



# northside

## BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

**September 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

### First Responders Appreciation Luncheon and Program

**September 11, 2018**

**11:00 am**

Our Senior Adult Fellowship program begins this year on a significant day, September 11. In looking for an appropriate way to begin, it seemed a good thing to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to First Responders: The Fire Department, EMT's, and the Police Department. These folks serve the city of Clinton so well, risking their lives every day to protect, rescue and defend regular citizens, young and old. As you know, First Responders are the ones likely to be among the first people to assist at the scene of an emergency such as an accident or natural disaster. These firefighters, EMTs, and police officers are also our neighbors, so join us as we do our part to honor them that day by hosting them during our Senior Adult Fellowship luncheon hour.

We will be visited by about thirty or so individuals from those departments. We will serve them lunch and eat with them, expressing our gratitude through a musical program featuring Jimmy Sclater and Dottie Serio. We will also present gifts that Norma Baker and her team are putting together. We need volunteers to provide salads and desserts, and also to help Norma with the gifts.

If you are interested in helping with the lunch, please come and bring your contribution church. If you want to help with the gifts, please contact Norma Baker. All who can are welcome to join us for lunch and the program, but please let us know if you are coming and bring some food to share.



### Senior Adult Programs 2018-2019

Sept 11—First Responders Honored

Oct 9— Dr. Eddie Mehaffey, MC Old Testament professor, Bible Study

Nov 13—Linda McComb, Storytelling

Dec 11—Christmas Program with Bruce Lesley

Jan 8—Dr. Roger Greene, MC New Testament professor, Bible Study

February 12— Valentine's Day Party

March 12—Dr. Audrey Harrison-Lewis, Nature Program

April 9—Dr. Michael Johnson, MC Christian Studies professor, Bible Study

May 14—TBD

*You Are Invited to a Bridal Shower honoring*

*Elizabeth Serio*

*Saturday September 8, 2018*

*3:00- 4:30pm*

*At the home of Yvette Dale*

*110 Trace Ridge Rd.*

*Clinton, MS*

*The couple is registered at amazon.com*

## News of Interest

### Missions Emphasis for RA's & GA's



Every Wednesday evening at 6:00, beginning September 5, boys and girls in grades 1-6 will meet for Northside's version of RAs (Royal Ambassadors) and GAs (Girls in Action). For years now, George Dale and Ricky Nations have met with the boys, The GAs were under the direction of Amy Williamson and Jenta Boone until last year when Emily Fokeladeh and Isabella Oropeza took over this position. They will have extra support from Jenta, Betty Byrne, and Rosemary Williamson. Both groups now have their own rooms in the Children's Building, thanks to Cynthia Goodman and the Children's Committee. Programs emphasize the importance of **proclaiming, sharing, caring and giving**. This year there will be more emphasis on mission programs supported by Northside, such as the 4 Cs, Habitat for Humanity, Stewpot, the Opportunity Center, and Global 6K for Water. Members of the Missions Committee will provide a program about Northside's 2018 Advent Offering. The RAs traditionally collect money for this offering, and the GAs will have the opportunity for a hands-on mission project with the help of the Northside Ladies Sewing Group. This promises to be an exciting year! Thank you for your support!

### Summer Activities for Children and Youth End with a Splash

Back at the beginning of August, a bunch of children, youth, and some fun loving chaperones headed down to Grand Paradise Waterpark in Collins. This year, for a variety of reasons, we did four activities we thought were beneficial throughout the summer instead of a traditional VBS and this was the final hoorah. This was the activity that I had helped organize but, truthfully, I was kind of dreading it. Because, as a low energy introvert, I kind of hate water parks.

Until we got there and I remembered that I LOVE WATER PARKS (I love fairs and amusement parks and the grosser the better and the highest/scariest/craziest slides and rides are the favorite of this not very brave, often under confident girl). Annie and Graves and the rest of the crew had such a wonderful time. The park was an absolutely perfect spot to spend a late summer day. It's not a huge park and there were so many grown ups from Northside, just watching out for kids that weren't necessarily their own. We ordered quite a bit of pizza and everyone enjoyed snacking on it throughout the afternoon. We visited and heard stories and were able to spend time laughing and sharing and passing a lazy summer day away. I don't always have (or if I'm honest with myself, make) the time for these interactions on Sunday and it was precious to me, and I'm sure was precious to my sweet seven and nine year olds.

