

April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

April 25 9:15am Zoom Sunday School
for Coffee Cup Class
9:15am No In-Person Sunday School
9:30am AAA Class Zoom
10:30 am Worship In Person & Online
April 28 10:00 am Zoom meeting
6:00 pm Zoom meeting

Choir Opportunities

Choir Opportunities: Have you wanted to experience the choir at Northside, but are unsure about the commitment? Consider joining in for Eastertide. Covid protocols will be in place. Contact Toney Keeler by email (toney.keeler@gmail.com) or by phone (601-498-2238) if you are interested.

Help Needed for Cameras

We are in need of people to volunteer to run the camera for virtual worship. Operation involves moving the already set-up camera for close-up shots. Volunteers will be trained, no experience needed! Contact Michael Stamey, 336-848-0864.

Digital Newsletter

We will start distributing the NBC newsletter digitally in June. You will receive the newsletter via email so make sure the office has your current email address. If you prefer to still receive a paper copy, contact the church office to stay on the mailing list.

Faded Flowers: Preaching in the Aftermath of Suicide

The video of a discussion with pastors from Broadway Baptist (Louisville, KY), Northside, and Emerywood Baptist (High Point, NC) and Rev. Dr. Jason Coker about Jason's new book is available online. While serving as Senior Pastor at Wilton Baptist Church in 2009, Jason was preparing a Lenten series to respond to the acute pain felt by their community in the wake of the Great Recession. On the First Sunday of Lent, one of Jason's then 19-year-old youth took his life, sending shockwaves of grief and sorrow through a community already reeling in uncertainty. Now, the Pandemic afforded Jason the opportunity to finally craft this beautiful book which is part personal reflection, communal memoir, and liturgical resource.

<https://vimeo.com/event/872885>

Health Team Report

We are at "Point D". Larger groups may resume meeting indoors, masked and distanced. No more than one group per area per day. Please schedule your building and grounds usage with the church office. On Sundays we will

have worship at 10:30am indoors and online. There will still be no childcare or Sunday School.

Why do we wear masks when gathered indoors?

1. The vaccines are not 100% effective at preventing infection.
2. Even after vaccination, you can be infected and potentially transmit infection to others.
3. Not everyone has been vaccinated (only 21% of Mississippians are fully covered at present), and some have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated (babies, children, youth).
4. There is limited data on how long vaccines will be protective.
5. We still have significant circulating levels of viral activity.
6. Variants (mutated coronavirus strains) are becoming more widespread. Some of these are more transmissible and some are more deadly. While we think our vaccines in the U.S. will be protective against some of these, we do not have good data on how they perform against all circulating variants.
7. It is what public health officials (CDC and MSDH) tell us we need to do when meeting in public, in mixed groups, in large groups, indoors.
8. It is not just about your protection, it is about everyone else's health as well. We are a church family, and family cares for one another.
9. We are loving our neighbors by doing what is stated. We will continue to wear our masks until we are told it is okay to stop.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have an update on any of the following requests, please contact the office.

Benson Baptist Church in NC, youth minister, Felicia

Fox, killed by drunk driver

Alice Boone, neighbor of Ruth Frost, multiple myeloma of her spine

Abby Bosarge, Yvette Dale's brother's granddaughter, hospice care

Geraldine Bowie, sister of Thelma Basley, fluid retention

Hale Byrd, friend of Jimmy Sclater, prostate cancer

Beverly Cavin, Boone's cousin, brain cancer

Jerry Clark, husband of Bill Stark's sister Barbara, hospice care

Cassidy Clevenger, rehab continues for stroke

Trina Ferguson, recent surgery

Delia Garcia, grandmother of Anna Garcia, surgery completed for broken hip

Joyce Grayer, former Utopia resident and church visitor, now at Magnolia Nursing Home,

Susan Harkins, health issues

Curtis Jackson, father of Tequila Johnson

Ali Jenkins, cancer in spine

Carson Kennedy, friend of Joseph Meadors, deployed to Kuwait

Jeannie Lane, friend of David Miller, stroke and high blood sugar

Stephon McCord, father of Audrey Harrison's friend Stephonie Francia, prostate cancer

Sharon McInnes, family friend of Jimmy Sclater, diagnosed with ALS

Eddie Mellado, brother-in-law of Judy Gearhart, at home with cancer, tumor reduction

