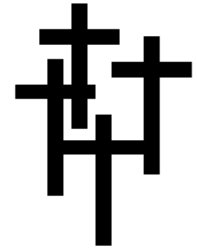


Northside News



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From the Pastor

Even though school is still in session, it feels like summer is here. We finished a wonderful season of Wednesday night missions education, evening prayers, and suppers. Thanks to all those dedicated workers who make Wednesday nights such a good time for children at Northside. I know that my daughters are loved and challenged in important ways on Wednesday nights, and they are sad that it's over until the fall. (They can't wait for VBS.)

Everybody I talked to says that we are onto something really good in our Wednesday evening prayer service. We think we have hit on something important. It is a time for an extended prayer at the close of the day, guided by scripture, hymns, silence, and testimony. I hope you will consider joining us in the fall.

Our CFI group had an important seven weeks discussing the basics of Christian formation. We have committed to two years of study, looking closely at the ways that Northside forms disciples. We have found this to be stimulating work, and we will begin again in the fall studying "The Shape of God's Reign."

Our Youth Group is enjoying their new building, and they are hard at work on a dinner theatre they plan to offer the congregation later in the summer. They are also making plans to go to Passport in Macon, GA, a youth camp with a built-in mission project. Last year they went to Heifer International.

The Vacation Bible School working group is seeking volunteers and making plans for another great year of VBS. This year we are trying to expand our connections with the families of our surrounding neighborhoods. The sign will soon go up, teachers are preparing, and we encourage you to invite children who could benefit from this wonderful week.

The Missions Committee just approved a \$1500 pilot community garden project. Seeded by a generous gift of \$2000 from a friend of Northside, this garden will allow MC student Ezekiel McCall to develop a garden in our back yard through which we hope to befriend 2-3 families in our neighborhood interested in a bag of healthy groceries each week. In addition Ezekiel is going to be working with the youth on a pumpkin patch at our place. Pumpkins will be sold in October to benefit Habitat for Humanity. What is more: Ezekiel will try to organize area gardeners to contribute surplus garden food to a booth at the Olde Towne Market.

This Sunday we will celebrate and dedicate our new hymnals. We will sing more than usual, explore the hymnals, and step into the next era of our life together.

It may feel like summer, but it is a happy and busy time here at church. As always, let's keep coming to worship, and keep giving. This is a time in which we are listening for the Spirit and asking how we may befriend our neighborhood and offer new Gospel ministries. Your presence and gifts will help to answer that question.

Grace and Peace,
Stan

May 16 Hymnal Dedication

We will celebrate and dedicate our new hymnals this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

We will sing and explore the hymnals.

The Sermon: "Just about Midnight" from Acts 16.

Church Business Meeting

There will be a church business meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Status of Discussion of the "One Gospel Ministry"
2. Report from the Missions Committee
3. Report from the Finance Committee

Mission Trip Cancelled

The Missions Committee has made the decision to cancel the trip to Helena this summer due to lack of volunteers and lack of financial resources. Those who have contributed to this endeavor may leave the money in the mission trip fund to be used for a trip later, designate your contribution to be moved to another cause, or ask that your contribution be refunded. If you wish to move your contribution or have it refunded, please contact the church office.

Northside Senior Adults

On May 16 the Senior citizens (and those close to being senior citizens) will have an ice cream social at 5:00 p.m. Please come enjoy this time of fellowship.

Vacation Bible School

June 7 - 11

Egypt

This year in Vacation Bible School at Northside we will be experiencing Egypt, following the story of Joseph. There are sign-up sheets available each Sunday in the bulletin for you to let us know how you will be willing to help, or you may call the church office. Remember this is an important outreach of our church and we need the help of everyone who is able.

Please join us Tuesday through Friday, June 1-4 as we decorate in preparation of Vacation Bible School.

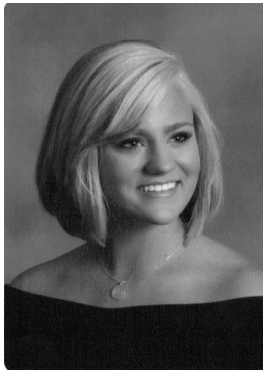
High School Graduates of 2010



David Edwards



Cristina Johnston



Morgan McComb



Lindy Ringler



Liz Serio

David Edwards, son of Brad and Lisa Edwards, plans to attend either Holmes Community College in Ridgeland or Universal Technical Institute in Houston, TX in the fall.

Cristina Johnston, daughter of Mary Johnston, will be attending Webster University in St. Louis, MO, majoring in international studies with an emphasis on human rights.

