

# Northside News

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## From the Pastor

*And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. ... And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:6-8; 14)*

It is an overwhelming time. At the same time that we are overwhelmed with sorrow at the news from Japan, we get the news that United States forces have joined in a military campaign in Libya. On top of that the entire Middle East is in upheaval.

If you are like me, all of this news is a little much to take. I find it hard to maintain the compassion I want to feel and then switch over to the serious moral judgment called for in a time of war. I get overwhelmed by it all, and I confess that I often find myself growing numb.

But I do not want to be numb to suffering or indifferent to serious moral issues like war.

All of this makes the keeping of Lent that much more important this year. Lent is a season of fasting, prayer, penitence, and generosity. And in a frightening, numbing time, these are four things we can do.

We can fast, and so stay in touch with the pain of the world. We can pray, and so remember the God who loves this world so much as to become flesh and suffer among us. We can repent of the desires and dispositions which make wars inevitable (James 4:1-4). And when it seems like there is nothing left to do, we can remain generous. Every small act of generosity is a witness to hope against all the voices that would tell us that this is a tragic world of might makes right.

Remember also that Jesus was very clear that there would be times like these, and he taught his disciples to not give into fear. "See that you are not alarmed." Be vigilant against fear because he promised to be with us. Because he is with us, we can keep the faith even in a chaotic world.

One other thing Jesus tried to tell us: This is not the end of the story. ("The end is not yet.") All these signs are not signs of the end. There's more to come. So, take care, and keep the faith until we can together sing the good news of Easter.

Peace,  
Stan

## Youth On Wednesday

C'Mon Back!! John and Susan Meadors (with some guiding input from Joe and Mary Louise) will be meeting on Wednesday nights with the youth in and around the youth building. This will be a relaxing, fun time midweek to meet, play together and love God. God inhabits the prayers of God's people, and indeed their joy and laughter, so that is what these Wednesdays nights will be.

- April 6 Overcoming Life's Obstacles (Course)
- April 13 Youth host children in youth building for GAME NIGHT
- April 20 No meeting during Holy Week
- April 27 WHADDAYAKNOW???  
or, Not So Trivial Pursuit
- May 4 BIG PAINT JOB, REALLY  
BIG, ENORMOUS
- May 11 SPEAKING OF H2O

## Youth Passport Deposits Due

Next week, April 3, we are hoping to have all deposits in for our Youth trip to Passport Youth Camp in Macon, Georgia, July 10-15. We are asking for a \$75 deposit.

## Northside Garden Ministry "The Garden of Good Intentions"

Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. – *Planting Day*. Come on out!  
The more the merrier.

If you are interested in helping in any small or large way, please see Don Nyberg.

## Japan Relief Fund

If anyone at Northside wishes to donate to relief work in Japan, they can do so by sending their contribution to CBF of MS, Box 1725, Madison, MS 39130, designated to the Japan Relief Fund. You may also give through our offering, but make sure to make your check payable to CBF of MS, and note Japan Relief Fund.

## Missions

This is the eighth item of the mission budget to be explained. The Missions Committee wants the church family to be informed about the items in the budget and why they are included.

Women in Ministry

Baptist Women in Ministry is an organization begun in 1983 that is dedicated to “*be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women.*” The organization began in 1983 in Louisville, Kentucky, but currently resides on the campus of Mercer University’s McAfee’s School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. A major concern of the organization is helping the women graduating from seminary (and all women called to ministry) to find ministry positions. In 2009 the decision was also made to restructure the organization from a membership-based group to a donor-supported organization. Baptist Women in Ministry is committed to advocating for, connecting to, and networking with Baptist women in ministry and those who care about them. Your support makes a significant difference!

### Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
11:00 a.m.

Todd Watson, Pastor of St. John’s United Methodist Church will be our speaker. Don’t forget to bring a covered dish!

### Wednesday Night Supper

Norma Baker will begin to cook for us on Wednesdays starting April 6. We look forward to having supper again, sitting at the table together, so make plans to join us! **Call or email the church office for reservation by noon Tuesday!**

Adults = \$5.00

Children = \$3.00

Family Maximum = \$15.00

*Rigatoni, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert*

### Bridal Tea honoring Miss Beth Dickinson

Sunday, April 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Northside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

*Children are Welcome*

They are registered at Belk, Target; Bed, Bath, & Beyond

### Invitation from the Outreach Committee

Northside is always seeking to be a people of genuine welcome in Jesus’ name, and on the front lines of that effort are our Greeters. If you would like to join in this ministry of greeting visitors, please contact Jenta Boone or the office.

### New Phone System

We are happy to have a new office phone system which will allow us to better receive every call. Even if the secretary is not available, you can still reach the extension of either minister, and if they are available will answer your call. Please be patient as we learn the system, and be assured our goal is to answer every call or respond as soon as possible.

### Church Website

[www.northsidebaptistms.org](http://www.northsidebaptistms.org)

### Extended Session Volunteer

#### Apr 3

Infants  
Toddlers  
Preschool

Lisa Edwards  
Amy Williamson  
Tim Nicholas

#### Apr 10

Infants  
Toddlers  
Preschool

Jackie Wright  
Joseph Meadors  
James Stringer

### Sunday School Workers for Babies

Apr 3

Daphne Myers

Apr 10

Lynda Jenkins

### Caregiving Concerns

Gerri Bowie, Thelma Basley’s sister  
Jim Bowie, Thelma Basley’s brother-in-law  
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks  
Billy Campbell  
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis  
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy  
Mattie Cooper, Room 222 at Trinity  
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart’s father  
Marjorie Gore  
Lee Hackett, Carrie Chester’s sister  
Nancy Hancock  
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson  
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy  
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw  
William Howard Hollman, brother of Harold Hollman  
Paul Jacobs Jr.  
Deniece Jenkins, recovering from surgery  
Ed Livingston, recovering from foot surgery  
Jennifer Jacobs Long, fibromyalgia  
Carol Meadors, mother of John Meadors  
Reilly Montgomery, 9, stage 3 cancer, friend of Beth Dickinson’s family  
Mary Sue Nations, at home  
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook  
Clayton Powers  
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia  
Carolyn Snell, Linda McComb’s mother  
Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark  
Bill Strum, recovering from eye surgery  
Sue Thayer  
Dan Toohey, stroke, friend of Ben Randman  
Cliff Tucker, recovering from back injury  
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner  
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks  
Roy and Gladys Williams, grandparents of Graham Carner  
Margie White  
Judy Yates, recovering at home

### Members at Home

Wilma Cooper  
Clyde Hemphill  
Mrs. Margaret Hensley

Chrys Ray  
Richard Ritchie





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