



Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

May 15, 2025

**May 18 | Livestream * Order of
Worship**

Summer 2025



Chapel Stories

As we near a date for converting the Chapel into multi-use space, I would like us to take some intentional time to tell our 'Chapel stories.'

It is important to remember, to celebrate and ready ourselves for changes and new opportunities.

We will have that opportunity during worship on Sunday, June 22. We will

Summer Schedule

Summer worship in the Chapel is always a highlight of our church life. This summer will bring some changes to the Chapel space- allowing us to use the space in more and varied ways.

But I'm happy to share that before that transformation we will enjoy Chapel worship during the month of June. Beginning Sunday, June 1, worship will take place in the Chapel with Sunday, June 29, being our final Sunday before moving back to the Sanctuary for the remainder of the summer. We are currently working on ways to make the sanctuary feel 'summer-y' for the months of July and August.

Here are a few things to know as we move into the summer schedule. The choir will take a break June through August. The final Sunday with the choir will be May 18. The following Sunday, May 25, is Memorial Day weekend, and we will not have Church School on that day- only worship at 11:00 AM. June 1

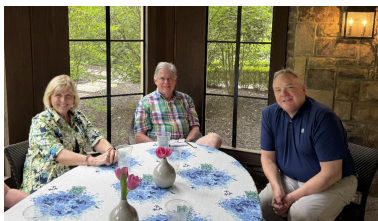
utilize the service to thank God for all that has come before and prepare our hearts for all that lies ahead!

Scott Hovey

is Ascension Sunday followed by our Church in Conference and a Welcome Summer meal together in the Pavilion. Eastertide continues until Pentecost which will be Sunday, June 8. The next month is full of great worship opportunities. Join us each Sunday!

Triple E Spring Lunch

Thank you to Patti and Jordan Clark for hosting the annual Triple E Spring Lunch! Sunny skies, beautiful table settings, and a delicious lunch made this a perfect day to celebrate another year of fellowship, food, and programs with fellow NDBCers. Thank you, Melissa, for providing a fabulous lunch each month! If you are retired or can slip out of work for a couple of hours, mark your calendars now to join us September 9 (and every second Tuesday) as we begin a new year of Triple E.



Appreciation for Mary Lou Swann This Sunday!



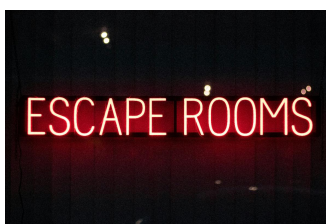
Mary Lou Swann will be retiring from her role as Director of Children's Choirs and Children's Church School Coordinator on May 31, 2025. She began her service with us on September 1, 2014. While she is retiring from these roles, she plans to continue worshipping and participating in activities with us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

Youth Escape Room Adventure!



Calling all rising 5th graders and up! Join us for an exciting afternoon of fun and teamwork as we head to an Escape Room after lunch on Sunday, May 18.

We'll leave after the service and Mary Lou's goodbye gathering. We'll eat lunch together at church and then take on the challenge of solving puzzles and escaping before time runs out!

Who: Rising 5th graders and older

When: Sunday, May 18, right after church

Pick Up Time: 3:00 PM at the church

Spots may be limited, so let us know if you can make it!
Contact Geneva Hall-Shelton at 404-429-6653 to RSVP.

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.

Let's honor our graduates together!



Mission Opportunities

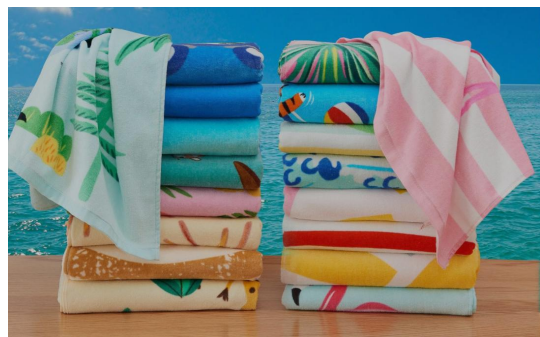
Northside Drive mission volunteers will travel to Taliaferro County, Georgia, and Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, this summer. Help us collect supplies for back-to-school bags for Touching Taliaferro With Love and beach towels for the Arkansas Together for Hope swim camp.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex.

Thank you for your generous support!



School Supplies are needed



Beach towels are needed by

by June 8.

July 13.

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

- Child or youth size beach towels

Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities



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

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

Summer Kick-Off Luncheon | June 1 | 12:30 PM

Join the Hospitality Ministry Team in the Pavilion after the Church in Conference on Sunday, June 1, for a Summer Kick-Off lunch.

We will have hot dogs, chips, fruit and an ice cream sundae bar. Cost is \$5.00pp with a \$20 family maximum.

Reservations can be made by calling Lydia at the church office at 404-237-8621 or emailing lydia@northsidedrive.org.

Please reserve by May 29 so we can have enough for all! See you there.



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.

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.

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.

This Sunday

Adult Church School

Jo Meeks leads

a study of Lectionary Texts

9:30 AM | *Room 202*

Children's Church School

9:30 AM | *Undercroft*

Worship

11:00 AM | *Sanctuary*

Deacons' Meeting

12:15 PM | *Fellowship Hall*

Reception for Mary Lou Swann

12:15 PM | *Pavilion*

Youth Escape Room Adventure

1:00 PM

Upcoming Events

Young Adult Monthly Movie Night

May 16 | 7:00 PM

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

Scott's Office Hours

May 19 | 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study

May 21 | 10:30 AM

Room 202/Hybrid

May Term Seminar:

Contemplative Prayer

NDBC Office
Church Council
May 19 | 7:00 PM
Room 202

May 21 | 6:00 PM
Room 202/Hybrid

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 26 | All Day
NDBC Office

Events

May Birthdays

Garrett Ray - 11
Turner Warmack - 11
Eleanor Hieserman-Hovey - 15
Avi Anantaraman - 21
Melissa Bryson - 26
Amy Taylor - 30

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