Morgan McComb, daughter of Mark and Linda McComb, will be attending the University of Mississippi, majoring in English. She is admitted to the Barksdale Honors College.

Lindy Ringler, daughter of Lance and Cindy Ringler, will be attending The University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in health science. This summer she will participate in the summer musical, "The Wiz" at Clinton High School and will be working at Cascades during the day.

Liz Serio, daughter of Joey and Dottie Serio, will be working at the Forestry Association this summer before going to Mississippi State University, majoring in computer engineering. She is admitted to the Honors College.

Meet Me at Luigi's

Love Italian food? Love theatre? Love the NBC Youth Group? Then you'll love Meet Me at Luigi's! Join the youth for an interactive dinner theatre at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19 in the fellowship hall. E-mail Solon Smith for ticket information at mrsolonbsmith@yahoo.com. Proceeds will go toward Passport Youth Camp expenses and a donation to The 4 C's.

Calling for Help

I would like to bring a "stewardship for the earth" focus to our children and youth, about once a month or so, through a variety of hands-on activities—including recycled art projects, videos, and growing things. If anyone is interested in helping do these simple activities, please let me know. Call or email Marijane Whitfield at artteacher8@yahoo.com or 601-924-7941 and leave a message. ANYONE, ANY AGE can do this; all you need is an interest. Besides, I am a fun person... For everyone else: Please help us and the planet by saving the following "trash" items. Just put anything you have in a trash bag, put a sign for Marijane on it, and place bags in the back half of Jim Jenkins' Sunday school classroom:

- Old cd's
- Plastic bags
- Old yellow pages books
- Greeting cards
- Old puzzles, pieces can be missing
- Coffee cans
- Baby food jars
- Milk jugs, ½ and gallon
- Small flower pots
- Any and all old hardware
- Scraps of wood, especially old painted wood
- Material or clothing scraps, old buttons
- Old t-shirts for paint shirts
- Bottle caps, especially metal ones
- Old magazines, especially nice slick ones
- Food and drink metal cans
- Old window screens
- Old picture frames, prefer 8" X 10" or smaller
- Scrap wire—especially old colored telephone wire
- Glass bottles, like ketchup, etc.
- Old detergent, birdseed, dog food, kitty litter, etc. buckets with lids
- 2 liter soft drink bottles
- Shoe boxes
- Plastic water bottles with cap
- Dryer lint (yes, that is dryer lint!)
- Old neckties
- Any other odd or unusual things of which you have several

A Look Ahead

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| May 16 | Hymnal Dedication Sunday |
| May 16 | Pitch In Lunch |
| May 16 | Senior Adult Social |
| May 16 | Church Business Meeting |
| May 23 | Pentecost Sunday |
| May 31 | Church Office Closed |
| June 7-11 | VBS |
| June 19 | Youth Dinner Theater |

From the Wellness Ministry

Health Alert: Authorities are advising us to use none of the existing Johnson & Johnson "Children's" brand-name products: Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl and Zyrtec due to gross contamination at the manufacturing site - including contamination with pathogenic bacteria. Symptoms might be fever, sleepiness - which can be difficult to determine if the child was already ill. The product is being removed from store shelves. The physician reporting this on national news this morning stated if the child has taken the products recently and did not become more ill, there is probably no reason to report to your pediatrician as "the child is probably safe" – it's up to you!

Extended Session

May 16

Infants	Lida Stark
Toddlers	Cliff Johnson
Preschool	Ellen Brewer

May 23

Infants	Martha Stringer
Toddlers	Mary Johnston
Preschool	Tim Nicholas

Sunday School for Babies

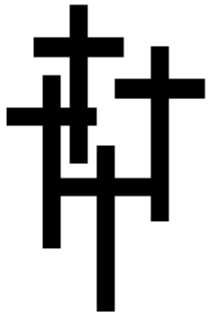
May 16	Lesa Meaders
May 23	Deborah Fry

Caregiving Concerns

Grace Gober, in rehab following hip surgery
Nancy Hancock
Mrs. Abby Jones, moved to The Orchard in Ridgeland
Rick, Diane and Jenna Meadows, moving to Baton Rouge
Charles Moore, father of Ed Moore, facing a biopsy tomorrow
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia
Bill Strum, receiving chemotherapy
Betty Gordon Watson, sister of Emily Fokeladeh
Roy Williams, grandfather of Graham Carner,
recovering from a head injury after a fall

On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Helen Breedlove, aunt of Jackie Wright
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
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
Lake Jones
Tommie Myers, uncle of Mary Etta Carner
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Clayton Powers
Lucy Rushing
Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark
Margaret Stephens, John Marquez' sister
Sue Thayer
Merle Thomas
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks



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