

The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

April 10, 2025

April 13 | Livestream * Order of Worship

Twenty Years Ago...

On Sunday, April 10, 2005, I was ordained to Gospel ministry. I was ordained by the good people at Temple Baptist Church in Durham, NC. I had graduated from Duke Divinity School the previous May and had begun my ministry as the Associate Minister at Temple in November.

Ministry wasn't new to me. Ministry began for me in North Hall dorm at the University of Redlands. My roommate Britt and I had been active in Bible Study on campus and my junior year (his sophomore year) we moved into a gigantic triple room with our friend Brian with the purpose of leading a Bible Study in North Hall. Our room had comfy couches and a coffee maker. We told everyone that our door was always open. It was my first experience of ministry, and I loved every minute of it.

The years between North Hall and Temple Baptist were rich. Years of campus ministry, Bible study after Bible study, and three amazing years as a divinity school student at Duke University.

At Duke I took every class I could with Stanley Hauerwas. He was the reason I chose to study at Duke. I had read Resident Aliens years before and its vision of ministry captured my imagination. Studying with Hauerwas was challenging, formative and wonderful.

Temple was a great place for me to land. I was the Associate Minister who did a little bit of everything. I was the Youth Minister, the Senior Adult Minister, the Education Minister; I served as Children's Minister for a time, built the website, changed the message board and preached. I'm grateful for the many opportunities I had to learn church ministry.

I'm grateful to St. John's Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC who recognized my gifts and allowed me to transition from Associate Minister to Senior Pastor. Ministry along Oberlin Rd. was dynamic and exciting. It was a joy to partner with Pastor Soki Kebi and his Congolese congregation.

Northside Drive Baptist Church is a true church home for me. With deep liturgical worship,

theological bite and full inclusivity, it is a joy to pastor Northside Drive. Together we are truly offering the world something different, something beautiful.

As I look back on twenty years of ministry, my heart is full of gratitude. There is nothing in the world I'd rather do than be part of God's work in the world. I offer my deep heartfelt thanks to all who have led me and encouraged me along the way.

Scott Hovey

May Term Seminars

Our Lenten devotional discussions have been great. We have been meeting in person and online on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Several topics for further work have arisen from our discussions. We will continue our Wednesday discussions into May. Each session will have an article or chapter that we will discuss. I will have hard copies of the chapter/article available on the Sunday prior to our discussion. I will also email the reading.

All sessions will take place in the Art and Soul room and online:

Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:00 PM
Contemplative Prayer
Read: Marjorie J. Thompson, Soul Feast, Chp 3, Communication and Communion with God
Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:00 PM
Intercessory Prayer
Read: Walter Wink, Engaging the Powers, Chp 16, Prayer and the Powers
Wednesday, May 28 @ 6:00 PM
Introduction to Howard Thurman
Read: Parker Palmer, "Listening for the Voice of Vocation" in Anchored in the Current: Discovering Howard Thurman as Educator, Activist, Guide and Prophet, ed. Gregory C. Ellison II

Art & Soul class is studying Carol Bechtel's book Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah. This Sunday, Rev. Len Willingham will lead as we discuss the chapter, "Worthy is the Lamb." Whether or not you've read the book, we hope you'll join us at 9:30 AM in Room 202 for a lively,

in person, please join us via Zoom at this link: https://bit.ly/artandsoulNDBC.

stimulating discussion. If you cannot come





Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in serving as a volunteer for summer camp? Let's talk after worship this Sunday, April 13. We will gather in the Parlor at 12:15 PM.

What are the options?

Crawfordville, Georgia (Taliaferro County) has been the site of Touching Taliaferro with Love for over 20 years. Members of NDBC spend three days providing crafts, music, recreation, and stories with first through fifth graders. There is another similar camp (plus swimming) in Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, which is sponsored through CBF's Together for Hope initiative. Heather Hieserman serves as one of the organizers, as well as the Swim Camp Director during the second week (July 19-25).

Touching Taliaferro dates are June 15-18, and the dates for Together for Hope are July 12-18 and/or 19-25. The greatest need for the week in Arkansas is swim instructors. If you are interested in learning

more about how you can participate in one (or both) of these exciting opportunities, join us in the Parlor after worship on April 13.

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Easter Lily Orders | Due This Sunday 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

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





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 <u>Hawks Ridge Golf Club</u>, 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 <u>clayton@stewartcenter.org</u> for information and registration.

Sponsorship



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



Holy Week Services at Northside Drive Baptist Church

Palm Sunday Service - April 13 at 11:00 AM Maundy Thursday Service - April 17 at 6:30 PM Good Friday Service - April 18 at 12:00 PM Easter Sunday Service - April 20 at 11:00 AM

This Sunday

Adult Church School Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah "Worthy is the Lamb" Led by Rev. Len Willingham 9:30 AM | *Room 202*

> Children's Church School 9:30 AM | Undercroft

Worship 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities 12:15 PM | Parlor

Worship and Music Ministry Team Meeting 12:15 PM | Conference Room

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

Scott's Office Hours April 14 | 9:00-11:00 AM NDBC Office

Wednesday Bible Study April 16 | 10:30 AM Room 202/Hybrid

Hope Is Here! A Lenten Study Series April 16 | 6:00 PM Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal April 16 | 7:00 PM *Choir Room* 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

> Easter Sunday April 20 | 11:00 AM Sanctuary

> Easter Egg Hunt April 20 | 12:15 PM Narthex

Church Office Closed April 21 | All Day NDBC

Church Council Meeting April 21 | 7:00 PM Online

Events

April Birthdays

Letty Konenkamp - 8 Jennifer Sardone - 10 Brian Knight - 12 Robbye Taylor - 13 Tim Whiffen - 14 Ken Brant - 16 Liam Collins - 16 Cali Almeida - 17 Theresa Goriczynski - 20 Patti Clark - 21 Simon Goodhead - 21 Dave Wooten - 21

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