



northside

BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

May
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

Emily Fokeladeh
PT Church Secretary

Beverly Hughey
Treasurer

Martha Hutson
Church Clerk

Tequila Johnson
Nursery Worker

Bruce Lesley
Music Director
Organist

Mary Ann McIlwain
PT Church Secretary

Susan Meadors
Associate Pastor

Dottie Serio
Pianist

From the Associate Pastor

I returned from the Five-Day Academy in Arkansas strangely rested in spirit. I say strangely because this time my time at Academy was on the leadership team and it involved long days and constant motion caring for 54 people, rather than rest and reflection, silence and worship. I did those spirit-feeding things but in shorter measure. It felt good to minister to folk who came responding to our invitation to a "Journey to Wholeness." Next year this amazing opportunity will be in Mississippi at the Gray Center in Canton, and the preparations have already begun. In times of worship, faculty presentations, silence, morning and midday and evening prayers, I wished for all of you to be there with me, and hope you can be in the spring of 2019.

The first full day of our five days together I was the preacher at the Eucharist service. I preached about "Creator's Breath," and shared the dramatic poem of "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson. It came to me later in the week that sometimes in life we are knocked down in the dust, reduced again it seems to a lump of clay. Why does not matter, nor whose fault, ours or someone else's, or even the particular circumstances, none of that really matters. There we are, and God comes and toils over us, remakes us and breathes into us the breath of life and we become a living soul again, reborn, awakened as if for the first time to our nature and name. Sometimes we have to fall down in order to really listen to our soul, and to move upward. Richard Rohr calls it, "falling upward," in his book by the same name. It affirms to us that we belong to a "mystery far grander than ourselves." We belong to God.

Peace, Susan



High Tea at Northside

Attention Ladies! Would you like to feel pampered for a day? We have just the opportunity for you!

On Saturday, May 19, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a Ladies Friendship High Tea to celebrate women. We are sparing nothing for this event and the more we plan the more excited we get. This is for every lady in our church, but

you may also bring a guest. Susan Meadors will be our honored guest that day, so please come and help us celebrate our beloved associate pastor and friend. Seating is limited, but we would like to have the room full! Tickets will be available beginning April 29 for \$7.00. See Norma Baker, Linda Livingston or Martha Stringer if you have any questions. Hats and gloves are encouraged!



News of Interest

Mission Opportunity: World Vision 6K for Water

**May 5th, Saturday
8:00 a.m., NBC parking lot,
Route through Cascades
\$50.00 Registration**

On Saturday, May 5th, 2018, Northsiders will have the opportunity once again to join thousands of others around the globe to run or walk 6K and provide clean water to children in communities around the world. The distance, approximately three and a half miles, is the average distance people in developing countries have to walk to get clean water. **Please either register for the Global 6K alongside other Northsiders or make a donation to our fundraising page.** For your \$50 registration fee, World Vision can provide one individual with clean water that lasts!

Please go to worldvision6k.org to register for the event if you want to walk or run on May 5th. Follow the instructions, and you will have an opportunity to **join the Northside team.** There is also an option to "Support Us" if you would like to donate rather than walk or run. Don't be confused by the publicized date (May 19) on the World Vision web page. You may contact Judy Gearhart if you have difficulty registering. The deadline to register is May 5. We appreciate your support.

The Missions Committee



More children die from diseases caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation than almost any other cause - more than AIDS and malaria combined.

Bound by Love to Porta House



This photo, received recently by Jenta Boone, pictures an Albanian mother and her children. The beautiful afghan which covers her baby was made by the ladies of Northside and presented to the **Albanians at the Porta House** by Jenta and Ruth Frost when they

traveled to Athens with Bob Newell last November. What a joy to see the smile on the face of the mother and to know of the love that now binds us.

Congratulations!

Audrey Harrison Lewis has completed her Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Mississippi. For the past five years, she has been researching the effects of habitat connectivity and the loss of connectivity on the insect and invertebrate fauna of the Mississippi River. Audrey has an undergraduate degree in biology from Mississippi College, where she worked closely with Dr. Bill Stark. Congratulations on this most recent achievement, Audrey!

