



northside

BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

**August
2018**

**Season After
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

From the Pastor

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Earlier this summer a documentary about Fred Rogers came out called "Won't you be my neighbor?" Most of us know of Fred through the children's television program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. While I have not seen it (but plan to), Mr. Rogers has got me thinking about what it means to be a neighbor.

On Tuesday, July 17, we hosted our first Northside neighborhood meeting. We invited folks from the neighborhoods that surround us. Representatives came from the Briars, Trace Ridge/ Park Place, the Cascades, Kentwood, and Lakeview Heights. The purpose of the meeting was to listen and learn. We were there to build relationships with one another and share with our neighbors the resources of the church. Our next steps will be to hold a similar meeting with neighborhood organizations (the library, Traceway Park, etc.) and a follow up neighbors meeting where we hope even more people will come out.

Some great ideas were shared like a neighborhood block party, and a name for our part of Clinton, but right now, our focus is building those relationships. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, all three people see the man as they walk by. They see him. First, we at NBC must see what is going on in our neighborhood. In taking a look around, we acknowledge that we must get to know our neighbors before we can be a good neighbor, like the Samaritan as we coordinate needs and resourced.

I recently read an article on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) by the organization, Clear Impact. The article reads "Strong, safe and healthy neighborhoods and communities are built on the strengths and capacities of their residents and associations that call the community home. We cannot build strong neighborhoods without unlocking the potential of the residents."

Rogers used his program as a platform for promoting neighborliness to all people, those who did not look like you, or believe like you. Mr. Rogers once said this, "It's not so much what we have in life that matters. It is what we do with what we have. The alphabet is fine, but it is what we do with it that matters most. Making words like 'friend' and 'love'. That's what really matters."

We have an opportunity to do something that really matters in our neighborhood. It is going to take seeing what is around us and deciding what kind of neighbor, we want to be. I think we will be the kinds of neighbors like the Samaritan man and like Mr. Rogers. We will be the kind of place where we will spell our words like "friend" and "love." We will do this not because it is a good idea or something nice. We will do it because Christ's love compels us and it is who we have always been. From its beginning 49 years ago, Northside Baptist was founded as a church for the neighborhood. We are still that church, but our recent efforts with our neighbors are just a way of saying a little louder, and a little clearer, "Won't you be my neighbor?"

News of Interest

Children and Youth Community Service Project

Our third, and most recent, children's/youth activity of the summer was a trip to two fire stations in early July. This one had a service focus- we wanted to do something the week of the Fourth that would support community helpers. The children assembled bags of treats and supplies that the church as a whole had collected and made cards for the firefighters in Clinton.

We went to two different stations and learned so much! In Clinton all the firefighters are EMTs and a few are paramedics. 75% of their calls are medical and they can do most things that are done in the first ten minutes in the ER. The fire marshall told us that in his twenty something years in Clinton, he's delivered seven babies! One station is very new and the room where the firefighters relax and watch TV is built "for the community" and has concrete walls. In the event of a tornado, those without adequate shelter are encouraged to come there. There is a generator for those who require medical machinery. The firefighters will also come to your house and install your smoke detector as a service.

One fireman was sweet enough to suit up in all his gear for us- it weighs seventy five pounds and I told my seven year old, Graves, that was equal to him and his baby sister, Sallie, put together! The firefighters were so generous with their time so hospitable when showing us the facilities. We got to see their exercise room where they work out and do pull ups on the bars and they were gracious enough to even show us their bunks. Spraying the fire hose and climbing in the truck were the icing on the cake! It was all so informative and I think helped the children appreciate this important work even more. I know I gained even more admiration for our "hometown heroes" than I already had! As Annie, my nine year old, wrote in her card "Thank you for bravely protecting our community". We are so grateful for the Clinton firefighters and others that help keep our world safer than it would be otherwise.