It was the first time I've really let my big kids loose at a place like that, Graves just becoming a competent swimmer this summer, and they relished the freedom. They also had other adults they love, including pastors and Sunday school teachers pouring so much into them in a non church venue. And they got a lot more time than usual to socialize with their church buddies. I overheard Annie telling Graves excitedly "this time it's JUST US" on the toilet bowl tube slide so P and I could go try the two really big slides) Graves just grabbed me and put his head on my tummy and squeezed me so hard and I knew he loved getting to be our baby again.

It was a beautiful day and full of God's goodness.



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### Dick Brogan Lecture Series Protestant Spirituality

**Dr. Loyd Allen**  
**October 6-7**

Dr. Loyd Allen, professor of church history and spiritual formation at McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, is our 2018 Dick Brogan Lecture Series scholar. He will present two lectures on Saturday evening, a third lecture on Sunday morning during Adult Sunday School, and a dramatic monologue of Martin Luther during morning worship.

Dr. Allen has taught in higher education for over thirty years and is the author of numerous publications, including the books *You are a Great People* and *Crossroads in Christian Growth*. He has a particular interest in Christian spirituality, which he teaches at McAfee and as faculty for the Academy of Spiritual Formation, and he frequently leads retreats and pilgrimages abroad.

Loyd, his wife Libby, and daughter Clare were members of Northside when Loyd was chair of the Christian Studies and Philosophy Department at Mississippi College, 1992-1995. Libby will join Loyd for the weekend with us.

In preparation for the lectures Dr. Allen suggest reading the book, *Protestant Spiritual Exercises* by Joseph D. Driskell.

### Recent Caregiving Concerns

**Primeira Igreja Batista em Bultrins**, recent requests from Pastor Paulo Cesar Pereira

**Ruby McLeod**, recovering from surgery

**David Rady**, brother of Lucy Cohen, has multiple myeloma

**Theron and Bonnie Crockett**, ongoing health concerns

**Bill Barefoot**, neighbor of Jim Jenkins, cancer and chemotherapy

**Drs. Jericho and Eric Bell**, medical missionaries in Litein, Kenya, sister and brother-in-law of Eric Peden

**Porta House**, ministry to Albanians in Athens Greece  
Lynn and Michael Hutchinson, Togo

### Monthly Book Club September 18, 2018

**The book selection for September is A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN by Betty Smith. Come to the Fellowship Hall at noon and engage in lively discussion. Bring your sack lunch!**

### Football Ministry Begins

As the Clinton Arrow football team walks off the practice field, you will see young men of all sizes, shapes, colors, socio-economic backgrounds and sometimes religions. They play football together because they love the game, but they also play it for another reason: to represent themselves, their school and their community in the best way possible.

Since 2010, every Tuesday evening following those practices, the Northside Youth Building is open to those members of the team that wish to be a part of what has become known as the "Football Ministry". What began as an open door invitation and started with a small gathering of 15-20 players has now expanded to averaging 42 players each week. What began as chips, cookies and sugary soft drinks has now evolved into a meal of some sort whether it is hot dogs, red beans and rice or lasagna and all served with Gatorade.

The players that are involved with the Football Ministry are provided with a safe environment, good food, and an event that is held at a church with prayer and words of encouragement. It also provides for good fellowship with their teammates away from the football field and away from distractions that may sometimes mean trouble. We have found that the players are very appreciative of the intentional hospitality of opening our

doors. Their parent/parents are especially appreciative of this hospitality and knowing that their child is somewhere safe and being fed.

Over the years, the Football Ministry has included a "work program" where seniors are given the opportunity to work on odd jobs that are requested by church members and a scholarship program that provides three scholarships to players based mostly upon a need basis.

Is the Northside Football Ministry an evangelistic tool of our church? I can't truly answer that question but if Jesus wants us to welcome one and all, then we are doing good





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You are invited to:  
*The Installation Service for  
Rev. Courtney Finocchiaro Stamey at Northside Baptist Church*

**Sunday, September 23rd, 4pm**

Northside Baptist Church  
Sanctuary

1475 E. Northside Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056

Reception and light  
refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for this  
opportunity to bless Courtney and Northside Baptist at the  
onset of her ministry.