



# northside

## BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

**February  
2019**

**Season of  
Epiphany**



Sharon Miles



**BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

*advocating • connecting • networking*



Skyler Smith

### Sunday Schedule

**Sunday School:**  
9:15 am

**Worship: 10:30 am**

**Evening Activities:**  
See Calendar

For several years we have had a Women in Ministry focus during the month of February. This year, in collaboration with Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM), we will celebrate Women in Ministry Month. Each week you will notice an insert in your bulletin for worship, describing the work of historic Baptist women preachers. According to BWIM, they are shifting their emphasis a little bit this year. Their website reads,

“In 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth century Separate Baptist woman.

For twelve years, hundreds of churches have celebrated Martha’s influence and example. In 2019, BWIM is redreaming this emphasis. Martha Month is widening its circle by featuring, in addition to Martha, three other significant Baptist preachers: Ella Pearson Mitchell, Helen Barrett Montgomery and Edna Lee de Gutiérrez.”

### 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

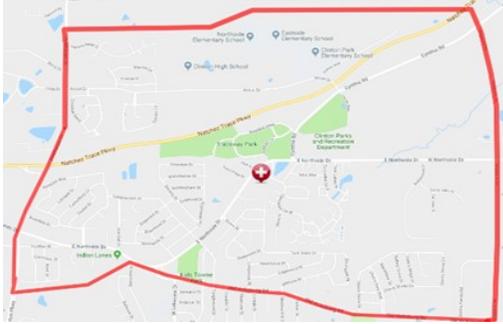
We too are redreaming our emphasis. Northside is rare, in that our congregation often hears women preach. We are unusual among our Baptist peers in that our Senior and Associate Pastors are women. So, we are using our platform to highlight two other proclaimers. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sharon Miles will be our proclaimer as she performs her one-act “Let it Shine! A Visit with Fannie Lou Hamer.” Mrs. Hamer was a preacher in her own right, and was inspired to register to vote after taking her pastors words to heart at William’s Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Ruleville, MS. Miles’ performance will afford us the opportunity to not only celebrate Women in Ministry month, but also to consider the correlation with Black History Month and the influence of women preachers of color in our tradition. Miles currently serves as Education Director at New Stage Theatre in Jackson, and is presently directing the theatre’s touring productions of *Pinocchio* and an original script, *If Not Us, Then Who? Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer*. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Skyler Smith to Northside. A sophomore at Mississippi College and a frequent volunteer at His Heart Ministries, Skyler is studying Psychology and Christian Studies. Hailing from Lafayette, LA, this is Skyler’s first time preaching. Personally, I began preaching when I was a sophomore in college, and it is a joy to extend a safe space for a young woman to explore the art of preaching.

I hope you will make an effort to pray for our two guests as they prepare. Pray for the hearts of our congregation to be open to hear the Word in different and distinct ways.

- Courtney

## News of Interest

### Neighborhood Meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm



Did you know the 1.5 miles surrounding the church is the most densely populated area of Clinton? At our last neighborhood meeting, Chief of Police, Ford Hayman shared this statistic. The red line on the map above frames what we are calling “our neighborhood.” Bordered on the west by Pinehaven Road, the East by Magnolia Road, the South by Old Vicksburg Road, and the schools on Arrow Drive. The cross in the center is the location of the church. Our claim and foundation is a “church for the neighborhood.” So far, our meetings have been about defining our neighborhood and our neighbors. At the meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> in our Fellowship Hall we will delve into this a little more. In an attempt to form a concretized identity we will offer up names for this geographic area, we will look at scheduling neighborhood cleanup days, and establish a leadership team. Rather than solve our neighborhoods problems, let us learn and listen to our neighbors so that we may discover how to serve and love our community shoulder to shoulder. Please join us for this meeting. If you live in these parameters or know someone who does share this information.

### Northside Member John Meadors Selected Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year



The Mississippi Council for the Humanities salutes Dr. John T. Meadors as its 2018 Teacher of the Year at the Christian university. MC educators recommended the Clinton resident who is a professor in the Mississippi College Department of Christian Studies and Philosophy, where John has taught since 1992. John, husband of Associate Pastor Susan Meadors and his family have been members at Northside since 1993.

As a result of this honor, Meadors will deliver a lecture titled “Behaving Honestly When the Crowd is Untruth.” The February 12 event at the Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall begins at 7 p.m. The public is invited to the program in the Aven Fine Arts Building along College Street. Admission is free.

