



northside

BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

November 2018

Season of Pentecost

Sunday Schedule
Sunday School:

9:15 am

Worship: 10:30 am

Evening Activities:
See Calendar

Church Staff

Norma Baker
Church Hostess

Beverly Hughey
Treasurer

Martha Hutson
Church Recorder

Heather Ivery
Church Administrator

Tequila Johnson
Nursery Worker

Bruce Lesley
Music Director
Organist

Susan Meadors
Associate Pastor

Dottie Serio
Pianist

Courtney Stamey
Senior Pastor

Thanksgiving Plate

Turkey, dressing, squash casserole, green beans, yeast roll, and sweet potato casserole with pecan (not marshmallow) topping. That's my Thanksgiving plate. Other items may make an appearance too, cranberry sauce, gravy over top of everything, mashed potatoes. Let's not even get into dessert. Thanksgiving has become Michael and I's special holiday with family. Often members from both sides join up for a few days with us. For our first married Thanksgiving my dad flew to North Carolina. It was just Michael, my dad, and me. We cooked two turkey breasts, one casserole, green beans and a bread pudding. We added a folding chair to our small cafe table in our one bedroom apartment, and ate on my grandmother's blue china. It was splendid.

Since then, each Thanksgiving has gotten more complicated and our table has grown literally and figuratively larger. Two things have remained constant as Michael and I have hosted, family and the blue china. The china is a tradition in my family. Since before I can remember we ate Thanksgiving dinner on the good china. That means, yes, it gets chipped and stained. It takes much longer to hand wash and clean up, but it is worth it.

So, I suppose my Thanksgiving plate is more than turkey, dressing, and squash casserole. It's also blue china. My Thanksgiving plate is knowing that my best is worth my guests, not to be stowed up on a shelf or in a box. My best plate is worth being dropped, clinked against a ladle, and stacked with saucers.

Thanksgiving is not everyone's favorite holiday. It is sometimes a lonely reminder of loved one's lost, or another avenue for family drama to rear its head. As such, I think we have an opportunity as church family to offer each other our best plate. We, at Northside, have chosen to belong to one another as the body of Christ. However, sometimes I think we can be afraid of offering our best china. What if mine has a crack in it and you notice? What if I am afraid of it breaking, because it has been broken before? What if you think mine has less value than yours?

This Thanksgiving, let us offer our best china to each other, unwrap it from the bubble wrap, dust it off and take it off the shelf. For you, this may be restoring a relationship in your church family that has been broken. It may be finding that Sunday School class where you can be yourself. It may be serving on the committee or team you have been interested in. It may be serving with His Heart Ministry at Calvary Baptist on Nov. 18. Maybe it is visiting one of our members at home, or offering to drive someone who is unable to the church Thanksgiving meal?

Whatever it is, I pray that you will find a way to make the Thanksgiving Holiday more than turkey, parades, and football. I pray that we can each consider Thanksgiving as an occasion to ask once again, who are we Northside?



-Courtney

News of Interest

Calvary Baptist Church Bible Club

I recently had the opportunity to go with a group from NBC to Calvary Baptist Church to help/observe their His Heart Ministry's weekly program.

I recalled an editorial letter from John Brashier, a former Pastor at Calvary, that essentially said that inner city Jackson was ground zero for making a real difference in young people's lives. I came to understand & agree with his statement as our brief visit unfolded.

The children of ages 6-10 followed a well controlled schedule of 30 minute sessions; Christian music, dance & praise worship, outdoor place (soccer, frisbee & sidewalk chalk), & a traditional Sunday school class with as much participation as could be expected at 4 pm on Sunday! All sessions showed true interest from the children.

We concluded with supper prepared by some of NBC's members & eaten with the gusto you'd expect of 30-40 young children who had danced, run, studied & prayed for several hours.

I am fairly typical of our Church's membership & am not frequently confronted with children living in an inner city environment. Therefore I can only imagine the forces at work on their bodies & minds on a daily basis. Calvary Baptist Church is making a positive, loving, Christ-centered impact on the children that I'm sure will save many lives both spiritually & physically.

As we at NBC consider areas that we can make a difference in people's lives, even if outside of our Clinton comfort zone, I'd suggest visiting Linda Smith & her staff and taking a look & lending a hand at one of the true Ground Zeros in Jackson. Our next visit is on November 18th for all interested. I am thankful for the opportunity to have witnessed this program.

