



Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pinnacle

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March 6, 2025

**March 9 | Livestream * Order of
Worship**

Welcome to Lent

The season of Lent began yesterday on Ash Wednesday. Here are some of the words I shared...

“The season of Lent begins today. We are given the next 40 days to contemplate the ways that our world is not what it should be. To consider the ways we are not as we could be. The focus on sin and brokenness during Lent is not to generate feelings of guilt. It is not to poke open wounds. To focus on sin and brokenness during Lent is simply to speak honestly and truthfully about what we already know: that things are not as they should be, not as God intended them to be.”

Beginning this Sunday, you will notice a few changes in our worship. We are leaving out the **Introit** and the **Passing of the Peace**. Our **Confession of Sin** will be more robust, and our **tone** will turn somber. For the next six weeks we will refrain from ‘alleluias’ but instead create room for inward reflection and introspection.

Lent will begin in the wilderness with Jesus as we consider Luke 4:1-13. My sermon is entitled, “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction.”

Our Lenten devotionals will begin next Wednesday (March 12) at 6:00 PM. We will read and discuss the book *Hope is Here!* by Luther Smith. We will meet in the Art and Soul room. We will offer a virtual option through Microsoft Teams. Contact me if you are interested in the virtual option. More copies of the book will be available this Sunday. The cost is \$10.

Scott Hovey

Church in Conference

At its called Church in Conference session on Sunday, March 2, 2025, the congregation voted unanimously to allow Kiddos to expand its operation into NDBC's existing 1955-era Fellowship Hall. At the same time, the church voted unanimously to permit our existing Chapel to have its pews removed in favor of upholstered chairs which can be configured for worship services or banquets or receptions.

The costs for converting the existing Fellowship Hall into Kiddos classrooms will be borne by Kiddos.

The costs for new chairs in the chapel, new flooring, and a food prep space behind the chapel will be borne primarily if not exclusively by funds from the Wade Davis Estate and the residual in the NDBC Preschool account. Neither church members nor Trustee accounts nor the NDBC Operating Reserve will be called upon to fund these Chapel enhancements.

NDBC will continue to have exclusive use of the Fellowship Hall (and the kitchen) until work in the Chapel is 100% complete...perhaps late summer or early Fall of 2025. Even after we turn the Fellowship Hall over to Kiddos, NDBC will retain first rights to the existing kitchen.

Going forward we expect the Chapel to become a far more versatile and far more used space, but its use will generally be limited to NDBC members and affiliated programs. Under no circumstances will the Chapel ever be marketed for commercial use.

In the months to come, we will look to donate our 24 pews to another church. However, all members will be welcome to take one or more of these pews—each pew is comprised of two 8 foot segments—into their own homes. The placards which honor NDBC members will be preserved and displayed in the Chapel.

These alterations have been voted on and approved in the hope and the expectation that one of the key missions of our church can be redoubled by opening our doors to more families in need of quality childcare and, further, that our members can come to enjoy more Christian fellowship opportunities in a revitalized and enhanced Chapel.

Jordan Clark

Super S-o-u-p-e-r Bowl UPDATE



The February 2 Souper Bowl once again provided a time of delightful fellowship, along with delicious soups, chilis, and desserts. Most importantly, it provided another opportunity for our congregation to demonstrate love and care for those struggling with food insecurity. All of the donations will be used by our mission partners, including Urban Recipe, Andrew P. Stewart Center, Agape Center (pictured above) and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship agricultural ministries.

In the past month, the IOUs and “the check is in the mail” pledges have been fulfilled bringing the total donations to \$4030! Thank you, members and friends of NDBC, for your generosity.

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Triple E

March 11

Getting to Know You: Nancy Hall

Join us on Tuesday, March 11, at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Cathy Wooten will interview Nancy Hall about her fascinating life, from four sisters and a brother in Savannah, to her work for public radio and state government. You thought you knew her? There's so much more!

Please RSVP to Barbara Atchley at atchley2005@gmail.com or 404-310-9635 by Friday, March 7.

Cider in the Narthex

March 16



**Celebrating Baptist Women
in Ministry**

Let's gather in the Narthex after church on Sunday, March 16, for a sip of cider together! We look forward to a time of fellowship and welcoming our guest speaker, Laure FitzSimmons, as

