



# northside

## BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

**April  
2019**

**Season of  
LENT and  
Eastertide**

*I appeal to you brothers and sisters to present your **bodies** as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to the Lord. –Romans 12:1*

**Sunday Schedule**

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

This Lent's theme, captured in Romans 12:1, reminds us how often we neglect our physical bodies as part of our spiritual journey. There are times we find it easier to talk about vast generalities like love, and compassion, and justice than we do about the specific realities of hungry bellies, and calloused hands. In this season, I have been reflecting on why this is so? I don't have a concrete answer, and I don't know that I will, but for me personally I think it has something to do with being made of flesh. When I think about my body, I am in touch with the fragility of humanity. I wonder how much more my back will ache when I am older. I think about the parched feeling in my throat when someone I love passes, and no cry will come out. I think about the idleness and work of my hands. In all of these body parts, we are reminded how immensely human we are, and yet we come face to face with the Savior made flesh. Our very first gospel reading in lent is about the temptation of Jesus and we conclude Lent on a journey to the cross where Jesus' body was laid bare. This too, is part of what incarnation means. It is that Jesus came to earth in human form, he lived in human form, and he died in human form, as much as he did those things in Godly form.

**Church Staff**

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By the time of the publishing of this article we will have highlighted the body parts: lips, bellies, and throats. We will have prayed in worship for those who are silenced, hungry, and thirsty. This newsletter, in some ways, marks that we have surpassed the mid-point of Lent, with, hands, feet, and backs to come. In our forty days of wandering we have made the turn back home and our eyes are set to Easter. But before we get there we need to walk through Holy Week. We still have more body work to do. We need to take the opportunity to commune with the bodily experience of Jesus.

Holy Week for us will begin on Sunday morning, April 14, as we celebrate Palm Sunday AND Passion Sunday in one service. About halfway through worship, our tenor will change from shouting hallelujahs with backs bent in homage to the King on the colt, to witnessing the belabored back of the scourged Savior. On this special Sunday we will experience the highs and lows of the Lenten season through special music, two homilies, and selected readings.

In the remainder of Holy Week we will join together through special services. Please make an effort to attend at least one. Contact the church office for transportation assistance.

**Wednesday, 6pm:** Vespers (Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, 6pm:** Maundy Thursday Seder Meal (Fellowship Hall)

**Friday, 6pm:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, 10am-2pm:** Holy Saturday Stations of the Cross Drop-In (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, 9:30am:** Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, 10:30am:** Easter Morning Worship

-Courtney Stamey

## News of Interest



### CBF of MS Disaster Relief Work

One of the four pillars of CBF of Mississippi is Poverty Relief and Development for the state of Mississippi. Recently, CBF MS has had two major opportunities to uphold this pillar in the Mississippi Delta and we are calling our people and churches to join in the work.

During the month of March, the Delta experienced tremendous flooding, leaving many families

completely displaced from their homes. The areas affected by this flooding are considered areas of persistent rural poverty where families already struggle to secure the basics of food, water and shelter. When the families do get to return to their homes, they will need to gut their homes and clean out all of the muck. CBF MS is working to put together buckets full of supplies that will help them clean out their homes and preserve as much of their homes and belongings as they can. These buckets relieve a family of tremendous financial burden by allowing them to remain in their homes and avoid purchasing an abundance of cleaning supplies. The CBF of MS Disaster Response Coordinator has put together this project and is working to ensure that we reach as many families as possible. We hope for each church to collect at least 10 buckets. Every bucket that we fill means that we get to offer both spiritual and physical hope to multiple individuals and families.

In addition, CBF MS is helping families that recently lost their homes and possessions in an apartment fire in Cleveland, MS. CBF MS is helping five families in particular, each with small children. These families not only lost a place to live, but they lost all of their clothes, shoes, hygiene items, food, school supplies, kitchenware, furniture, important legal documents, etc. These families must start completely from scratch with rebuilding their lives, but CBF MS knows that we have access to resources that will help them get back on their feet. CBF MS is staying in contact with these families and keeping an updated list of their needs. CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, is doing work on the ground with these families on a weekly basis. Together for Hope's regional Vice President for the Delta is even working to collaborate with the Salvation Army so that between CBF efforts and the efforts of the Salvation Army, we can extend hope and dignity to each and every family.

CBF of Mississippi values individuals both in church and out of church and believes in the importance of taking an active role in its communities. The opportunities before CBF MS in the month of March alone, could affect the lives of numerous families and individuals, making an impact beyond what we could ever dream. If you are interested in joining in these disaster relief efforts, you may visit our Facebook page (CBF of Mississippi), contact your local CBF church, or send an email to [intern@cbfms.org](mailto:intern@cbfms.org).

