

Northside News



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From the Pastor

As we come out of the quiet of Christmas we jump into a very busy, but promising year. We are very soon moving into our new youth building, and the Youth Ministry as a whole is preparing for a new day. The Missions Committee is considering a stateside mission project and hoping to create an opportunity for more of us to be involved than was possible when we went to Macedonia. The Worship Committee is already looking toward Lent and Easter. The Finance Committee is going to be offering a budget soon, so every committee is looking ahead to the year.

The Deacons ended 2009 with a retreat, and out of that retreat they are taking the lead on expanding and developing our ministry to our local neighborhood and community. Soon they will begin asking you, face to face, one on one, where you feel we are called to minister within our community.

Toward that end we are offering a Prayer Service each Wednesday evening this winter and spring. The service will include readings, silence, song, prayer, and reflection. Our deacons will be leading in many of these reflections, and our theme will be Mission.

We are going to be asking questions like these: What is the church for? What does authentic evangelism look like for us? Where are the places of pain, distrust, doubt, and division in our community, and how can our church meet them with faith, hope, and love? What does it mean to be ambassadors of healing, wholeness, reconciliation, and forgiveness in Clinton, MS?

I hope you will join us as we pray and as we open our eyes, ears, and hearts to the movement of the Spirit. If you can join us on Wednesdays, great. If you can't, please make these questions part of your own prayer, and please be part of this conversation.

These are exciting and hopeful days to be part of Northside. I am glad and honored to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,
Stan

Wednesday Night Prayer Service

This Winter and Spring we will be organizing a weekly service of prayer each Wednesday evening, in the sanctuary from 6:15-7:00 p.m.

There will be guided prayers, music, and reflections from our deacons as they are attempting to lead us into new missional involvement.

We encourage each of you to come, and to help us begin our next decade of ministry prayerfully.

Advent Missions Offering

The Missions Committee has decided to keep the Advent Missions Offering open through the end of January. If you have not given, please consider doing so. If you have given, please consider giving more so that we can reach our goal of \$16,000.

Walking In Love Ministry	\$5000
Clinton Habitat house	\$5000
Heifer International	\$3000
CBF National Offering	\$3000
Total	\$16,000
Amount given to date	\$12,660

Committees for 2010

Enclosed is our 2010 Committee Roster. Thanks to our Committee on Committees for finalizing this list. All committees should be meeting soon to make budget requests (due by January 31) and to begin planning for the year.

Children: C-Karen Nolan (2), Mary Ann Greene (1), Kelli Derrick (1), Missy Jones (2), Ruth Randman (3), Margaret Drummond (3), Frances Chisolm (non member)

Denominational Relations: C-Trey Jones (2), Jo Hollman (1), Jeff Wright (1), Chris Kennedy (2), Landa Strum (3), Sheila Wagner (3), Graham Carner

Family Life/Recreation: Ken Boone (1), Samir Fokeladeh (1), Patricia Hudson (2), Beverly Hughey (2), Kay Brodbeck (3), Ed Moore (3)

Finance: C-Bo Roberts (2), Chris Derrick (1), Quentin Brewer (1), Ricky Nations (2), Ken Boone (3), Lou Ann Lee (3)

Nominating: C-Rene' Roberts (1), Kay Brodbeck (1), Jim Jenkins (2), M.D. Whitfield (2), Mary Ann Isbell (3), Sylvia Smith (3)

Outreach: C-Jenta Boone (1), Jackie Wright (1), Marijane Whitfield (2), Faye Green (2), Jo Hollman (3), June Hodge (3)

Personnel: C-Nancy Anderson (1), Terri Johnson (1), Edward Livingston (2) Madelyn Matijevich (2), Greg Gearhart (3), George Dale (3)

Properties: C-David Cobb (2), Brad Edwards (1), Mike Bartlett (1), Gordie Harkins (2), Tommy Hudson (3), Ricky Burns (3), Don Nyberg (non member)

