



**Northside Drive**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

April 3, 2025

April 6 | Livestream \* Order of  
Worship

## Putting the Pieces Together: A Vision for the 'Church of Tomorrow'

This past Sunday, as a part of my sermon, I shared a vision for the future of Northside Drive. This vision arose from many conversations over the past several years. This vision doesn't strike me as all that novel. It 'feels' like Northside Drive to me. My hope is that it will give us a direction and a focus. I believe it will give us hope.

As our former pastor, Forrest Lanier, liked to say, we are the 'church of tomorrow.' Here are six principles for us **today** as the church of tomorrow:

- **Define our Identity: The Strength of our Theology**
  - Northside Drive has been known for many things over the years. At this point in our history, it is our theology that stands out. It is what makes us unique. Our theology is what enables us to be inclusive, inquiring and involved.
- **Focus our Energy: A 'Deep-End' Church**
  - Many churches wear themselves out meeting everyone's needs. We would instead like to 'do a few things and do them well.' We will leave some ministries to other churches and focus on what we do best- challenge the mind and heart, help rebuild fragile faith and model a deep and rich life of faith for those around us.
- **Stabilize our Finances: Maximize Alternative Revenue**
  - Kiddos has been a great partnership for us. We will continue to look for ways to be a hub of community activity in ways that contribute to our financial obligations.
- **Share the Vision: Marketing, Speakers, Events**
  - We've got a great story to share. We will build on our new brand and logo to share our story and invite others to come and see!
- **Increase Justice Profile: Showcase our Passions**

o We will lean into the causes and concerns that are important to us. We will speak, share, stand, march, give and pray on behalf of God's great work in this world.

- **Be Ourselves: Thrive!**
  - o We will experience the joy of engaging in holy work together!

As I shared on Sunday, this vision is the beginning of a conversation. My office is always open, my phone always near. Share with me your thoughts, your hopes and your vision for our lives together.

**Scott Hovey**

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## **Art & Soul**

During Lent, the Art & Soul class is studying Carol Bechtel's book *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah*. This Sunday, Irwin Ray will lead as we discuss the chapter, "Why Do the Nations Rage?" Please join us at 9:30 AM in Room 202 for a lively, stimulating discussion. If you cannot come in person, please join us via Zoom at this link: <https://bit.ly/artandsoulNDBC>.

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# Triple E

April 8

How An Old Friend Has Evolved  
For A New Day

Greg Cole, BCM Georgia



In March, 1987, Buckhead Christian Community Ministries (BCCM) opened its doors as an organization focused on providing financial assistance and counseling to residents of the Buckhead community. NDBC was not a founding member, but soon joined other churches in the area and became an active partner with financial support and volunteers who worked regularly in the food pantry and the clothing store. Buckhead Christian Ministry served clients through financial assistance, emergency information and referrals, the Joyous Toys Christmas shop, the food pantry, and the clothing closet.

Over the past 38 years, programs have evolved, services have been modified, names have changed, and new programs have been added. In 2021, the clothes closet we knew as THRIFTique and the C. Spencer Godfrey Food Pantry closed so BCM could focus entirely on its core programs: Emergency Assistance, Supportive Housing, and Financial Education. In 2022, BCCM refreshed its brand to "BCM Georgia" and added a tag line *Love Thy Neighbor* to more accurately depict the geographic scale and programmatic scope of the ministry.

Greg Cole joined BCM in May 2024 as the President and CEO. Please join fellow NDBCers for Triple E on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:00 AM to hear Greg and to learn more about how BCM is carrying out its mission “to keep people from becoming homeless and work to elevate their possibilities for economic empowerment.”

RSVP to Barbara Atchley at 404-310-9635 or [atchley2005@gmail.com](mailto:atchley2005@gmail.com) by Friday, April 4.