Phoenix Flies at NDBC Sunday | March 23 | 12:15 PM

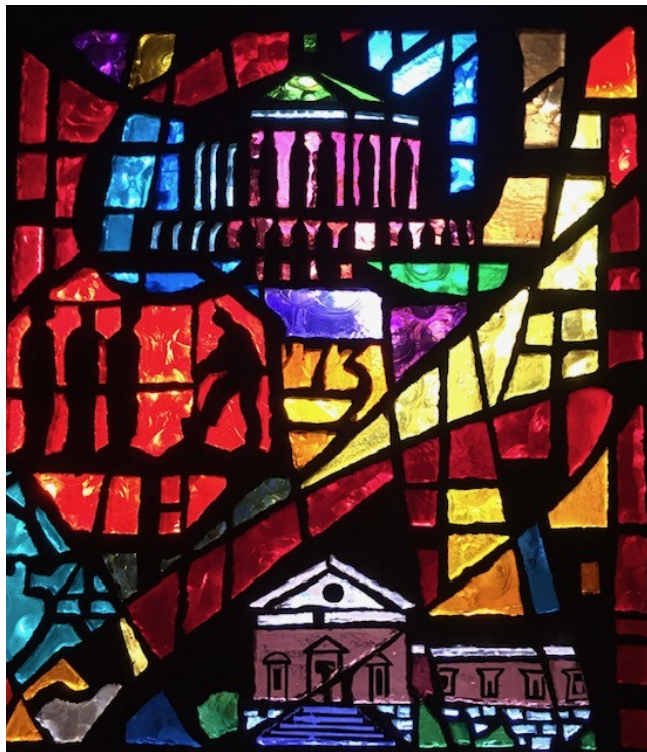
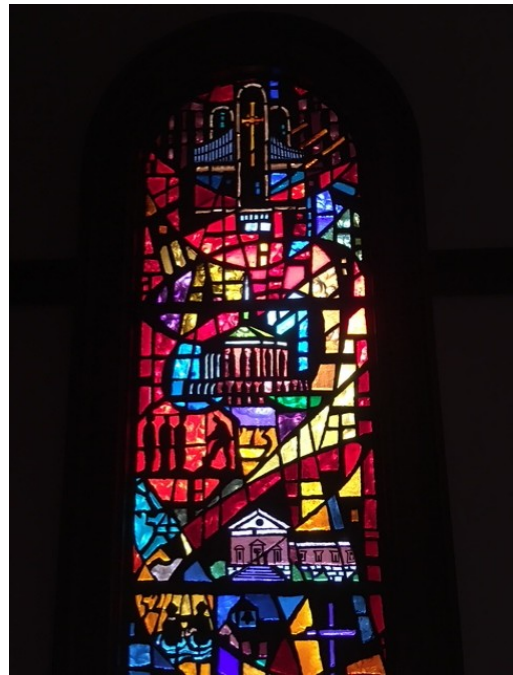
Phoenix Flies, the annual celebration of Atlanta's Historic Sites, returns to Northside Drive in a program showcasing our church's faceted glass windows on March 23 immediately after the worship service.

Northside Drive's "stained glass stories" will be presented by Jordan Clark, our resident art historian, who will explore how our windows share the story of divine initiative and human response. Lower level stained glass windows capture Northside Drive's particular story of serving the community.

Please plan to attend and invite friends and family.

Reservations for other Phoenix Flies programs during March may be made at preserveatl.eventbrite.com.

Syd Janney



Children's Ministry Team Picnic for Families with Children Sunday | March 23 | 12:15 PM

If you are a family with children, we'd love to have you join us for a fun time of food and fellowship for the kids on Sunday, March 23, after the worship service. If it's warm and sunny, we will meet in the Pavilion. Should we have inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteer Your Talents at Northside

The 2025-2026 NDBC Nominating Committee is asking members to consider how they can share their time and talents through the committees and ministries of our church. Sign-up for our Ministry Teams begins **Sunday, March 9**, in the Narthex. Sign-up will continue through March.

There are many ways to get involved and serve the church, our church family, as well as the community. Perhaps meeting and welcoming members and guests to church Sunday morning appeals to you. Ushers are an important part of the service each Sunday. There are teams that plan activities for our children and youth, for our landscaping and facility needs, and our missions activities.

Consider how you can share your gifts this next church year. Serving on a committee will also help you learn more about our members and the activities of our church. Please sign-up for one or more committees as your time and interests allow. The committees are listed below; a complete listing with responsibilities can be found [here](#).

Adult Education
Audio Committee
Care Team
Children's/Youth Ministry Team
Facilities Committee
Flowers Ministry Team
Health and Safety Committee
Hospitality Ministry Team
Landscaping Committee
Marketing Team
Membership Development Team
Memorial Gifts Ministry Team
Missions Ministry Team
Paraments Team
Triple E Ministry Team
Ushers Team
Wedding Committee
Worship and Music Ministry Team

If you have questions or would like more information, contact nominating committee chair Nancy Hall, nancygenehall@gmail.com.

This Sunday

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to 'spring' your clocks forward 1 hour

Adult Church School

Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah - Session 5

Led by Priscilla Eppinger

9:30 AM | Room 202

Children's Church School

9:30 AM | Undercroft

Worship

11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Special Guest for Worship: Indra Thomas

Upcoming Events

Scott's Office Hours - Cancelled
March 10

Church Council
March 10 | 7:00 PM
Room 202

Triple E: Getting to Know You
Nancy Hall
March 11 | 11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study
March 12 | 10:30 AM
Room 202/Hybrid

Hope is Here!
A Lenten Study Series
March 12 | 6:00 PM
Room 202

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
March 12 | 7:30 PM
Choir Room

Young Adult Movie Night
March 14 | 7:00 PM
Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

Deacons' Meeting
March 16 | 12:15 PM
Fellowship Hall

Cider in the Narthex
March 16 | 12:15 PM
Narthex

Third Thursday Gathering
March 20 | 10:00 AM
Room 204

Missions Opportunity:
Agape Center
March 20 | 6:00 PM
Agape Center

Phoenix Flies
March 23 | 12:15 PM
Sanctuary

**Children's Ministry Team Picnic
for Families with Children**
March 23 | 12:15 PM
Pavilion

Events

March Birthdays

Caroline Sisk - 12
Roderick Streeter - 16
Jill Dunn - 20
RJ Streeter - 20
Lydia McCoy - 21
Walter Grant - 30

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