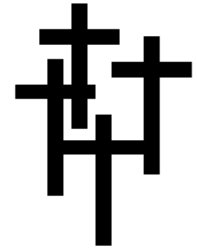


Northside News



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From the Pastor

Next Sunday evening I have the privilege of preaching at a Baptist Church in Recife, Brazil. A generous, anonymous donor from the Alliance of Baptists has paid for my way there. They want me to explore a potential partnership between Northside and a church in the Brazilian Alliance of Baptists.

We will visit several churches which are part of a relatively new Alliance in Brazil. Like us they are seeking to be faithful to their calling and free from the constraints of fundamentalism. Like us they are probably struggling to be a truly “free church.” Free to follow the Spirit. Also like us these churches are trying to reach their neighborhoods and communities, and I expect to learn from them.

If I find a church which seems like a good match for us, I will bring back that name to the Missions Committee, and they will lead us from there, helping us decide as a congregation whether to officially enter a partner-church relationship.

A partner church is not a mission church. It is simply a friendship between two churches who are seeking to witness in their own unique way in their own unique place. I can imagine us praying for one another, perhaps exchanging gifts, and yes, giving and receiving hospitality. They would travel here, and we would go there.

It would be very interesting and probably challenging for us to enter a partnership of equals – in which we were decidedly not trying to go do something for another church that they could do just as well for themselves. No one is asking us to go help, or fix, or send money. We’re simply invited to explore friendship and gospel partnership. We’re being invited to explore our relationship to God’s wider church by learning our way around one unique place.

Of course, Northside is uniquely qualified to befriend a church in Brazil. Martha Stringer, Mary Johnston, and Debbie Pierce all grew up in Brazil. In fact, they all lived at least part of their lives in Recife. I will visit the seminary where Martha’s father taught.

Remember me next week – especially when I am preaching Sunday night! I am very grateful for this unique opportunity, and I look forward to reporting back to you soon.

Grace and Peace,

Stan

Evening Prayers on Wednesday

We will continue to meet for Wednesday Evening Prayers throughout the Fall. Those of us who gather for this time of quiet reflection, singing and praying find it a soothing and refreshing time during the rush of a busy week. Each week for our reflection time we will consider one of the fruits of the Spirit. If you would like to bring a devotional on one of these, please see Stan or Susan. The schedule is as follows:

Sept	21	Kindness
	28	Goodness
Oct.	5	Faithfulness
	12	Gentleness
	19	Self-Control

Financial Notes

We finished our last year ahead of budget! That’s great news, but now, as you can see, we’re starting to fall behind. If you’re not in the habit of regular weekly or monthly giving, please consider doing that. We are all in this ministry together. Our giving goes to pay for everything from air conditioning for after school kids to salaries for pastors who proclaim the gospel to pensions for CBF missionaries. We have a broad, bold, good calling, and giving generously is part of that.

Financial Notes Thru August 31

General Fund Budget	165,746.69
Actual Receipts	142,310.04
Deficit	-23,436.65

Youth

Thanks to all who bring us wonderful meals on Sunday nights. We are enjoying a series of discussions about Harry Potter. Tonight we'll look at the Sorting Hat, and ask: Have you also been destined for something? Or is your life simply something you make up? Deep questions which come from a really good story.

Youth Meals

Sept 18	Leigh Johnson
Sept 25	Meg Bartlett
Oct 2	Vicki Gilliam
Oct 9	Cindy Ringler
Oct 23	Susan Harkins

CBF of Mississippi Fall Meeting University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg "Faces of Ministry" Come Face to Face with Ministry Opportunities October 7-8

Register Online at www.cbfms.org

This year's fall assembly comes after hiring Mike Hutchinson to be our new Coordinator. Stan Wilson will be jump-starting a conversation on Friday night with a short intro to "The Missional Church." Jill Buckley will be leading a World Café conversation around that intro. There will be a coffee house and concert featuring New Agrarian artist, Tom Kimmel. Also, this year there will be a Children's Assembly! So, everyone can come.

After School Ministry

The after school program is in need of books of all kinds for our children, but chapter books are particularly requested. Also prepackaged snacks are a contribution that helps us keep our costs down.

Come to the Zoning Meeting

On Tuesday night, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. we will appear before the Planning and Zoning Board of Clinton, who will decide whether to issue a permit to allow us to continue our after school ministry.

We do not expect any opposition. Churches are not usually denied, and the State has already given us permission to operate ... but we do need city approval to continue. And we have been told that it helps to have numbers there.

So, here's an unusual invitation: Come to the Zoning Hearing. Come represent your church, and show the city how important this ministry is to all of us. We will all get a Civics lesson, but even better: We will stand together to witness to what we are hoping to do in our neighborhood.

