great uncertainty” Brazilian churches and the Brazilian people, are facing today. In his letter addressed to the Alliance of Baptists, he highlighted some of these concerns:

- The growth of social injustices and poverty
- Criminalization for choices of sexuality
- Emergence of new leaders who would deny or forget fundamental rights
- Suffering of black people because of racism rooted in the culture
- The lack of protection in state policies for women who are victims of violence
- Political persecution

In his letter, Paulo reminds us that “we are brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of the same God. Together we will always be stronger...” His letter ends with a note of hope that better days will come and that the Aliança de Batistas do Brasil will “be a light that helps to illuminate the paths in these difficult times. Our friends in Brazil need our prayers.

-Emily Fokeladeh

THANKSGIVING

Dear Northside Church Friends,
This summer I attended some of the 9:30 Prayer Meetings on Wednesday mornings. We divided the prayer requests. We prayed for every person by name and need. One morning, Courtney tapped gently on the door with an urgent phone call for prayer. She stood in the doorway and prayed. In each meeting, I felt that I had spent a Holy hour in conversation with God.

On August 17, I submitted my own request for prayer, because I believe in the power of your church prayers. I felt that I was soaring above the fray of fear and ignorance of pacemakers, and see one now as a blessing and aid to longevity. I thank you for prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and food. I see God in you.

-Ruby McLeod