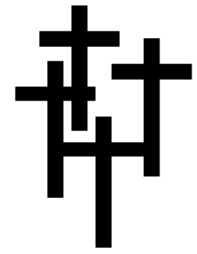


Northside News



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From the Pastor

We officially have a lot going on at Northside. This has been a busy summer, and we haven't even kicked off the fall yet.

Now, thanks to Lisa Edwards we have a beautiful new mural hanging in the Fellowship Hall, and it asks the question: What is your one gospel ministry?

Every word in that sentence is important, but today let's focus on the word, *one*. You can't do everything. You're not called to do everything, but you probably are called to *one* way of serving the kingdom through your church.

Susan and I would like to give you permission to "choose one." Especially as we approach the season when we are going to be recruiting leaders, we want to invite you to carefully, prayerfully seek to discern the calling of the Spirit. How do you do that?

First, ask a friend or a spouse to help you. Ask them, where do you see me coming alive? Where in our church's ministry can you see my gifts meeting the kingdom? Ask them also to help you think about your own busy-ness. What are some things in my life that are weighing me down? What might need to go so that I can find my place of humble service?

Second, ask yourself and your friend: What keeps me going at Northside? Why do I keep coming to church, giving, participating, worshiping, and serving? What is it that makes me think what we do is so very important? I wonder if answering that question will help you think about where and how you might be called to serve here.

Third, lead. Remember that the Church doesn't exist to serve ourselves. The Church exists to serve the kingdom of God in Christ. We serve the coming kingdom in worship. We serve the kingdom when we forgive each other and care for each other. We serve the kingdom when we welcome strangers, exalt the lowly, and visit the sick and grieving. We serve the kingdom when we shepherd children. We serve the kingdom when we teach our youth to ask hard questions. But the Church doesn't exist to serve itself. So, we will always need leaders. Is one of them you?

Finally, ground your discernment in prayer. Pray because anyone who says Yes to the Spirit will encounter resistance. Pray alone and together because we have difficult work to do, and we need the power of the Spirit. Pray because it is so tricky to tell the difference between a genuine calling of the Spirit and some other drive or need.

What is your ONE gospel ministry? Go by the mural in the Fellowship Hall, and let that question begin to do its work in you.

Stan

Senior Adult Fellowship

Our monthly Senior Adult Fellowship will begin meeting again on September 13 at 11 a.m. Our usual program is potluck lunch followed by a program. This September we are pleased to announce that Ben Randman, first chair cellist with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will be the featured program as we begin our 2011 – 2012 year. Ben has lent his amazing talent and skill to our senior adult gatherings many times and we are happy once again to welcome him to our kickoff fellowship. First time attendees and visitors and regular folks are encouraged to come.

Upcoming programs:

October 11 – Chris Kennedy will talk about the Ronald McDonald House.

November 15 – Phil McCarty will lead a Bible study.

December 13 – Christmas Program with Melvin and Marijane Whitfield

Upcoming Youth Activities

August 13 Back to School Party
(Details Coming)

August 14 Youth Group Begins

This fall we will re-visit **Harry Potter**. Some of you began your childhood reading book one, and you've now probably all seen the last movie. So, now that it's over, we're going to revisit some important moments like Harry's mother's death, the Sorting Hat, the search for the Horcruxes, the Deathly Hallows, and the ultimate visit to King's Cross. In short, we're going to be talking about death, friendship, fear, evil, hope, and Resurrection.

Opportunity Center

Scores of homeless men and women are able to have clean clothes regularly through the continued gifts to the Opportunity Center by members of Northside Baptist Church. In addition to washing power, members are providing items such as towels, personal hygiene items (shampoo, razors, soap, etc), underwear, caps, and other seasonal apparel. Place your items in the basket at the entrance to the sanctuary.

How You Can Help With the After School Ministry

We are all very excited about our new outreach mission venture of providing quality after school care to families that are in need of varying degrees of assistance, together with some of our church members' children. At this point we have sixteen children! If you are wondering how you can encourage this ministry, here are some suggestions:

- You can provide healthy snacks occasionally, fruit and cheese, juice boxes, even cookies or popsicles. Your Sunday School class could provide snacks for a whole week; you can bring the snack, serve the children, and get to know them.
- You can give financially (above your tithe) to provide additional scholarships. One thing we have found is the great need for this kind of ministry, particularly the sliding scale for struggling families.
- You can pray for our workers and the children and the families from which they come.

A Chance to Teach

The Nominating Committee has discovered some opportunities for teaching positions for the children's Sunday school departments and adults for August 2011 – August 2012. If you feel a calling to this, please contact Susan Meadors.

Playground Dedication

Mississippi College gifted our church several weeks ago with a beautifully crafted climbing loft and some excellent playground equipment. You have seen it, the children have tried it out, but now it is time to dedicate it. We will gather at the playground for a brief time after the worship service on Sunday, August 14th to give thanks to God and to offer it back to God, that it will be used as a source of blessing and joy for our children. Come brave the heat and bless the playground.

A New Sign in the Fellowship Hall

Thanks to Lisa Edwards for creating a banner to hang in the fellowship hall. It is intended to inspire us all the year long as we continue to ask ourselves, "What is your one gospel ministry?"