We will meet in the court room of the police department at Leake and Monroe.

Church Birthday Celebration

Please mark your calendar for October 16 and begin to plan what delicious contribution you can bring as we enjoy Bar-B-Q ribs at the picnic on the church grounds.

Adults - \$5.00

Children (5-11) - \$3.00

Family Maximum - \$20.00

Opportunity Center

Scores of homeless men and women are able to have clean clothes regularly through the continued gifts to the Opportunity Center by members of Northside Baptist Church. In addition to washing powder, members are providing items such as towels, personal hygiene items (shampoo, razors, soap, etc), underwear, caps, and other seasonal apparel. Place your items in the basket at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Senior Adult Fellowship Kickoff

October 11	Chris Kennedy and the Ronald McDonald House
November 15	Dr. Phil McCarty leads a Bible Study (*please note this is the 3 rd Tuesday and not the 2 nd as the 2 nd is election day and Northside is an election place.)
December 13	Christmas Program with M.D. and Marijane Whitfield
January 10	Dr. John Brashier: New Visions for an Older Church
February 14	Buddy and Sheila Wagner: Mission Volunteers
March 13	Bill Hodge leads a Bible Study
April 10	Poetry Readings by Dr. David Miller
May 8	Dr. Michael Johnson leads a Bible Study

Please note that each time we meet we share a potluck lunch so bring enough of a dish for yourself and at least enough to share with five people. We hope you make plans to be with us every time and bring your friends and neighbors.

Sympathy

We extend loving sympathy to Anne Powers in the death of her husband, Clayton Powers. We also remember their children Stephen, David, and Christy and also their grandchildren. We look forward to a Memorial Service here at Northside Sunday, September 18, at 4:00 p.m. with visitation from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Sept 18 Committee on Committees Meeting
Oct 16 Church Birthday Celebration

Address for John Cockrell

SSG John Cockrell
561st MP/CO
Camp Nathan Smith, Afghanistan
APO, AE 09367

Extended Session Volunteers

Sept 18

Infants	Meg Bartlett
Toddlers	Cynthia Goodman
Preschool	John Meadors

Sept 25

Infants	Mary Etta Carner
Toddlers	Ricky Nations
Preschool	Buddy Wagner

Sunday School Workers for Babies

Sept 18	Lesla Meaders
Sept 25	Deborah Fry

September Birthdays

9/1	George Dale
9/6	Jennifer Wilson
9/7	Mary Etta Carner
9/7	Mark McComb
9/8	Andrew Meadors
9/8	Abby Stringer
9/9	Phil McCarty
9/15	Michael Johnson
9/15	Jamie Meaders
9/19	Brad Edwards
9/19	Martha Hutson
9/20	Audrey Harrison
9/20	Linda Livingston
9/20	Elizabeth Serio
9/21	Craig Young
9/23	Meg Bartlett
9/25	Clyde Hemphill
9/26	Lloyd Roberts
9/27	Thelma Basley
9/27	Hazel McCarty
9/28	Ben Wright
9/29	Sue Thayer

Football Team Ministry

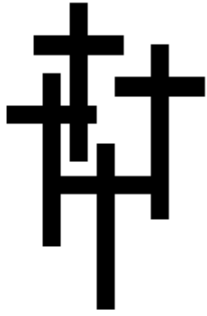
We continue hosting the football team at our youth building after they get off from practice. We are averaging about thirty boys each week. We serve light refreshments and they just hang out for about an hour. We have gotten great feedback from the coaching staff of the effect on the team. If you would like to help by being present, providing a small donation for refreshments (\$35 per week) or just being present, you would be welcome. Any questions, ask Ricky Nations or George Dale.

Prayer Requests

Jean Bond, Babs Stewarts' mother, cancer
Geri Bowie, Thelma Basley's sister
Jim Bowie, Thelma Basley's brother-in-law
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Shirley Campbell, Jo Ann Pope's sister
Johnny Cockrell, deployed to Afghanistan
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy
Mattie Cooper, home
Jack DeYoung, the Stambaugh's nephew
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Marjorie Gore
Nancy Hancock
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
Glenda Hughes, recovering knee surgery
Paul Jacobs Jr.
Terrie Johnson, recovering knee surgery
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard
Lake Jones, Petal, MS
Ann Marquez
Carol Meadors, mother of John Meadors
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
Bill Strum
Sue Thayer
Kim Thompkins, Ellen Brewer's friend, cancer
Freddie Weeks, friend of Graham Carner
Johnney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks

Members at Home

Wilma Cooper
Clyde Hemphill
Mrs. Margaret Hensley
Chrys Ray
Jim Street



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