

The Pinnacle

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October 30, 2025

November 2 I Livestream * Order of Worship

Happy Halloween!

Many of us grew up being taught that Halloween should not be celebrated in church. After all, Halloween seems to glorify the darker, grislier side of life, that it even celebrates death itself.

But Halloween has origins in the church. It was common practice for the church to take existing, pagan celebrations and 'baptize' them through reinterpretation. This was the pattern for both Easter and Christmas. Halloween began as Samhain, a medieval Irish harvest celebration when it was believed that the line between the living and the dead was at a thin point. The church adopted this celebration and paired it with 'All Saints Day.' Together these two spoke with one voice- the church, confident in the resurrection, engages in an active mocking of death only to celebrate the true life that awaits in the resurrection. Halloween is always followed by All Saints Day.

Our celebration of All Saints Sunday is when we remember that those who have died are not absent but fully present with us in the church. They are present through remembering. We celebrate and remember those who have modeled faith and shown us the way.

This Sunday, we will remember the saints of Northside Drive who have passed away in the last year. We remember saints who have gone before us; Saints whom death cannot hold. Indeed, we mock death on Halloween because as All Saints Day dawns we proclaim that "death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor 15:54).

On Halloween, may we offer our best taunts at death and then on All Saints Day, may we celebrate the power of resurrection!

Scott Hovey

Trunk or Treat

Even with the sprinkles, Trunk or Treat was a success! We had 20 decorated trunks between NDBC members and Kiddos families, bouncy houses, face painting, a craft station, a food truck and huge smiles all around. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.





























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Inclusive, Inquiring, Involved

is what first drew me to Northside Drive Baptist Church. My "seminary" training began here. I found a Baptist church that honored and valued women in a way I had not experienced in other Baptist churches. Women were deacons, church leaders, even in the pulpit.



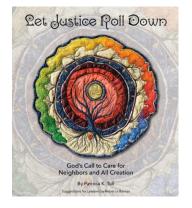
What has kept me at Northside for almost 50 years, however, is the caring, compassionate, and charitable congregation. Our daughter Geneva was raised by this church family who cared about her, loved her, and taught her so much. My perfect grandchildren (aren't they all?) have been raised in and by a church that knows them by name, loves them and nurtures them by including them in activities that teach them to care for others, show compassion for everyone and value all people. Truly those are things that can't be bought - - they are priceless!

To ensure that we can continue to provide this unique, loving and beautiful place, however, does require financial support. Now is the time that we have an opportunity to show we value Northside Drive and its mission in our community. I have made my pledge again this year, not only to acknowledge my support for the ministry of our church, but also to honor the legacy of generosity and commitment to Northside Drive by the remarkable "saints" who have gone before and inspired us by their love and compassion for us and the future of Northside Drive.

Nancy Hall

If you are interested in making a pledge, please visit northsidedrive.org/pledge or scan the QR code below.

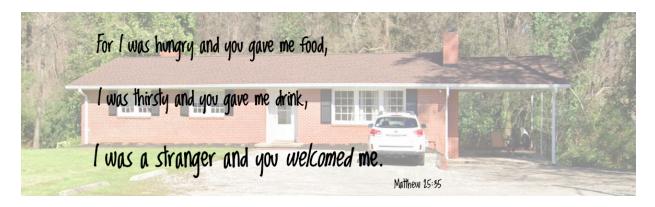




Art & Soul: Let Justice Roll Down

The Art & Soul Church School class will continue this week with the discussion on *Let Justice Roll Down*, written by Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull.

This week we will discuss Lesson 8: "Intergenerational Justice." Syd Janney will lead the discussion. Please join us.



Lunch and Learn: Marc and Kim Wyatt | November 2

The Wyatts are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel who currently work with immigrants and refugees in North Carolina. They founded Welcome House, which provides transitional housing and other services for newly arrived immigrants. Please join us for lunch in the Chapel after worship on November 2 to learn about their ministry and how we, too, can participate in the important Gospel work of welcoming the stranger.

There is no charge for the lunch, but we need reservations by Friday, October 31. Contact Barbara Atchley 404-310-9635 or atchley 2005@gmail.com

Missions Ministry Team



Sarah McCammon is coming! | November 9

Our rescheduled date is Sunday, November 9, at 4:00 PM. Make plans to join us for this relevant discussion about the state of the church. Sarah will speak about her NYT bestseller book *The Exvangelicals*. Copies of the book are available in the Narthex for \$10. And don't forget to bring

your copy to get it signed.

This event will be an opportunity to show off our new Chapel space to friends and neighbors. The content is extremely relevant to our current religious and political climate but is not partisan. Sarah's book is very personal and offers hope to those who have found the Christian evangelical world to be inhospitable and incompatible with the teachings of Jesus.

Tickets are \$15 and are available on our website or by scanning the QR code below.



For online payments, be sure to click "Add payment" prior to submitting your registration.

Use discount code: "NDBC" for a member discount.

Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to Northside Drive Baptist Church, Memo: The Exvangelicals.

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs | November 10



The next meeting of the Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs will be Monday, November 10, at 10:30 AM in the Chapel. The speaker will be Lynn McIntyre, "The Wonders of the Okefenokee Swamp." All are welcome to attend.

Carolyn Herndon

Northside Drive

Triple E

November 11

When Emory Doctors Went to War

Ren Davis

We are delighted to welcome back Ren Davis to present a wonderful Veteran's Day program. When America entered World War I in 1917, The New Emory University School of Medicine and Georgia doctors and nurses answered the call to serve. Learn the story of the Emory Unit's service in France during the war, along with some of its notable achievements and significant members.

Please RSVP by November 7 to Barbara Atchley at atchley2005@gmail.com or 404-310-9635.

Sharing Congregational Concerns

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Allyson and Jason Bretch in the death of their infant daughter Hollis Noelle. Maternal grandparents are Cheryl and Marshall Dewell.

This Sunday



Adult Church School
"Intergenerational Justice"
Presented by Syd Janney
9:30 AM | Room 202

Children's Church School 10:00 AM | *Undercroft*

Worship
11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Missions Lunch and Learn 12:15 PM | *Chapel*

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Bible Study November 5 | 10:30 AM Room 202 The Exvangelicals: Sarah McCammon November 9 | 4:00 PM Chapel

Holy Happy Hour

November 5 | 5:00 PM Round Trip Brewing

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal November 5 | 7:00 PM Choir Room

Worship and Music Ministry Team Meeting November 9 | 12:15 PM Conference Room Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Meeting November 10 | 10:00 AM Chapel

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October Birthdays

Hartwell Dew - 28 Mikayla Ngwenya - 29

November Birthdays

Doris Claire Blackwell - 1

Mary Lou Swann - 2

Sylvia Dick - 7

Mary Frances Headrick - 8

Larry McSwain - 10

Joel Stouffer - 10

Emma Martin - 11

Kurt Thomas - 15

Jenney Headrick - 25

Catherine Campbell - 29

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