Sarah Denley Herrington



Northsiders celebrated the church's forty-ninth birthday

in fine fashion over the weekend of July 21st with a series of events that high-lighted some core beliefs held by the congregation. On Saturday, forty-five members and friends fellowshiped and lunched together at Keifer's Restaurant, then toured Mississippi's state-of-the art Civil Rights Museum in Jackson. We were reminded of the shocking price that is paid when we forget that all are made in God's image and thus are welcome at the table, a sentiment reinforced by Pastor Courtney in her Sunday sermon, "Open Concept Floorplan." Her sermon challenged us to tell the story of Northside and so to welcome those in need of a caring, loving, inclusive, community to call their own. Inspirational music was provided by Dottie and Bruce, the Northside (expanded) choir, and special guests. The service was concluded with a moving rendition of "He Never Failed Me Yet." Sunday night, the birthday party was well-attended by members and visitors in the gaily decorated Fellowship Hall. We enjoyed a delicious meal and birthday cake prepared by Norma. Pastor Courtney moderated a panel discussion around three questions: why did you join Northside; what helped you know that Northside was the right choice; and what do you see in the future for Northside. Panelists Wilma Hemphill, Mary Jane Whitfield, Don Nyberg, and Sarah Denley Herrington provided responses that reminded us again of our core beliefs. The evening ended with a jazz performance by the Brick Streets Quartet and a line dance featuring the "saints" marching in led by the church's charter members! A great time was had by all. Access the church's facebook page for pictures of all events. Truly, "forty-nine never looked so good!" Many thanks to the Family Life Committee for organizing and implementing the events.



-Martha Hutson

News of Interest

Monthly Book Club

August 21, 12:00 pm

August's selection is GRANDMA GATEWOOD'S WALK by Ben Montgomery. Come and share your thoughts. **Bring your lunch. Drinks provided.**

Promotion Sunday

August 12

Promotion Sunday is a great day to recommit to the practice of small group encounter with Bible Study. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit a class and find your place among fellow believers asking honest questions in community.

This year we have some new children's classes and teachers:

Toddler and Two Sunday School will be rotated between Ricky Nations, John Meadors, Judy Gearhart, and Kitty Brogan. (We need one more volunteer for this group!)

Three and Four Year Olds will be taught by Ruth Frost and Martha Stringer.

Children 5 years—2nd grade will again be led by Cynthia Goodman, assisted by Mary Lea Nations and Shannon Parham.

Children 3rd grade—6th will be taught by Margaret Drummond and Kay Brodbeck.

Children's Sunday Morning Choir will continue under the direction of Lida Stark and Norma Baker.

Recent Prayer Requests

Alyssa Aldape, friend of Courtney Stamey and Associate Pastor of FBC DC, brain tumor

Bill Barefoot, neighbor of Jim Jenkins, cancer and chemotherapy

Thelma Basley, health issues

Theron Crockett, serious health issues

Trina Ferguson, health concerns

Doyce Graham, liver disease

Cheryl Graves, friend of Ruth Frost and Cynthia Goodman, breast cancer

Pat and John Green, former members, Pat has brain tumor and John is caregiver

Martha Hassell, wife of Dr. John Hassell, hospitalized for stroke

Curtis Jackson, father of Tequila Johnson, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Betty Legg, aunt of Judy Gearhart, recent hospitalization and rehabilitation.

Polly Massey, sister of Nancy Hancock

Ricki Miller, Jimmie Street's granddaughter

Sam Minter, back injury from a fall

Mary Garrison Minyard and her son Gabe Parker, friends of Will Nations

Kari Myers, friend of Susan Meadors, uterine cancer

Parker Pierce, 11-year old friend of Carner family, leukemia

Lucy Rushing, rehabilitation from a fall

Sylvia Smith

Sue Staley, friend of Kitty Brogan, chemotherapy

Cynthia Tucker

Bob Walters, Mary Coker's uncle, rehab at home

Stephanie Williams, niece of Mary Coker, rehab for broken ankle

Valerie Tucker, friend of Heather Ivery, Avascular Necrosis in her foot, complications due to Sickle Cell Disease

Football Fellowship

Ministry

Ninth Season to Begin

August 21, 2018



The CHS Football Fellowship begins its 9th year on August 21st. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to award scholarships to some very deserving young men. We also continue to appreciate any donations to help with food costs. Just note on your check or cash contribution that it is for this purpose. Ricky Nations, George Dale, or James Stringer are available to answer any questions. We are grateful for the support this congregation has given us for the last eight years, and we thank God for allowing us to be a part of this ministry.



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Happening in August

End of Summer Celebration: Thursday, August 2 A fun day at the Grand Paradise Water Park in Collins, MS. Elementary children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP by Monday, July 30 via email or by calling the church office. Cost is \$15. Lunch provided. Will leave the church at 8:30am and return by 5:00pm.

Quarterly Business Meeting: Sunday, August 12

Agenda

Approval of Past Minutes

Changes in Membership

Committee Reports

Pastoral Report

Report from Deacons

Other Business

Wednesday Evening Kickoff: August 29 Norma is planning a great meal for us at 5:30 followed by our Kickoff Event at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Regular Wednesday evening schedule begins on September 5.



Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed : The 4 C's is in need of volunteers to deliver meals. It only takes 2 1/2 hrs at the most, one weekday a month. Call 601-924-9436 to volunteer occasionally at your convenience or on a regular basis.