



Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

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July 9, 2026

July 12 | Livestream and Order of Worship

Going for the Gold: Swim Camp Begins Monday!



Swim Camp Video

For nearly two decades, volunteers have returned each summer to the Delta, where a 90-year-old community swimming pool has become a place of hope, belonging, and transformation. In a community where opportunities can be limited, the pool offers children the chance to gain a life-saving skill, build confidence, develop leadership, and experience the unconditional love of God through caring volunteers.

The first week of the annual Swim Camp, in partnership with Together for Hope, at the North Helena Municipal Pool begins Monday, July 13, 2026. The number of camper registrations are in and 100 campers are expected to attend for week one and week two. This year is particularly special because it marks the highest number of local volunteers working in the pool and sharing

the gift of learning to swim with their community. All the local volunteers have grown up coming to swim camp every summer. This summer, I will have the opportunity to serve as Pool Director for the second week of Swim Camp.

The program primarily focuses on children 12 and under, typically running in multiple-week sessions featuring lessons in the morning and afternoons. Teen or adult instruction will continue in the evenings, followed by water aerobics.

This year's Olympic theme will encourage campers to discover that true champions are known not only for their accomplishments, but for their perseverance, courage, teamwork, and compassion. For many, Swim Camp may sound like a week of swimming lessons, relay races, and water games. While there will certainly be plenty of fun, Swim Camp has always been about much more than learning to swim.

This ministry also reminds us of an important chapter in our nation's history. In her recent book, *The Pool Is Closed: Segregation, Summertime, and the Search for a Place to Swim*, Hannah S. Palmer explores how public swimming pools became symbols of racial division during the era of segregation. Many communities chose to close their pools rather than integrate them, leaving generations of children—especially children of color—without safe places to learn this life-saving skill. Palmer's work reminds us that swimming is not simply recreation; it is about safety, dignity, community, and access.

That history makes this ministry even more meaningful. Each child who learns to swim, each friendship that is formed, and each moment of encouragement shared in and around the pool is a reminder that God's love has the power to overcome barriers and create beloved community.

Thank you for supporting this ministry through your prayers, encouragement, and generosity.

Heather Hieserman

Together For Hope Arkansas

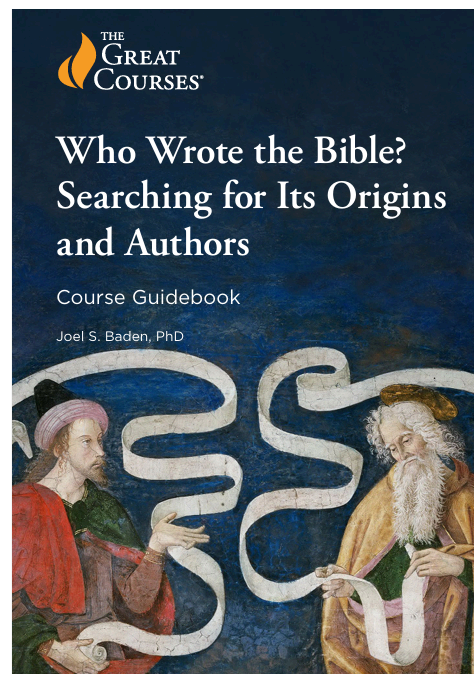
Adult Church School | Sunday at 9:30 AM

This Sunday, we continue our summer-long study of *Who Wrote the Bible? Searching For Its Origins and Authors*, written by Dr. Joel S. Baden. The series contains 24 episodes, and this summer we are studying the first 12.

Each episode is accessible through Amplify Media. We will watch the video during the first half of our time together (the video will be shared via Zoom with those joining us remotely), and then we will talk about the video led by a discussion leader.

This week's lesson is titled "Leviticus and Priestly Writings." Carolyn Mahaffey will be leading the session.

All are welcome!



Supporting Earthquake Relief in Venezuela



Our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela as they begin the difficult recovery from the devastating earthquakes that have claimed lives, destroyed homes, and left many communities in urgent need of assistance.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) is working with our local partner, the National Baptist Convention of Venezuela, whose leaders are already providing meals, water, and emergency relief to victims and rescue workers in some of the hardest-hit areas. Financial gifts are the most effective way to provide immediate help, allowing local partners to purchase food, clean water, medical supplies, and other critical resources as needs arise.

The Missions Ministry Team has approved sending **\$1,500 from our Crisis Ministry Fund** to CBF Disaster Response to support these relief efforts. If you would like to make an additional personal gift, you may donate directly through CBF Disaster Response at: <https://pro.gofundme.com/give/611172/>.

CBF asks that we continue to:

- **Pray** for the people of Venezuela, rescue workers, volunteers, and local church leaders.
- **Give** if you feel led to support the ongoing relief efforts.
- **Share** this opportunity with others who may wish to help.

As the body of Christ, we have the opportunity to bring hope and tangible support to our brothers and sisters in Venezuela.

Thank you for your prayers, compassion, and generosity.

Missions Ministry Team

This Sunday

Adult Church School
"Leviticus and Priestly Writings"
Led by Carolyn Mahaffey
Room 202 | 9:30 AM

Upcoming Events

Pastor Scott's Office Hours

July 13 | 9:00 AM
NDBC Office

Adult Church School "Deuteronomy: Retelling the Story"

Led by Jordan Clark
July 19 | 9:30 AM
Room 202

Lemonade After Worship

July 19 | 12:15 PM

Events

July Birthdays

Cathy Wooten - 2
Comella DaLee - 4
Blanche Roberts - 5
Amelia Almeida-Hall - 5
Rowena Clyatt - 7
Ayanda Ngwenya - 7
Theron (Will) McLarty - 8
Cheryl Dewell - 13
Angie Moore - 13
Lewis Baumstark - 18

Theron McLarty - 20
Julia Knight - 20
Kathy Harris - 21
Jonathan Schroeder - 23
Joseph Headrick - 23
Donette Lee - 24
Betty Pierce - 28
Tiffany Baumstark - 30
George Taylor - 31
John Isakson - 31

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