Olser Moore, grandfather of Dustan Jones, heart issues, blood clot on lung

Blake Parham, brother of Jason Parham receiving chemotherapy for cancer

Tiffany Phillips, step-daughter of Ruth Frost, needing back surgery soon

Charles and Martha Price, friends of Wilma Hemphill, improving

Lita Sample, CBF Field Personnel, tumor on kidney, surgery 4/14; able to save 2/3 of kidney

Dale Shelton, moved to nursing home

Gene Smith, friend of Ron Smith

Stacey King Smith, COVID-19 recovery at home

Sherri Wheat, neighbor of Stringers, serious health issues

Bland Williamson, father of Michael Williamson, falling spells

ONGOING PRAYER REQUEST

Ceci Albernoz, cancer free!

John Averitt, husband of Judy Gearhart's cousin Joy Gore Averitt; John has ALS

Caby Byrne, decreasing sight

Eldredge Coleman, grandfather of Audrey Harrison, continued health concerns

Donna Corbett, mother of Kim Corbett, radiation treatment for cancer

William Cresson, nephew of John Meadors

Matt Duckworth, friend of Ellen Brewer, cancer

Nancy Farrar, sister-in-law of Landa Strum, chemotherapy completed

Jennifer Garriga, niece of Jerrell Hutson, dialysis

Pat and John Green, former members, Pat has brain tumor and John, her caregiver has health problems.

Junior Hopkins, Mary Coker's daughter's father in law, home but has serious health issues

Teresa Howard, niece of Nancy Hancock, recent hospitalization, issues with pancreas

Terri Kazery, recurrence of brain cancer

Dana Ledford, friend of Lida Stark, cancer

Betty Legg, friend of Judy Gearhart

Ann Marquez, low hemoglobin levels

Jerry May, brother of Cynthia Tucker

Rikki Morrow, cardiomyopathy

Megan Clara Nichols, child, brittle bone disease

Tom Persons, brother of Annie Bess Saul, heart issues

Ricky Oswald, son-in-law of Jimmie Street, blood clots

Holly Peche, Michael Stamey's mother, health

Parker Pierce, young friend of Carner's, leukemia

Wilma Raden, mother of Teresa Mosley, health
Trenia Reynolds, paraplegic due to car accident
Paul Robertson, friend of the Hutsons, lymphoma
Jimmy Sclater, neck surgery recovery
David Sikes, friend of Jimmy Sclater, serious illness
Sylvia Smith, cardiologist appt. delayed
Ms. Brook Stogner, friend of Kim Corbett, lifelong chronic health issues.

Tucker family, Cliff, Cynthia, and Amy
Fran Windler, friend of Jimmy Sclater
Lynn Wilson, Beth Russo's mother, stroke recovery
Laura Uecker, friend of Amy Williamson, leukemia
Tony White, husband of John Meadors's colleague LaJune, hoping for kidney transplant
Claude Yates, brother of Nancy Hancock, COPD

MISSIONARIES/MINISTRIES

Dr. Jericho and Eric Bell, sister and brother-in-law of Eric Peden, medical missionaries to Litein, Kenya
Porta House ministry to Albanians in Athens, Greece
Lynn and Michael Hutchinson, Togo
Primeira Igreja Batista em Bultrins
Delta Hands for Hope

HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Cassie Sherman, Dereck Davis, Jason Parham, Linda McComb, Tania Mayfield, Jo Ann Young, Michael Williamson, Demetrius Miles, Emily Bond, Peyton Herrington, Aaron Bond, Pam Coker

MEMBERS AT HOME

Thelma Basley – 650A Highland Colony Pkwy, Apt 302
Ridgeland, MS 39157
Merle Thomas – 100 Parker Dr., #2B, 39056
LaDeane Moore – 200 Serenity Lane, Apt. 310,
Madison, 39110
Deborah Skelton – Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation
Center, 3680 Lakeland Ln,
Jackson, MS 39216

SYMPATHY

We share our loving sympathy to Megan and Jason Ross and their children Sam and Susannah in the death of Megan's father Henry Black, April 22. We also remember Megan's mother Brenda and all their family as they grieve and comfort one another.

We extend Christian sympathy to Jennifer and Stan Wilson, Jane and Kate, in the death of Jennifer's father, Ben Lee Carnes, aka "Gentle Ben." Ben died March 31 at Merit Health River Region Medical Center in Vicksburg. A graveside service was held April 2.