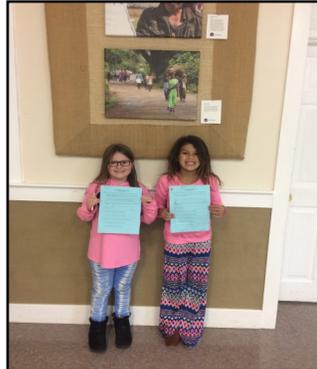
The Mississippi Humanities Council is a private non-profit funded by Congress through the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Jackson-based group seeks to provide public programs in traditional liberal arts disciplines to serve organizations across Mississippi.



### Martha Stringer Appointed Deacon for 2019

“James and I are so grateful our sons, Breck and Jeremy, had the privilege to be raised in this thought-provoking and caring worship community. Our grandchildren, Abby, Jonathan, Catherine, Aven, and Lowrey, love to participate in Cynthia Goodman’s Sunday School class and The Children’s Time with Pastor Courtney. This is a place for daring to listen, daring to grow, and daring to care for others, within the church and beyond. During my working years I came here for nourishment for the work world. I believe that when I meet the Almighty I better have done my utmost to grow toward Him. And towards that goal I’m deeply grateful for my Northside companions on the journey.”

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GA's and RA's spent time viewing and discussing "Faces of the Beloved Community" exhibit highlighting CBF missions.



Standing in the courthouse where the trial about Emmitt Till's murder took place.

### MLK Pilgrimage Reflection

"To realize that many of the key moments and people in the Civil Rights movement were right here in Mississippi, makes me pause to respect and revere the many sacrifices made just for the opportunity to be deemed equal!"  
-James Stringer

### SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

This month's meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall will feature the singing group, "Slightly Tarnished," to entertain for a Valentine Party. Norma Baker is providing this special lunch: Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and a chocolate dessert. The charge is \$5 per person. Please plan to join us and bring a friend!

### Recent Prayer Requests

**Sylvia Boyette**, friend of Kitty Brogan, health concerns

**Richard Cannette**, Hunter Cannette's father, bladder cancer

**Kelli Cook**, aunt of Samuel Meadors' fiancée, Recovering from cancer surgery

**Theron and Bonnie Crockett**

**Florence Griggs**, recovering from neck injury

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

**Glenda Holder**, friend of Jenta Boone

**Tom Hunt**, hospitalized for infection

**Mary Ann McCoy**, friend of Thelma Basley, heart surgery recovery

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

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

**Karen Treadway**, chemotherapy for cancer, and reactions: compromised immune system, energy & weight loss.

**Ron and Doris Smith**, health issues

**Langley Wall**, granddaughter of Ruby McLeod, Radiation therapy for tongue cancer,

**Melba Webb**, friend of Ben Randman, hospice

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

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

**Paul Anderson**, stage 3 colon cancer

### Christian Sympathy

We continue to hold in our prayers the **Cobb-Ferguson-Nolan families** in the passing of **David Cobb**. We are grateful for Davis and all his living and all his loving, of his family and this church family. We especially remember his wife Trina, sons Brent, Barrett, and Bryson, and their families.

### Third Tuesday Reading Club

This month's reading selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Giles, a concise but beautiful story illuminating the wild unsettled days of 1870 Texas when news was rare and itinerant news readers traveled to inform and entertain. One such reader, Captain Jefferson Kidd is charged to deliver a ten-year old girl 400 miles to an aunt and uncle in the San Antonio region after she spent four years in captivity with Kiowa Indians. Join us as we meet at noon Tuesday, 19 February to discuss the book. Bring your sack lunch.



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## **“Fat Sunday” Dessert Auction- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30am**

This Summer three youth and two chaperones will attend Passport Choices Summer Camp in Greensboro, NC. In order to make the trip more affordable, we are having a dessert auction right after church on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to contribute to the auction, please contact Courtney Stamey. Look for more information on camp in next month's newsletter.



## **Women in Ministry Month Schedule:**

- February 3<sup>rd</sup>- **Sharon Miles**
- February 10<sup>th</sup>- **Courtney Stamey**
- February 17<sup>th</sup>- **Skyler Smith**  
(MC Student)
- February 24<sup>th</sup>- **Susan Meadors**