New Members Class

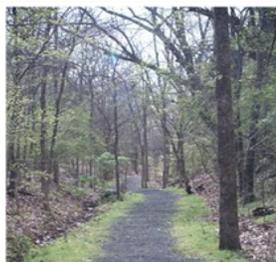
There are two classes remaining in this series about the distinctives of Northside:

May 6: Baptist Identity Susan Meadors

May 13: How to Get Involved Greg Gearhart

The classes will be held in rooms A4-5 by the church library. We encourage all who have joined recently, or are interested in becoming a member of Northside, to attend these four classes. Others who are interested in learning more about any of these topics are welcome to join these sessions.

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**Senior Adult
Luncheon**
Tuesday, May 8,
11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

**Program: Sarah Hammond,
Director, Clinton Nature Center**
Bring a pot luck dish and a friend.

Monthly Book Club

Tuesday, May 16, 12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Bring a brown bag lunch.
Drinks provided.

Book to discuss:
***Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande**

SAVE THE DATE!

July 22, 2018 – We're turning 49! Really...49! We will hold the NBC 49th Birthday Party on **Sunday evening, July 22nd**. Details to follow



soon! But, if we're turning 49, that means **the big 5-0 is around the corner** and the Family Life Committee is gearing up for a **year-long celebration**. We're looking for ideas on what types of special events the church family would like for us to plan in 2019. Please feel free to **share your ideas** with any member of the Family Life Committee. You may also submit your suggestions to the church office. In addition to the year-long celebration, we are planning a special 50th Birthday Party on Sunday, July 21, 2019.



Family Life Committee:
George Dale, Chair,
Marijane Whitfield,
Samir Fokeladeh,
Mary Lea Nations,
Tim Nicholas,
Ruth Randman

Recent Prayer Requests

Theron Crockett, health issues
Felicia Davis, throat cancer remission, anxiety
Trina Ferguson, hospitalized for bronchitis and A-Fib
Pat and John Green, former members, Pat has brain tumor and John is caregiver
Sasha and Hunter Herman, grandchildren of Hal and Lou Ann Lee
Martha Hassell, wife of Dr. John Hassell, hospitalized for stroke
Jo Hollman
Glenda Hughes
Polly Massey, sister of Nancy Hancock
Mary Garrison Minyard and her son Gabe Parker, friends of Will Nations
Sue Nations, mother of Ricky Nations
George Parker, Carner family friend and father of Ryan Parker, former NBC youth intern, hospice
Parker Pierce, 11-year old friend of Carner family, leukemia
Lucy Rushing, rehabilitation from a fall
Sylvia Smith, heart issues
John Switzer, brother of Wesley Switzer, MBMC, ICU with pneumonia
Cynthia Tucker, recovering at home
Bob Walters, Mary Coker's uncle, pneumonia and heart issues, St. Dominic's hospital
Stephanie Williams, niece of Mary Coker, UMMC, broken ankle

Northside Baptist Church Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, May 20, 6:00 pm Agenda

Opening Praise
Approval of Past Minutes
Changes in membership
Committee and Team Reports
Associate Pastor's Report
Report from Deacons
Other business
Closing - "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"



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June 11-15, 2018

Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Texas

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2018 CBF General Assembly

JUNE 11-15, 2018
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reflecting on CBF Assembly 2017

“Attending the CBF Assembly in Atlanta was time well spent. Each night was a meaningful worship experience ending with a new song commissioned in celebration of the 25th anniversary of CBF. The chorus spoke to me: *Christ's Love compels us; Christ's Love sustains us; Christ's Love unleashes, Heaven's Kingdom here on earth.*”Roxie Parks

“My heart was profoundly touched as I saw a variety of nationalities, cultures, genders, and ages committed to doing God's work in creative and innovative ways... They demonstrated equality and respect for everyone, a very real authenticity of faith, and a powerful belief that we can do more together than alone.” Martha Hutson

Planning for CBF Assembly 2018

If you would like to attend the CBF Assembly in June, let the church office know. We hope to have several groups carpooling to Dallas. One plan would be to leave Clinton in time to arrive for the opening worship at 7:30 pm, **June 13**, and stay through the closing worship and commissioning service Friday, 7:30-9:00 pm, returning to Clinton Saturday morning, **June 16**.

Make plans to attend. You will be blessed!