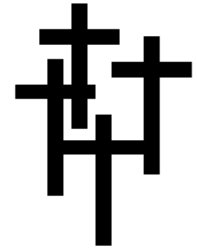


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From the Pastor

I have been following the Personhood issue for a long time with great interest, so I have been surprised to find myself silent on the issue. Silence is often a very political stance. It can speak volumes in favor of the status quo. Silence can also sometimes do real damage. I know all that, but still I have remained silent on the Personhood issue. Others have written and spoken, but I have not quite found a word to say.

I do not mean that we should not be talking about this very important issue. Please, let's talk. We need to listen to each other; I have learned much from listening to many of you. This is a decision that calls for wisdom, and we especially need to listen to the wise, mature Christians in our church who have thoughtfully considered the implications. Come to church Sunday and talk about this. But, as always, don't forget to listen.

I think part of my silence is simply repentance and sorrow. I grieve the failure of the Church on the issue of abortion. We haven't found many authentic Christian ways to protest it. Many have argued that it is a grim, tragic necessity, but few have found a way to articulate genuine resurrection hope.

Instead, we have demonized each other and allowed this issue to divide the Church deeply. We have not loved our neighbor, much less have we loved each other as Jesus loved us. Furthermore, we have failed in our imagination. We have failed to imagine a church which doesn't so much **have** a position on abortion as it **is** a position. That is, we have failed to imagine and be a Church who has the time to welcome children and other strangers into our midst. Instead, we have turned our time, energy, and imaginations over to the State and asked the State to do the work for us.

In short, I'm just not sure we have a credible moral voice to speak. Why would anyone want to listen to what any of us have to say anymore about this issue? I think that's why I have remained silent.

The good news is that Northside is closer to becoming an answer to the issue than we often recognize. For example, I know for a fact that Northside will never let one of its members become needy. Although we have not written this (yet) into our constitution, in many ways we exemplify Acts 4:34: "There was not a needy person among them ..." I have

seen you sacrifice so that no one in our church has to go without. Surely that means that we would help raise each other's children. A Church like you IS an answer, at least in

part, to the problem of abortion. The challenge is helping us come to see the radical hope of the gospel already active among us.

The good news is that if we continue to take seriously who we are as God's church, we can discover the resurrection hope of the Gospel. Death and sin have already been defeated; our job is not to defeat them, but to learn to live in the light of that Good News, by becoming people of genuine hospitality for children and other strangers.

Next week there is going to be a very important and significant vote. I trust you will vote or abstain wisely. And then no matter how that vote turns out, we have work to do – the hard but good work of becoming the Church we are called to be.

Grace and Peace,

Stan

Youth

This week our Youth are finishing our study of Harry Potter with a look at Death. It's a pretty serious topic for youth, or anybody for that matter, but you can't avoid it in Harry Potter. Or in life. So, on All Saints Sunday we will have a very important conversation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tony Abercrombie and Paige Ladd who will be married November 12, at 4pm here at the church! Tony and Paige joined Northside this past year. We celebrate with them, and we look forward to their life together as a married couple in our church. Blessings, Tony and Paige.

Church Meeting November 13

6:00 p.m.

Our quarterly church meeting is Sunday, November 13. We will approve the recommendation of our Committee on Committees which has been at work since August. If you have other business, please see Graham Carner, our deacon chair and moderator.

Thanksgiving Banquet

November 20, 6:30 p.m.

Our annual Thanksgiving Banquet will be Sunday night, November 20. As usual we will have the Turkey, dressing and gravy catered, and the rest of the meal will be Pot Luck. Please make plans for this important time of giving thanks together.

Advent 2011: We Call Out To God

We look forward to the celebration and observance of Advent beginning November 27. As usual we will begin our celebration by the Hanging of the Green on November 27 in the evening. This year our reflections will be written by Kelly Foster, and our artist is Marie Anderson. Thanks to everyone who is already working to get ready for this important season at Northside.