- Don Nyberg



November at a Glance

Nov 4	All Saints Sunday	
	Shower for Emily Melton	2:00 pm
	Deacon Meeting	4:00 pm
	Missions Committee	6:00pm
Nov 11	Business Meeting	6:00 pm
Nov 13	Senior Luncheon	11:00 am
Nov 16	Book Talk	
	"The Hate U Give"	7:00 pm
Nov 18	Deacon Election	
	Calvary Bible Club	3:00 pm
	Thanksgiving Meal	6:00 pm
Nov 20	Book Club	12:00 pm
Nov 22-23	Office Closed	

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 4th

10:30 am, Morning Worship

"For All the Saints," is the hymn of the day when we remember those members who are absent from us and present with the Lord, those who have died while members of Northside. We celebrate the communion of saints and the holy communion meal of bread and cup. We call out each one's name and remember their living among us, and we say in one voice, "Thanks be to God!" for each one. It is one of the most important services for the community that is Northside Baptist Church.

The word "saint" doesn't rest easily upon any of us. Fortunately for us, the saints of Northside were flesh and blood folks who shined brightly in their own individual way, living their faith in the real world as real people, and we loved them all, love them still.

After all the names are read there will be time when those dear to members but not members themselves of Northside can be named and thanks expressed for them as well.

News of Interest

Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, November 11, 6pm

The Personnel Committee will ask for a vote on a proposed change to the church bylaws dealing with the duties of the Diaconate at the next Business Meeting on November 11, 2018. The following change is being recommended:

Article IV, Section 4. (1), (e) currently reads in part, the Diaconate will "perform an annual review of the pastor."

The proposed change would read in part, the Diaconate will "perform an annual review of the ministerial staff."

Copies of the current bylaws are available at the church office.

Agenda

Opening Prayer
Approval of Past Minutes
Committee Reports
Motion from Personnel Committee
Proposed Bylaw Change
Other Business
Closing

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for

Emily Melton

Sunday November 4, 2018

2:00 - 3:30pm

At the home of Yvette Dale

110 Trace Ridge Rd.

Clinton, MS

The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon and at www.thebonds2018.com

Recent Prayer Requests

Norma Baker, recovering from surgery
Sue Brooks, neighbor of Mary Ann McIlwain, pancreatic cancer
Richard Cannette, Hunter Cannette's father, bladder cancer
Kelli Cook, friend of Samuel Meadors, breast cancer
Theron and Bonnie Crockett
Cheryl Graves, friend of Ruth Frost and Cynthia Goodman, breast cancer
Charlotte Griffin, friend of Jackie Wright, stroke
Charles Mayeux, Sue Carrie Drummond's boy friend's grandfather, stage 4 liver cancer
Rick McGraw, Jimmie Street's brother, recovering from surgery
Rikki Miller, Jimmie Street's granddaughter, health issues
Karen Treadway, chemotherapy for cancer, and reactions: compromised immune system, energy & weight loss.
Langley Wall, granddaughter of Ruby McLeod, Tongue cancer, surgery scheduled Oct. 31
Melba Webb, friend of Ben Randman, recurrence of cancer

November Book Club/Book Talk

Book Club has selected *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (a Jackson Native!) for November. Given the popularity of the book and recent movie release, we will also have a one-time "book talk" on Friday, Nov. 16 at 7pm. Either group is open to whomever would like to participate. Please bring a "brown bag" lunch to the noon meeting or "brown bag" supper to the evening meeting. Come to the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book either **Nov. 16 at 7pm** or **Nov. 20 at 12pm**.

New Member



Anna Sciba joined Northside on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Anna is a freshman at Millsaps College majoring in political Science. She wants to be a civil rights lawyer. Anna has three sisters and loves to read.



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Annual Thanksgiving Banquet We Gather as Friends at Table

The Family Life and Recreation Committee of Northside Baptist Church invites you to the annual Thanksgiving Banquet, Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. We will gather around tables, remembering with gratitude the blessings of the year and offering our thanks to God. There is a service of thanksgiving after the meal.

The church will provide the turkey, dressing, gravy and drinks, but the rest is potluck. There is no charge for the meal but it is the time when we kick off our **Advent Missions Offering** by making donations that would have gone to pay for the meal. Please join us for this most important occasion.

ADVENT OFFERING 2018 BEING CHRIST'S PRESENCE

The Missions Committee has set a goal of \$30,000 for the 2018 Advent Missions Offering. Our theme is "Being Christ's Presence," and all funds collected will be divided among four recipients:

Rick and Lita Sample, CBF personnel in San Francisco--\$5,000

Eric and Jerico Bell, medical missionaries to Kenya--\$10,000

His Heart Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church--\$5,000

CBF Hurricane Relief--\$10,000

The committee will share more detailed information through a brochure, poster, and brief presentations during Sunday morning worship. We have explored our options for several months