Promotion Sunday

August 14th is Promotion Sunday. New teachers and familiar teachers begin fulfilling their gospel ministry to teach again and we are grateful for their commitment and the sharing of their gifts. Several of our children will receive their Bibles from the church during the worship service to mark this transition.

Football Team Ministry

Beginning Tues. night August 16 and every Tues. night during the football season, we will be hosting the football team at our youth building after they get off from practice as we did last year. We averaged about thirty boys each week. We served light refreshments and they just hang out for about an hour. We got good feedback from the coaching staff of the effect on the team. If you would like to help by being present, providing a small donation for refreshments (\$35 per week) or just being present, you would be welcome. Any questions, ask Ricky Nations or George Dale.

And So it all Begins Again...

Wednesday, August 17th is a date to mark on your calendar, the day when we begin again to break bread together around tables on Wednesday nights in the fellowship hall from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Once more Norma Baker will be preparing delicious meals for our enjoyment. We will also kick off our Wednesday Evening Programs with the Annual Northside Talent Show, with special guest appearances by The Answer Men and The Pillow Babes. Please call the office or George Dale if you would like to perform.

Letter of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

As many of you may already know, the time has come for me to step down as child care provider, and begin a new chapter in my life. After six years here I will no longer be employed by Northside so that I can start to work on my biggest adventure – motherhood. I cannot thank each of you enough for the encouragement and kindness you have shown me through the years. I will always remember watching your children grow and watching them become the people they are today. I love each of them very much. They have become a wonderful part of my life. Adam and I have spoken with Stan and will begin to make the necessary steps to become members of the church. Again I thank each and every one of you for all the support you have given me through the last six years and I cannot wait to join you every Sunday for worship.

Love,
Beth Campbell

Mission Mississippi Breakfast at Northside

If you have never attended a Mission Mississippi Breakfast at Northside, you need to do so, as it is an unforgettable experience. The host church provides the breakfast, but the participants who come, come to pray for us, for our church body and its ministries. Pastors and members from different churches across the metro area take time to pray for each other and for racial reconciliation in the Body of Christ. Please join us for a sweet hour of prayer, Tuesday, August 16th at 6:45-7:45 a.m. If you plan to come and would be willing to help cook, please join us at 6:15 am in the kitchen as we host this amazing group of friends.

Welcome to the World!

It's a boy! Sully Sy Safi was born 5:00 a.m. on July 23, 2011 to Ziyad and Piper Whitfield Safi in Houston, Texas. Melvin and Marijane Whitfield are the proud grandparents.

It's a girl! Elizabeth Clare "Libby" Boone was born August, 2, 2011 to parents Jennifer and Alan Boone and brothers Ethan and Grayson of Fort Worth, Texas. She was seven pounds, one ounce. Jenta and Ken Boone are the proud grandparents.

It's a boy! Thomas Andrew "Tap" Peacock was born July 25, 2011 to parents Andrea and Marc Peacock of Fort Worth, Texas. He was seven pounds, ten ounces.

It's a girl! Brooklin Lee Ivery was born Monday, July 25, to Heather and Travon Ivery. She was 5 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19 inches. The family is all at home at 1601 2nd Street in Jackson. Everyone is healthy and happy.

Sympathy

We extend loving sympathy to Lloyd and Rowland Roberts in the death of Lloyd's mother, Daisy Roberts and also to Hannah Plunkett in the death of her great-grandmother.

*****THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, IS THE ABSOLUTE LAST DAY TO TAKE OUR MISSIONAL SURVEY. THE LINK IS:**

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Upcoming Events

Aug 14 Promotion Sunday
Aug 14 Church Business Meeting
Aug 14 Missions Committee Meeting
Aug 16 Mission MS Prayer Breakfast
Aug 17 Talent Show
Aug 24 Wednesday Programs Begin

Extended Session Volunteers

Aug 7
Infants Martha Stringer
Toddlers Mary Ann Greene
Preschool Ellen Brewer

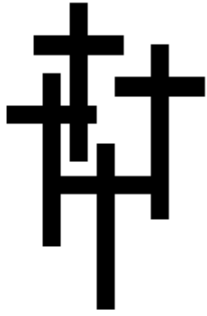
Aug 14
Infants Marijane Whitfield
Toddlers M.D. Whitfield
Preschool Cindy Ringler

Prayer Requests

Geri Bowie, Thelma Basley's sister
Jim Bowie, Thelma Basley's brother-in-law
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
SSG Johnny Cockrell, deployed to Afghanistan
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy
Mattie Cooper, home
Jack DeYoung, Stambaugh's nephew
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Marjorie Gore
Nancy Hancock
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
Glenda Hughes, recovering from knee surgery
Paul Jacobs Jr.
Terrie Johnson, recovering from knee surgery
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard
Carol Meadors, mother of John Meadors
Mary Sue Nations, at home
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Quentin Peterson, friend of the Brogans, cancer
Clayton Powers
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia
John Sherrod, uncle of Michael Williamson
Carolyn Snell, Linda McComb's mother
Jim and Jimmie Street
Bill Strum
Sue Thayer
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks

Members at Home

Wilma Cooper Chrys Ray
Clyde Hemphill
Mrs. Margaret Hensley



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