



**Northside Drive**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

**May 29, 2025**

**June 1 | Livestream \* Order of  
Worship**

## June Worship

With Memorial Day, the unofficial start to summer behind us, we are moving into our summer worship schedule. We will spend the month of June worshipping in the Chapel. There is some rich theology to explore over the next few weeks.

**This Sunday** is the final Sunday of Eastertide and we will be celebrating the Ascension. My sermon will ask the question, "Where is the Resurrected Jesus?"

**The following Sunday (June 8)** is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered believers in Jerusalem.

**The next Sunday (June 15)** is Father's Day and Trinity Sunday. I have a two-part sermon for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday entitled, "The Spirit of Truth."

**Then June 22** will be a special Sunday as we share some of our favorite Chapel Stories in worship. We will ready ourselves for the transition of the Chapel to a new, multi-use space. While we will miss the Chapel's traditional rows of pews, we look forward to the new version that will enable us to spend even more time in this beloved space!

As we prepare for our event with Sarah McCammon on Sunday, September 28, I encourage us all to learn about her and her work. I will have a few copies of her book, *The Exvangelicals*, available on Sunday for \$10 each. Tickets for the event will be available soon.

**Scott Hovey**

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

We will have hot dogs, chips, fruit and an ice cream sundae bar. Cost is \$5.00pp with a \$20 family maximum. We will also have a waterslide for the young and the young at heart.

Reservations can be made by calling Lydia at the church office at 404-237-8621 or emailing [lydia@northsidedrive.org](mailto:lydia@northsidedrive.org).

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

Hospitality Ministry Team



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## 2025 Graduates!

As we dive into our summer programming at Northside Drive Baptist Church, we want to pause for a moment to acknowledge and celebrate our 2025 church community's graduates!

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### Jack Thomas Davis

Jack Thomas Davis, son of Tad Davis, and grandson of Billie T. Davis, graduated on May 3, 2025, from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering.



### Sebastian Almeida-Hall

Sebastian Almeida-Hall graduated from the eighth grade.



### Crosby Clare Roberts

Crosby Clare Roberts, granddaughter of Charlton and Blanche Roberts, graduated from Atlanta Classical Academy and will attend Furman University this Fall.

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## Roadside Banners



Our roadside banners are up! And they look beautiful. With our new colors and our new images, they proudly proclaim that at Northside Drive Baptist Church you will find a church that is inclusive, inquiring and involved. Thank you to our ad-hoc banner committee led by Syd Janney. Also on the committee were Patti Clark, Catherine Campbell, Hal Meeks and Kay Braswell. Great work!

Scott Hovey

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## Teach Me Something!

All are invited! A Sunday morning church school series will begin on June 1, at 9:30 AM, with the theme, "Teach Me Something!" We will meet in the Art & Soul classroom, continuing through August 24, with a wide variety of speakers and topics, beginning this week with Priscilla Eppinger on "Baptist History." Priscilla is executive director at American Baptist Historical Society and a member of NDBC. Please join us!

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## Chapel Pews Available



In preparation for the updating of the Chapel, we will be donating our pews to Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. Removal is scheduled for July 11. Some NDBC members have asked if they could have a pew for their homes, and the answer is an emphatic "yes!"

Contact Jordan Clark if you are interested, and make your plans to remove your pew—either an

8' or 16' section—between June 30 and July 10. If you need assistance in moving your pew, contact Susan Harlan who may be able to help with your delivery arrangements.

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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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## 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.

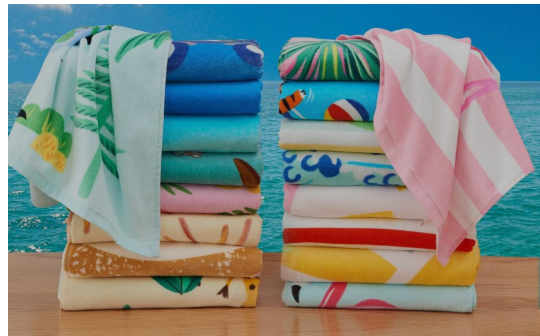
Please bring your donations to the Narthex.

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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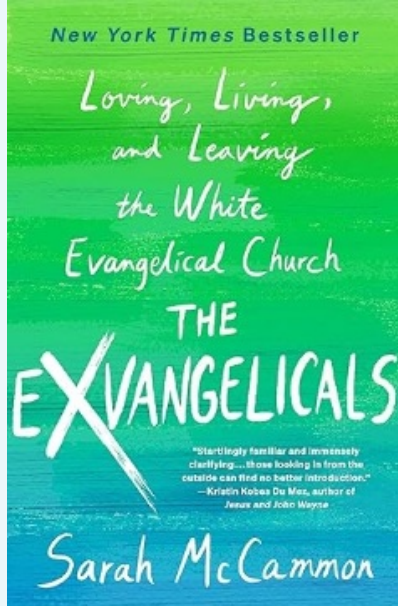
## The Exvangelicals: The Church is Listening...

A Conversation with Sarah McCammon  
4:00 PM Sunday, September 28

Northside Drive Baptist Church Chapel

Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale on June 15.

Sarah McCammon is a National Political Correspondent for National Public Radio and co-host of the *NPR Politics Podcast*. Her work focuses on political, social and cultural divides in America, including abortion policy and the intersections of politics and religion. She's also a



frequent guest host for NPR news programs.

McCammon is the author of *The Exvangelicals: Loving, Living, and Leaving the White Evangelical Church*, a 2024 book that is part memoir and part journalism, about the movement of people who grew up inside the powerful evangelical subculture and ultimately left in response to its increasing politicization.

## 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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**This Sunday**

**Adult Church School**

*Teach Me Something!*

Priscilla Eppinger speaks on

"Baptist History"

9:30 AM | *Room 202*

**Children's Church School**

9:30 AM | *Undercroft*

**Worship**

11:00 AM | *Sanctuary*

**Church in Conference**

12:15 PM | *Sanctuary*

**Summer Kick-Off Luncheon**

12:30 PM | *Pavilion*

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**Upcoming Events**

**Holy Happy Hour**

June 4 | 5:00 PM

*Round Trip Brewing*

**Young Adult Monthly Movie Night**

June 13 | 7:00 PM

*Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church*

## May Birthdays

Melissa Bryson - 26

Amy Taylor - 30

## June Birthdays

Steve Konenkamp - 1

Jackie Poole - 5

JB Gilbert - 6

Myrtie Cope - 8

Maria Schroeder - 8

Daniel Headrick - 14

Deborah Oakley - 18

Len Willingham - 18

Scott Hovey - 18

Priscilla Eppinger - 26

Lois Pickering - 30

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