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## Easter Lily Orders | Orders Due by April 13, 2025



At Easter, the NDBC Flower Ministry Team provides an opportunity to remember or celebrate friends and family with an Easter lily donation. To donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please submit \$20, placed in a designated flower envelope in the Narthex, send a check to the church office (write Easter Lily on memo line), along with your dedication information, or contact Flower Team Chair Virginia Gilbert by email. The deadline for ordering is **April 13**. Please plan to take your lily home with you after the Easter service on **April 20**.\*

Virginia Gilbert | [gilbertva3@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertva3@gmail.com)

If you contact Virginia via email, she will send you a confirmation that she received your Easter lily information. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check with Virginia at 770-617-1809 to be sure that she received your email.

\*Please note that U.S. tax regulations do not allow NDBC to offer contribution credit for this purchase because the plants are returned to the giver. Thank you for your donations.

**Flower Ministry Team**

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ANDREW P. STEWART CENTER

# 11TH ANNUAL ATLANTA GOLF CLASSIC

HAWKS RIDGE GOLF CLUB  
APRIL 14, 2025



## 11th Annual Atlanta Golf Classic

It is time to register for the Stewart Center's 11th Annual Atlanta Golf Classic on April 14! The tournament will be held at [Hawks Ridge Golf Club](#), with all proceeds supporting academic enrichment for under-resourced children.

The tournament offers a unique opportunity for sponsors to elevate their brand, network with other organizations, and entertain friends or clients while playing one of the South's premier courses.

Thanks to the generosity of our corporate and individual partners, hundreds of children have benefited over the years.

Make plans to be a part of this meaningful annual tradition. Follow the link below for sponsorship opportunities, or email [clayton@stewartcenter.org](mailto:clayton@stewartcenter.org) for information and registration.

Sponsorship

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**Let's Fill Easter Eggs! | Easter Egg Hunt, April 20 at 12:15**



Easter Sunday is only a few weeks away! It is time to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt! If you are able, please fill plastic eggs with yummy, nut-free candy or stickers and bring them to the Narthex by Sunday, April 13.

Join us on April 20 for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15 PM. There are no requirements to participate. Please bring a basket. Extra baskets will also be available in the Narthex.

**Children's Ministry Team**

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## **This Sunday**

### **Adult Church School**

*Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah*

"Why Do the Nations Rage?"

Led by Dr. Irwin Ray

9:30 AM | *Room 202*

### **Children's Church School**

9:30 AM | *Undercroft*

### **Worship**

11:00 AM | *Sanctuary*

### **Missions Team Meeting**

April 6 | 12:15 PM

*Room 204*

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Scott's Office Hours**  
April 7 | 9:00-11:00 AM  
*NDBC Office*

**Celebration of Life Service  
for Nancy Davis**  
April 12 | 10:30 AM  
*Chapel*

**Triple E: How An Old Friend  
Has Evolved for a New Day**  
Greg Cole, BCM Georgia  
April 8 | 11:00 AM  
*Fellowship Hall*

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
April 9 | 10:30 AM  
*Room 202/Hybrid*

*Hope is Here!*  
**A Lenten Study Series**  
April 9 | 6:00 PM  
*Room 202/Hybrid*

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**  
April 9 | 7:00 PM  
*Choir Room*

**Missions Opportunity: Urban Recipe**  
April 11 | 9:00-11:00 AM  
*Urban Recipe*

**Palm Sunday**  
April 13 | 11:00 AM  
*Sanctuary*

**Third Thursday Gathering**  
April 17 | 10:00 AM  
*Room 204*

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
April 17 | 6:30 PM  
*Sanctuary*

**Good Friday Service**  
April 18 | 12:00 PM  
*Sanctuary*

**Young Adult Monthly Movie Night**  
April 18 | 7:00 PM  
*Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church*

## Events

### April Birthdays

LeAnna Anantaraman - 3

Anne Hunt - 4

Heather Hieserman - 5

Allison Blaisdell - 6

Kay Braswell - 6

Jennifer Sardone - 10

Brian Knight - 12

Robbye Taylor - 13

Tim Whiffen - 14

Ken Brant - 16

Theresa Goriczynski - 20

Patti Clark - 21

Simon Goodhead - 21

Dave Wooten - 21

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