

Northside News



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From the Pastor

James Stringer and I have been planning a seven-week series on “Leadership and the Virtues” for the youth. We are hoping to introduce our young people to the idea that each of us has a role to play in leading our families, our community, our school, or our church.

In stressful times it is commonplace to blame the people who are in power for whatever mess we are in – as if we only had a new person in there, things would change for the better.

What we usually forget is that those people in power are constrained. They are waiting on us to push, pull, act, and lead. People in power take their cues from their constituencies. They really can only do so much because they have to attend to such a wide range of often conflicting interests. It’s the people without the power who often have the most freedom to act, speak up and make for lasting change.

So, LBJ signed the Voting Rights Bill, but there were an awful lot of relatively powerless people who made that bill possible. In the end, LBJ was able to act only because others paid a costly price to bring painful issues into public view.

Leadership is not about powerful people getting the meek to do something. It is about good people acting with courage, wisdom, and faith.

We all have a responsibility to build the families, communities, schools, and churches that we want ... if we will take that responsibility. We can’t wait for those with power to do it for us; in fact, they may be waiting for us.

We’re not going to suggest to our youth that they have what it takes to fix the world. We certainly don’t. We’re not going to encourage them to seek high office.

We are going to suggest that leadership is really hard work, requiring hard-won virtues like courage, prudence, justice, and love. And we’re going to suggest that in order to be faithful leaders, we need a faithful community to form those virtues in us.

I’ve never led a course on leadership before. It’s a little outside my own (pretty small) area of experience. But I look forward to the opportunity to stir up leadership in our youth because I think they have been formed by a pretty amazing church.

Peace,
Stan

Introducing New Deacons

Our four new deacons are David Cobb, Emily Fokeladeh, Edward Livingston, and Jeff Wright. They begin a three year term this month. We thank them for agreeing to serve as deacons. Let us pledge to pray for them as they take on this important role of service.

Introducing our New Secretary/Administrative Assistant

After a lengthy search we are happy to announce that Frances Chisolm is our new church secretary. She has already been working for several months as interim, and we are grateful for the energy and creativity she has brought to this position. In this new day when we are trying out different roles for our staff, she has a great responsibility. Be sure to thank her and to introduce yourself.

Mission Focus Weekend

Ben Newell, CBF field personnel who heads up the Poverty Initiative in Helena, AR, is coming to be with us on January 28-30. On Friday night, January 28, at 6:00 we’ll have a soup supper and Ben will share with us the various ministries that are being carried out through the poverty initiative. Come and enjoy homemade soup, and share in this informative session. On Saturday morning at 9:00 Ben will lead us to think about what projects might be appropriate for us to initiate in Clinton and how we might go about creating and carrying out these projects. On Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour Ben will challenge us to take the first steps in initiating the appropriate projects. The Missions Committee believes this can be an exciting weekend and the beginning of an exciting ministry. We urge you to be a part of the experience.

Advent Missions Offering

We have almost reached our goal of \$15,000. If you have not given, there is still time. \$2500 will be designated for each of the following six ministries:

Cuba ministry of Mark and Kiran Siler
Greece ministry of Bob and Janice Newell
Jordan ministry of Elizabeth Richards
Walking in Love Ministry
CBF national offering
MS CBF for Holmes County project

Goal	\$15,000
Gifts to date	\$12,885

Youth

MLK Day Events at the Youth House – January 16-17. Spend the night at the Youth house! We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for Youth Group, travel to Jackson to interview a special guest on the topic of “*Leadership and Justice*.” We’ll eat dinner out, then return to watch the movie, *Invictus*. Eventually, we will go to sleep! The next morning we will take a “Get to Know Clinton” tour, and we’ll conclude with an act of service. We’ll be through by noon on Monday. All youth are invited, but you need to register in advance.

The MLK events are part of a seven week series on Leadership and the Virtues. Plan on coming each Sunday Night this Winter.

The EP Board is Coming

On February 4-6 Northside will be hosting the gathering of the Board of Directors of the Ekklesia Project. Fifteen church leaders from around the country will be flying in for a weekend meeting, and they will be staying for worship on Sunday. Let’s show them some hospitality!

Would you be interested in helping host? We will need drivers, cooks, and homes for them to stay in. (We could also use a loaner vehicle or two). If interested, see Stan (before he calls you).

CFI Begins Again January 23

CFI will begin again on Sunday, January 23 at 4:30 p.m. We are studying Leslie Newbign’s book “Mission in Christ’s Way.” Copies of the study book are available in the office. Please pick one up early, so you can prepare in advance.

Reading of Matthew Moved to March 6

David Miller’s reading of the Gospel of Matthew was put on ice last Sunday night. Postponed due to bad weather, we will look forward to hearing from him on Sunday evening, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. On Transfiguration Sunday, just before Lent, we will pause to hear the entire gospel of Matthew read aloud.

Women’s Retreat Finding Rest

February 25-27, 2011

Better is one hand full of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. Eccl.4:6

We are returning to the St. Moses the Black Priory, Raymond, MS (www.stmosestheblackpriory.org). The cost is \$70 (two nights lodging, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner; we all contribute homemade goodies for breakfast Saturday and Sunday). **There is limited space so a \$35 deposit is needed to hold a spot.** Brochures will be available in the narthex and the church office.

Ebenezer Project

Volunteers can participate in doing carpentry work for the Ebenezer Project, January 22, from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. If you have any questions please call John Breazeale. (662-418-6411)

Memorial

Those of us who remember Steve and Suzanne McNeely, former pastor of Northside, are gathering funds as a memorial to Steve, who passed away January 7, 2011. If you wish to participate, please designate your gift to Steve McNeely fund and give to the church. One idea is to donate to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Extended Session Volunteers

Jan 16

Infants
Toddlers
Preschool

Jenta Boone
Quentin Brewer
Karen Nolan

Jan 23

Infants
Toddlers
Preschool

Lida Stark
Frances Chisolm
Missy Jones

Sunday School Workers for Babies

Jan 16
Jan 23

Lesa Meaders
Deborah Fry

Caregiving Concerns

Ellen Brewer, recovering from neck surgery
Mattie Cooper, at Trinity Rehab
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Frank Hooks, Susan Meador's father
Jamie Meaders, recovering from surgery

On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Geri Bowie, sister of Thelma Basley
Jim Bowie, Thelma Basley's brother-in-law
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Shirley Campbell, sister of Jo Ann Pope
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, in a coma, friend of Sara Campbell
Jamie Franks, daughter of Lynda Cook
Marjorie Gore
Lee Hackett, Carrie Chester's sister
Nancy Hancock, recovering at home
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
Mary Ann Isbell, recovering at home
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard in Ridgeland
Lake Jones, in Seattle, WA
Chris Lee, Hal and Lou Ann Lee's grandson, basic training
Parris Islands, SC
Reilly Montgomery, 9 year old girl, stage 3 cancer, friend of
Beth Dickinson's family
Mary Sue Nations, at home
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Clayton Powers
Richard Ritchie, Ridgeland Pointe
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia
Sylvia Smith, recovering from back surgery
Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark
Bill Strum
Merle Thomas
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks
Roy and Gladys Williams, grandparents of Graham Carner
Margie White, (wife of former State Senator White) She has
lung cancer.
Judy Yates, recovering at home

Members at Home

Mrs. Margaret Hensley
Chrys Ray

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