- Katie Carter, CBF of MS Intern

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### Opportunities to Care for Creation

**April 6, 2019**

The **2019 Monarch Festival** at the Clinton Community Nature Center will feature a native plant sale at the Center from 8am –1:00 pm and a Monarch Rescue at Choctaw Trails from 9:00 am—12:00pm. Call 601-926-1104 or email edcoordinatorccnc@gmail.com for more information.

**Swamp Tour**—Robins Whitfield will lead a guided tour of Chakchiuma Swamp, Lee Tartt Nature Preserve in Grenada. If you bought a tree, you can find it while we are there. Let the church office know if you will be attending by April 1.

Agenda:

8:00 am—leave Northside parking lot

10:00 am—arrive at Robin's studio in Grenada

10:30 am—12:30 pm—swamp tour/hug a tree

1:00— lunch

2:30—return to Clinton

### NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

We will have a series of classes during the Sunday School hour for new members, old members and the just plain curious. Meet in the sewing room.

**April 28—History of Northside Baptist Church**

**May 5—Why We Worship the Way We Do**

**May 12—Service and Ministry (Get Involved)**

### *DELTA HANDS FOR HOPE*

*CBF of Mississippi Work Days*

*July 7-12*

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

### April Book Club

Book Club will meet **Tuesday April 16** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the book, *Sing Unburied Sing: A Novel* by Jesmyn Ward. Bring your lunch. Drinks and a Lenten dessert will be provided.

### Recent Prayer Requests

**Thelma Basley**, surgery March 27

**Richard Cannette**, Hunter Cannette's father, recovering from surgery

**Millie Cates**, friend of Mary Coker

**Kelli Cook**, aunt of Samuel Meadors' fiancée, radiation therapy for cancer

**Lee Crawley**, Wilma Hemphill's daughter's mother-in-law, serious health concerns

**Marty Harper**, friend of Michael Williamson, cancer treatments and also care of mother, AR

**Donna Harris**, friend of Mary Lea Nations, cancer

**Glenda Holder**, friend of Jenta Boone

**Junior Hopkins**, Mary Coker's daughter's father-in-law, losing blood

**Ann Marquez**, cancer

**Mary Ann McIlwain**, recovery from foot surgery

**Billy McCleave**, husband of Wilma Hemphill's friend, Methodist rehab after surgery

**Marilyn O'Brien**, former member, lung cancer

**Tom Persons**, brother of Annie Bess Saul, heart Issues

**Rocky Reeves**, friend of Judy Yates, leukemia

**Lily Spivey**, Daphne Myer's mother, health concerns, Brandon Nursing Home

**Angel and Mike Stoddard and Hudson**, daughter, son-in-law, and great-grandson of Hazel and Phil McCarty, recovery from surgeries after plane crash

**Rita Thomason**, friend of Wilma Hemphill, recovery from bypass surgery in Conroe, TX

**Karen Treadway**, surgery for cancer Feb 28.

**Langley Wall**, granddaughter of Ruby McLeod, Has completed radiation for tongue cancer; considering further treatments.

**Fran Windler**, friend of Jimmy Sclater, health issues and possible surgery

**Kay Anne Gore Zubin**, breast cancer surgery

**Paul Anderson**, stage 3 colon cancer

**Elaine Birdsong**, friend of Don Nyberg, cancer

### Sympathy

We share grief with the family of **Mary Ann Isbell**, our friend and church member who passed away March 23.

We offer heartfelt sympathy for the family of **Harold Hollman**, our brother in Christ who passed away March 7.



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## YOU ARE INVITED TO

An Eastertide Discussion of our Lenten Book, *Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs* by Johann Hari, is scheduled for April 28th

Christina Dent of Jackson will present her power point presentation on the problem with the war on drugs, and then will lead us in a discussion of the book, *Chasing the Scream*. The program is Sunday, April 28, 5:00-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. There will be a snack supper, and a sign up for the program. Several of us have already heard Christina and would agree you will not want to miss this event.

In an article in the Jackson Free Press in May of 2018, Christina wrote:

“Today in Mississippi, taxpayers fund two contradictory approaches to people struggling with drug addiction. One results in an arrest and possibly jail time. The other offers people health-based treatment. Both use taxpayer dollars, and they focus on the same people struggling with the same problem. But one uses fear, trauma and isolation. The other uses safety, therapy and community. The disparity is striking, but this is what our drug-criminalization laws have given us. We will continue the troubling response of prison sentences for people struggling with a health crisis until we change our laws and end our criminal approach to drugs.”

***Come be a part of an important discussion. Sign up in the narthex on the book display. And take a book to read before the 28th of April.***

