



**Northside Drive**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

**May 8, 2025**

**May 11 | Livestream \* Order of  
Worship**

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## Calling All Graduates!

Do you have a graduate in your household? We want to celebrate them!

Northside Drive would love to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates in an upcoming edition of The Pinnacle. If someone in your family is graduating this spring, please send us their name, school, degree (if applicable), and a photo if you have one.

Submit your information to the church office by Tuesday, May 27, and help us celebrate this important milestone in the lives of our church family.

You can email your submissions to the church office at [lydia@northsidedrive.org](mailto:lydia@northsidedrive.org).

Let's honor our graduates together!



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## Mission Opportunities

Northside Drive mission volunteers will travel to Taliaferro County, Georgia, and Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, this summer. Help us collect supplies for back-to-school bags for Touching Taliaferro With Love and beach towels for the Arkansas Together for Hope swim camp.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex.

Thank you for your generous support!



### **School Supplies are needed by June 8.**

- #2 pencils
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Box of 24 crayons
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Glue Sticks



### **Beach towels are needed by July 13.**

- Child or youth size beach towels

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## **Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities**



**TOGETHER FOR HOPE**  
**Arkansas**

It is not too late to sign up as a volunteer!  
Please contact Heather Hieserman or Barbara Atchley.

Heather Hieserman | hahieserman@gmail.com  
Barbara Atchley | atchley2005@gmail.com

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## **Free Items**

Stop by room 204 and shop for items you (or someone you know) can use. We are cleaning out the hospitality items and several rooms in preparation for the Kiddos renovation. The price is right - free- so check out the table and photos in room 204 each week. New shipments arrive weekly! First come, first served.

Barbara Atchley, Susan Dew and Virginia Gilbert

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# Triple E

**May 13**

**Spring Picnic**

Please join us for the Triple E Spring Picnic on May 13 at 11:00 AM.

Location: Home of Patti and Jordan Clark  
2874 Rivermeade Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30327-2010

RSVP to Barbara Atchley by Friday, May 9, at [atchley2005@gmail.com](mailto:atchley2005@gmail.com) or 404-310-9635.

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## **Church Mission Statement**

One of the goals of the Church Council this year is to adopt a Mission Statement for our church. After having received the recommendation from our accounting consultant firm, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, this became an even higher priority. An ad hoc committee was constituted to propose a document for the church's approval.

The committee members were:

Hal Meeks, Leader  
Catherine Campbell  
Steve Konenkamp  
Beth Laxton  
Scott Hovey, Ex Officio

The proposed Mission Statement has been unanimously approved by the Church Council and will be presented to the Church in Conference on June 1 for the congregation's approval. A copy of the document is provided below. If you have any questions or comments prior to the June 1 meeting, please let me know.

**Hartwell Dew**  
Moderator

**Northside Drive Baptist Church**

## **Mission Statement**

We are an inclusive, inquiring and involved church seeking to be a part of God's loving

transformation of the world by sharing hope, showing grace and serving our neighbors near and far.

### **Worship**

Our worship has been called 'warm' liturgical. You are likely to hear a variety of music- from traditional hymns to spirituals, from classical to folk. We are ecumenical- meaning we pull from a wide variety of Christian traditions. When put together, our worship is historic, relevant, deep and hopeful.

### **Inclusive**

As an inclusive church, we are welcoming to all. We embrace God's beautiful diversity in all its forms, including race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity. We are young and old, some raised in the church, some new to the faith, and some not completely sure what we believe. When we say, 'all are welcome,' we mean it.

### **Inquiring**

As an inquiring church, we love to ask questions. We respect the faith journey of all people and encourage exploration. We dig deep and challenge ourselves with ideas new and old.

We value studying the Bible, but not just the Bible. We offer education to our church and community, including Christian education, values-oriented education, and other care which promotes adult, youth and child development.

### **Involved**

We seek to be a part of God's great work in the world by serving others. We look for ways to address hunger and housing issues. But we are also passionate in caring for the environment, advocating for immigrants and refugees, and seeking justice for the marginalized.

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## **News from the Nominating Committee**

Last year's Nominating Committee was tasked with reviewing the number of committees and teams that were part of our church's ministry programming. It was felt that, based upon the size and age of our congregation, there were more teams and committees than could be filled or sustained. After review, the Nominating Committee recommends several changes. Those changes are in the report below. Some of those recommendations require changes to the by-laws, and these will be voted on at the June 1 Church in Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Massey or Don Janney.

### **Recommendations**

Based upon the By-Laws, the following are listed as official committees and teams of the church.

