



Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pinnacle

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January 1, 2026

January 4 | Livestream * Order of Worship



"Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." - Matthew 13:52

As our calendars turn to 2026, we look both forward and back.

We look back in gratitude for a 2025 full of blessings. This past year we renovated, dedicated and celebrated our Chapel. We gathered for many special opportunities- we heard Sarah McCammon speak on her book *The Exvangelicals*, we hosted our community interfaith Thanksgiving service, and we blessed our animals. And we served alongside one another at Urban Recipe, Agape Ministries and in Taliaferro County.

As 2026 begins, we look forward to blessings we have yet to imagine. Our first order of business is Epiphany Sunday, the dawning light of God's revelation. Epiphany is the light by which we see everything else. It will illuminate our worship, our service, our care and our faith.

May our new year allow us to reflect on the old and the new, the same and the different, the tradition and the innovation.

Our **Wednesday Bible Study** will start back on January 7 at 10:30 AM. We meet in the Art and Soul classroom and also online through Zoom. We will begin our studies in 1 Peter and then switch over to 1 Corinthians as we think about the ways the early church responded to the good news of Jesus in their varied contexts.

Our **Wednesday Discussions** will begin next week with our four-week rotation. Week 1 (January 7 from 5-7 PM at Round Trip Brewing) is Holy Happy Hour, week 2 (January 14 at 6:00 PM at church) will be a book discussion, week 3 (January 21 at 6:00 PM at church) will be a pop-up theological discussion and week 4 (January 28 at 6:00 PM at church) will be a time of prayer. All church discussions will be hybrid with a Zoom option. A reminder email will be sent out each week. Call the church office if you'd like to be on the email list.

The book we will be reading on the 2nd Wednesdays this Spring (beginning January 14) is *Humbler Faith, Bigger God* by Samuel Wells. In each chapter Sam takes an 'old, old story' of the church (suffering, politics, sexuality, other faiths, science) and shows how it has often been riddled with flaws. Then he presents the 'rival' story that often serves as a counterargument but is itself often riddled with flaws. Finally, he presents what he calls a 'story to live by,' a constructive vision for a renewed Christian faith.

Scott Hovey

Missions Update

Many thanks to everyone for your donations of winter clothing, toys, games, books and grocery gift cards (almost \$700 worth!) during our Christmas missions giving drive. Our gifts went to our traditional missions partners Agape, The Stewart Center, and BCM GA (Buckhead Christian Ministries).

Your compassion and generosity made the holidays happier and warmer for many children and families in Atlanta. Thanks especially to the children who helped decorate our tree with the festive ornaments they colored.

Northside Drive members are truly special — always ready to share love, kindness and support with those in need. Happy New Year to all.

Missions Ministry Team



Appreciation Luncheon for Len Willingham

Len Willingham will be concluding his role as Interim Music Director on January 4, 2026. He has been in this interim role for almost 18 months. During this time, Len has faithfully led our music program and worked tirelessly with Melinda and our sanctuary choir to present beautiful music to enhance our worship services. We are grateful for his dedication to our congregation.

Everyone, particularly all choir members, is invited to an appreciation lunch in honor of Len's service. The lunch will take place in the Chapel after the worship service on January 4. Please join us on January 4 to offer your thanks and appreciation to Len and Marty.

Please RSVP by January 1 to Barbara Atchley, 404.310.9635 or atchley2005@gmail.com.

Interim Music Director



The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that NDBC member Catherine Campbell will serve as Interim Music Director from January 5 through February 22.

An NDBC member since November 2022, Catherine brings an extensive background in music education and performance in both sacred and secular settings. She holds undergraduate degrees in music (voice and piano) and in education, as well as a Master of Arts in Music (voice performance). Based in New York City for many years, Catherine has a 25-year professional career in singing – not only on Broadway but also in churches. For almost two decades, she served as choral/choir director and/or accompanist for chorales and at various churches in the greater NYC area.

We are fortunate to have Catherine's talent and expertise as she leads our music program forward into 2026. Thank you, Catherine, for sharing your talents!

The Personnel Committee continues its work in the search for a permanent Music Director.

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Meeting | January 12



The Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs will be meeting on January 12, 2026, at 10:30 AM in the NDBC Chapel.

The speaker will be Barbara Dorfman and the topic is, "Pruning: Feeling empowered to prune, best tools and techniques."

Please join us!

Carolyn Herndon

This Sunday

Adult Church School

"A Child is Born:
A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories"
Chapter 2
Led by Hartwell Dew
9:30 AM | *Room 202*

Children's Church School

10:00 AM | *Undercroft*

Worship

**Appreciation Luncheon
for Len Willingham**
12:15 PM | Chapel

Upcoming Events

Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed
January 1-2
NDBC Office

Worship
January 4 | 11:00 AM
Sanctuary

**Appreciation Luncheon
for Len Willingham**
January 4 | 12:15 PM
Chapel

Pastor Scott's Office Hours
January 5 | 9:00-11:00 AM
NDBC Office

Wednesday Bible Study
January 7 | 10:30 AM
Room 202/Hybrid

Holy Happy Hour
January 7 | 5:00-7:00 PM
Round Trip Brewing

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
January 7 | 7:00 PM
Choir Room

**Worship and Music
Ministry Team Meeting**
January 11 | 12:15 PM
Conference Room

**Fulton Federation of
Garden Clubs Meeting**
January 12 | 10:30 AM
Chapel

Events

January Birthdays

Don Janney - 9
Pam Wamberg - 9
Charlton Roberts - 14
Sebastian Almeida-Hall - 15
Libby Martin - 15
Nancy Hall - 23
Whit Blaisdell - 24
Riley Isakson - 31

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