



Northside Drive  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

April 16, 2026

April 19 | Livestream \* Order of Worship

A Fond Farewell for Staff Singer and Trumpeter Douglas Escobar

**Douglas Escobar**

FEATURING:  
KELLY GRBA, VOICE  
DR. KYUNG-MI KIM, PIANO  
GUILLEM TORRÓ, TRUMPET

**ARTIST CERTIFICATE RECITAL**

**KOPLEFF RECITAL HALL**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 18  
4:00PM**

Georgia State University | COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Hello all! This will be a very special recital for me since it will be a farewell to this great city and chapter in my life. I am so grateful God brought me to NDBC, and it has been my church for the entire time I was in Atlanta. I would love to have you in the audience and have your support for my Artist Certificate Recital. I will be playing music by Vivaldi, Bach, Scarlatti and Haydn. My friends will accompany me in organ, harpsichord and voice.

Note: Parking is a challenge since everything around it is under construction, so please plan accordingly to find a parking lot. I would suggest T Deck, which is the closest to Kopleff Recital Hall.

Douglas Escobar

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## Triple E: "The 'I' of the Storm: Personal Reflections on the Impact of Hurricane Helene"



**James and Liz with toilet paper tree and toothbrush star at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.**

Former NDBC pastor James Lamkin presented a compelling story of his and Liz' experiences helping their neighbors and community through the devastation of Hurricane Helene in Asheville, NC where they now live.

He shared the frustrations they individually, in their neighborhood, and in the whole city experienced with the prolonged lack of drinkable water, food, electrical service and transportation access. Experiences brought everyone together as they shared resources.

Because some technical gremlins took possession of the Chapel's video screens, it was impossible for James to present his PowerPoint slide presentation, but he was able to create vivid word pictures and all were then able to imagine without benefit of visual aids.

He spoke of the central role the Presbyterian Church he and Liz now attend played in the storage and distribution of greatly needed water, food, and all manner of household supplies, all of which were strikingly located at the center of their church's Sanctuary.

Liz, who could not attend the program due to illness, noted that, "You had to be flexible and creative since everyone was affected in a different way and with such uncertainty to when there might be power restored...everyone had to improvise."

James found Mr. Rogers' words - "Be a good neighbor" - as an underlying theme of everyone's efforts. As newspapers reported at the time, "It took a tropical storm in Western North Carolina to help us know our neighbors."

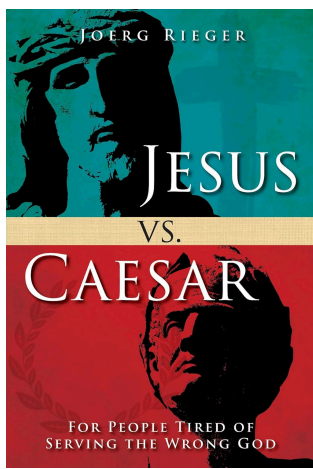
With good fellowship experienced around every round table, Melissa Bryson's hearty German-inspired lunch prepared us all to go out with thankful hearts to do God's good neighbor work in the world.



Syd Janney, Triple E Team

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## New Art & Soul Study



Last week, the Art & Soul class began a new study - Dr. Joerg Rieger's book, *Jesus vs Caesar: For People Tired of Worshiping the Wrong God*. This will be a six-week study, but each lesson is independent of the others. Please join us when you're available.

This week Cathy Wooten will present Chapter 1: "Christians as Atheists?"

Here is a description of the book from Amazon: "When we observe a tension between Jesus and Caesar, we acknowledge that a fundamental tension remains at the heart of Christianity. The tension is not between religion and atheism or secularism. Nor is it between organized religion and personal spirituality or between Christianity and other religions. The tension is located within the heart of Christianity itself because it is a radical conflict between faith that is life-giving for all and faith that is damaging and destructive of people and the earth."

Copies of the book will be available in Room 202 for \$10.00 on Sunday. Please join us for what will be an enlightening study.

**Hartwell Dew**

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## Celebrating Our Graduates



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 5, 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).

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## This Sunday

### Adult Church School

Led by Cathy Wooten

*Jesus vs Caesar:*

*For People Tired of Serving the Wrong God*

by Joerg Rieger

Chapter 1: "Christians as Atheists?"

9:30 AM | Room 202

### Children's Church School

10:00 AM | Undercroft

### Worship

11:00 AM | Sanctuary

### Deacons' Meeting

12:15 PM | Room 202

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## Upcoming Events

### Agape Missions Opportunity

April 16 | 5:00 PM

Agape Center

### Church Council

### Wednesday Night Discussion

April 22 | 6:00 PM

Room 202/Hybrid

### Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

April 20 | 7:00 PM  
Room 202

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
April 22 | 10:30 AM  
Room 202/Hybrid

April 22 | 7:00 PM  
Choir Room

**Children's Ministry Team Meeting**  
April 26 | 12:15 PM  
Room 204

## Events

### April Birthdays

Brian Knight - 12  
Robbye Taylor - 13  
Tim Whiffen - 14  
Ken Brant - 16  
Cali Almeida - 17  
Theresa Goriczynski - 20  
Patti Clark - 21  
Dave Wooten - 21  
Simon Goodhead - 21

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