**Committees:** Diaconate, Finance, and Personnel

**Teams:** Adult Ed., Children/Youth, Facilities, Hospitality, Landscape, Marketing, Membership Development, Memorial Gifts, Missions, Weekday Preschool, and Worship/Music.

**\*Recommendation to change, eliminate, or add Committees and/or Teams:**

1. **Diaconate** – We recommend that the number of active deacons be reduced from 12 to 9.

2. **Eliminate the following teams:**

**Adult Education** --- There are currently two adult church school classes, and they each plan and choose their own topics and curriculum, so we recommend that the Adult Education Team be eliminated. We recommend that representatives from the two classes meet each February to collaboratively plan the summer church school programming.

**Facilities ---** We recommend that the Facilities Team be eliminated and its responsibilities move to a new team, **Property Management Team**.

**Landscape ---** We recommend that the Landscape Team be eliminated and its responsibilities move to a new team, **Property Management Team**.

**Membership Development ---** This team has never been quite clear about its role and purpose, and sometimes its efforts overlapped with the Marketing Team. We recommend that this team be eliminated and the purpose of the Marketing Team be expanded and clarified.

**Memorial Gifts ---** We recommend this team be eliminated and its responsibilities be moved to the Finance Committee.

**Weekday Preschool ---** We no longer have a weekday preschool program. Even though Kiddos exists in our church building, they are an independent program. Their by-laws allow for an advisory committee from our congregation, but this committee is appointed by the Church Moderator.

**3. Add the following team:**

**Property Management Team ---** We recommend that the responsibilities of the Facilities Team and the Landscape Team be moved to this new team.

**4. Make changes to the following team:**

**Marketing Team ---** We recommend that this team be renamed “**Communication and Community Outreach**.” We recommend that this team focus on internal and external communication and marketing our vision/mission and events to the surrounding community.

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**These recommendations would require that the following provisions of the Bylaws be amended:**

· Article IV, Section B, Paragraph 5(e)—The composition of the Nominating Committee will be changed from six members to five members due to the elimination of the Adult Education Ministry Team.

· Article IV, Section C, Paragraph 1—The Ministry Teams that are represented on the Church Council will be changed to consist of the following: (a) Children & Youth; (b) Communication & Community Outreach; (c) Hospitality; (d) Missions; (e) Property Management; and (f) Worship & Music.

· Article V, Section B, Paragraph 3(a)—The composition of the Senior Pastor Search Committee will be changed from eight members to seven members due to the elimination of the Adult Education Ministry Team.

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**Appreciation for Mary Lou Swann**



Mary Lou Swann will be retiring from her role as Director of Children's Choirs and Children's Church School Coordinator on May 31, 2025. She began her service with us on September 1, 2014. While she is retiring from these roles, she plans to continue worshipping and participating in activities with us at Northside Drive.

Congregants are invited to an appreciation reception (light lunch) in the Pavilion in honor of Mary Lou after the worship service on May 18.

Mary Lou has shared her gifts with us, and we are grateful for her dedication to our congregation.

Please join us on May 18 to offer your thanks and appreciation to Mary Lou.

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## **This Sunday**

**Adult Church School**  
Dan Oakley leads  
a study of Lectionary Texts  
9:30 AM | *Room 202*

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

**Worship**  
11:00 AM | *Sanctuary*



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## Upcoming Events

**Scott's Office Hours**  
May 12 | 9:00-11:00 AM  
*NDBC Office*

**Triple E Spring Picnic**  
May 13 | 11:00 AM  
*Home of Patti and Jordan Clark*

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
May 14 | 10:30 AM  
*Room 202/Hybrid*

**May Term Seminar:  
Contemplative Prayer**  
May 14 | 6:00 PM  
*Room 202*

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**  
May 14 | 7:00 PM  
*Choir Room*

**Third Thursday Gathering**  
May 15 | 10:00 AM  
*Room 204*

**Young Adult Monthly Movie Night**  
May 16 | 7:00 PM  
*Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church*

**Deacons' Meeting**  
May 18 | 12:15 PM  
*Fellowship Hall*

**Reception for Mary Lou Swann**  
May 18 | 12:15 PM  
*Pavilion*

**Youth 10 and Older  
Trip to the Escape Room**  
May 18 | 1:00 PM

**Church Council**  
May 19 | 7:00 PM  
*Room 202*

Events

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## May Birthdays

Irwin Ray - 5  
Melissa Lester - 7  
Garrett Ray - 11  
Turner Warmack - 11

Eleanor Hieserman-Hovey - 15

Avi Anantaraman - 21

Melissa Bryson - 26

Amy Taylor - 30

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## Northside Drive Baptist Church Staff

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