Senior Adults: C-Kitty Brogan (1), Lesa Meaders (1), Harold Hollman (2), Linda Livingston (2)

Worship/Music: C-Aaron Bond (1), Glenda Hughes (1), Jo Ann Pope (2), Bill Hodge (2), Marie Anderson (3), Dottie Serio (3)

Youth: C-Leigh Johnson (1), Gordie Harkins (1), Mary Johnston (2), Judy Gearhart (2), Joann Young (3), Lance Ringler (3), Maureen Wishkoski (3) Youth Representatives: Mary Louise Meadors, Grant Gilliam, Morgan Young, Sam Gearhart

Committee on Committees: C-Jim Jenkins (1), Rowland Roberts (1), Trina Ferguson (2), Dottie Serio (2), Wilma Hemphill (3)

Missions: C-Buddy Wagner, Kay Brodbeck, Emily Fokeladeh, Harold and Jo Hollman, Ricky Nations, Jason Parham, Mary Etta Carner, Judy Gearhart, June Hodge, Mary Johnston, Caby and Betty Byrne, Michael Williamson

Youth Building Report

The Youth Building is in the finishing stages! All major exterior work has been completed, and the electricity, plumbing, and heating/air conditioning ducts are in place. The floors have been stained, and we will soon see walls, cabinets, and interior doors. We are just a few weeks away from moving into this much-awaited addition to our ministry with you and their parents.

Women's Retreat

The Work of Our Hands

Date: January 22-24, 2010

Place: St. Moses the Black Priory, Raymond, MS

Cost: \$70 (two nights lodging, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch) This year a former member of our church, Reverend Suzanne Stovall Vinson, will be directing our sessions. Suzanne draws from her calling as artist, minister, teacher, counselor, wife, mother, and friend to guide groups in spiritual direction. Part of our common work at the retreat will be to make a banner for ordinary time which will hang in our sanctuary. Come join us. And pray for us.

There is still room for a few more. A \$35 deposit is needed to hold a spot.

From the Wellness Ministry

New Year health tips in general include regular exercise or movement of any kind (adults advised 1/2 hour of exercise a day and children and teens 1 hour a day). Healthy diet is significantly important. Vaccines are most important, especially considering the possibility of upcoming changes in health care policies/insurance policies. People are advised to keep their regular clinic appointments and keep an ongoing relationship with their medical provider and staff. This will help facilitate a partnership so that your medical care will be more individualized and be what is best for you.

Extended Session

January 17

Infants

Toddlers

Preschool

January 24

Infants

Toddlers

Preschool

Anna Rosenthal

Sam Drummond

James Stringer

Kelli Derrick

Quentin Brewer

Chris Derrick

Sunday School for Babies

January 17

January 24

Lesla Meaders

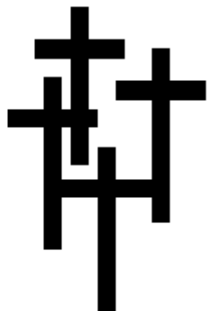
Deborah Fry

Caregiving Concerns

Brina Gutierrez, granddaughter of Ann and John Marquez
Itaska Woods, at home

On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Helen Breedlove, aunt of Jackie Wright
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Wanda Caldwell, sister of Bill Stark
Shirley Campbell, sister of Jo Ann Pope
Bill and Charlotte Causey
Callie Cole
Lynda Cook
Marjorie Gore
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson
John Hendrix
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
June Hodge
Karen Holland, friend of Beth Dickinson
Lake Jones
Matthew McCartney, nephew of Anne Powers
Diane Meadows
Clayton Powers
Chrys Ray
Margaret Stephens, John Marquez' sister
Merle Thomas
Jennifer Tucker
Rhonda Upton, friend of Christina Kelsey
Betty Gordon Watson, sister of Emily Fokeladeh
Freddie Weeks, cancer
Johnnie Williams, mother of Roxie Parks



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