Worship Committee Recommends a Shift in our Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year the Worship Committee will recommend at our November 13 meeting that we shift the time of our Christmas Eve worship service this year from 11:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Of course, this represents a significant shift in an important worship tradition at Northside, so we want to make this decision together as a church. Please come to the meeting prepared to discern the best way for us to worship together on Christmas Eve.

Mississippi College Singers November 20

We are pleased to announce that the Mississippi College Singers will lead us in worship again on the observance of Reign of Christ Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. As always the Singers will not be performing for us; they will be joining us and leading us in the worship of God. This is a wonderful event and opportunity for Northside, and you are encouraged to invite neighbors and friends as we bring to a close another year of worshipping together.

Deacon Election

On Sunday, November 20, there will be a deacon election. This year we are electing five deacons because of one unfinished term. We encourage members to prayerfully consider this opportunity of service. Those who feel they cannot serve should remove their name from the list and place it in the offering plate. Please let the office know if you wish to remove your name by Sunday, November 13.

Congregational Gathering Saturday, January 8

Please go ahead and mark January 8, 9am – 3pm on your calendar. We will gather together at Camp Garaywa. We are hoping for a big turnout of members of all ages as we begin to explore the results of our Missional Readiness Survey.

The Survey was designed to begin a conversation among us, not to make recommendations for us. So, we need as many people to come as possible. Lunch will be served, and the cost per person is \$8.00.

Baby Shower

Join us for a
Sip & See Baby Shower
Honoring
Beth Campbell
Sunday, December 4, 2011
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
A Baby Shower for Baby Fiona
Northside Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Fellowship

November 15 Dr. Phil McCarty leads a Bible Study
(*please note this is the 3rd Tuesday and not the 2nd as the 2nd is election day and Northside is an election place.)

Last month we enjoyed hearing from Chris Kennedy, house manager of the Ronald McDonald House of Mississippi. Chris made us aware of some needs, if you wish to donate:

Food/Kitchen Needs

Boxed Cereal
Pop-tarts/Breakfast Bars
Snack Food Items
Sugar/Creamer
Plastic/Paper (Cups, Utensils,
Plates, & Bowls)

Cleaning Needs

Mr. Clean
Brooms/Dust Pans
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
Pledge/Swiffer Wands
Utility Towels
Cleaning Rags

Prayer Requests

Jean Bond, Babs Stewarts' mother, cancer
Geri Bowie, Thelma Basley's sister
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Jether W. Brown, Alzheimer's, friend of Ben and Shirley Campbell, Jo Ann Pope's sister
Johnny Cockrell, deployed to Afghanistan
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy
Tyler Cole, recovering from car accident
Mattie Cooper, home
Jack DeYoung, the Stambaugh's nephew
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Marjorie Gore
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Paul Jacobs Jr.
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard
Lake Jones, Petal, Ms
Max Jones, Carri Chester's brother, cancer
Patrick Jordan
Ann Marquez
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Quentin Peterson, friend of the Brogans
Teina Purser, friend of Michael Williamson
Bernice Rook, charter member
John Sherrod, Michael Williamson's uncle
Carolyn Snell, Linda McComb's mother
Kim Thompkins, Ellen Brewer's friend, cancer
Ed Trott, Manhattan Rehabilitation Center
Freddie Weeks, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks

Thanksgiving

Chris Bush, adjustment to deployment to Kuwait
Nancy Hancock, remission
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw, remission
Mary Hooks, adjustment to new place in Plano
Grant Shields, Meadors' nephew, Portugal
(see IMB video <http://vimeo.com/30760800>)
Sue Thayer, progress in pain relief
Kalina Willems, Age 13, Galesburg, IL, remission

Members at Home

Wilbur Carpenter – 501 E. Northside Drive, RM 233
Wilma Cooper – 214 Twin Lakes South
Clyde Hemphill – 1103 Laurelwood Drive
Margaret Hensley – 130 Carribean Cove
Chrys Ray – 1405 Tanglewood
Jim Street – 120 Trace Wood Cove



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