



Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

October 8, 2026

October 11 | Livestream and Order of Worship

Trunk or Treat 2026
October 25 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM



NDBC Families and Friends are invited to join Kiddos in this year's Trunk or Treat Celebration.

Sunday, October 25, 3:00-5:00 PM
Bouncy House and Trick or Treating Car Trunks!

If you would like to decorate your car's trunk, please prepare kid-friendly snacks, toys, or treats (no nuts!).

Car trunks need to be in the parking lot at 1:30 PM.

There are about 100 families enrolled at Kiddos.

Click the link below to sign up to provide a decorated trunk and treats
or contact Virginia Gilbert at gilbertva3@gmail.com.

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Welcome Our New Audio Video Specialist and Staff Singer

You may have noticed some new faces on Sunday mornings. Welcome to Leyla Vargas, our new audio visual specialist, and Connor Cushma, our new staff singer!



Leyla Vargas

"Hey everyone! My name is Leyla. I'm a first-generation Mexican-American finishing my degree in Music Production and Audio Recording at Georgia State this upcoming December. I enjoy the intersection of music, psychology, and spirituality and hope to one day open my own music therapy studio and help others!"



Connor Cushma

Connor Cushma is a second year music composition student currently studying at Georgia State University in Atlanta. He has been singing in choir for over 10 years, and his passion for music has only grown in that time. In addition to being in Northside Drive's Choir, Connor is also a member of the prestigious Georgia State University Singers. When not studying for class or singing in choir, Connor has a rock band with his friends that he writes music for and plays with.

Triple E: A Path of Faith and Healing

Presented by Matthews Grant

October 13 | 11:00 AM

Triple E

Matthews Grant grew up at Northside Drive and attended Sunday School and Church here as a child and teenager. He is currently a professor and former chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Matthews converted to Catholicism while studying for his PhD in philosophy. He married a Methodist minister who later also converted to Catholicism. In April 2012, Matthews lost his voice and was nearly unable to speak for over four years. He will tell the remarkable story about how his voice returned.

RSVP to Barbara Atchley by October 9 at atchley2005@gmail.com or 404-310-9635.

Triple E Team

The Faith 250 Interfaith Project



Faith 250 is an interfaith effort to gather diverse communities together for conversation. Several local congregations are planning a series of gatherings to share food and conversation around faith and our national life. Congregations include Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Northside Methodist Church, and Christ the King Catholic Church.

We are looking for 10-12 individuals from our Northside Drive Baptist Church to participate in four gatherings through the 2026-2027 year. The first gathering will be from 6:30-8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11, at Ahavath Achim.

Syd Janney has signed on as a participant, and others have expressed interest to date. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak with Scott.



Reception for Melinda Clark | October 18

12:15 PM

Melinda Clark, our Church Organist, will be concluding her time with us on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Melinda has been with us since 2018, and we are so grateful for the contributions she has made to our church family.

She has served our church as a wonderfully skilled musician. Additionally, she has assisted in worship planning, offering creative approaches to worship and music. Melinda has been a valued member of the church staff, and we express our heartfelt thanks for her many years of service.



There will be a reception in her honor on her final Sunday, October 18.

Missions' Moment

How Northside Drive Baptist Church Can Partner with Crime Victims Advocacy Council



For 35 years, the **Crime Victims Advocacy Council (CVAC)** has done exactly what the Good Samaritan did — stopping, showing up, and walking alongside the broken. This Georgia-based nonprofit provides **FREE** services to victims of all types of crime from any Georgia county or any state. No one is turned away. CVAC's mission embodies Micah 6:8 – to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly which means standing with the violated, extending compassion without condition and serving without recognition.

CVAC's programs include:

- **24-Hour Crisis Hotline** — Immediate support, day or night
- **Criminal Justice Navigation** — Restraining orders, court accompaniment, and case guidance.
- **Georgia Victim Compensation Program** — Assistance applying for funds covering medical, psychological, and funeral expenses.
- **Weekly Online Support Groups** — Zoom-based community healing at any stage of recovery.
- **Annual Memorial Service** — A 34-year tradition honoring survivors of homicide victims.
- **Pastoral Care Division** — Dedicated spiritual care for victims' faith and emotional needs.
- **Victim Impact Statements** – CVAC works closely with survivors to help them craft powerful, authentic statements that convey the true weight of their experience. Through these statements, which are read aloud at sentence hearings, crime victims are given a formal voice in the justice process. Moreover, CVAC tracks perpetrators through the justice system on behalf of victims, ensuring that survivors are informed and represented at every critical juncture.

Over its history, CVAC has developed **20 programs**, championed **45 legislative initiatives**, and built **30+ advocacy partnerships** — all in service of victims who deserve dignity, justice and hope.

Here are five tangible ways NDBC can partner with CVAC:

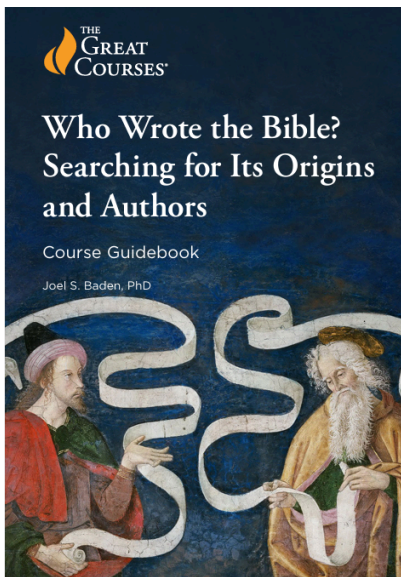
1. **Volunteer** — Give your time as a community advocate or support group facilitator, walking alongside those navigating trauma and the justice system.
2. **Promote the 24-Hour Hotline** — Share CVAC's crisis number from the pulpit and in bulletins. One number on a bulletin can save a life.
3. **Host an Awareness Event** — Invite CVAC staff to lead a seminar at your church so your congregation knows where to send hurting neighbors.
4. **Provide Practical Support** — Coordinate transportation, childcare or meals for victims attending court hearings or support groups.
5. **Make Referrals with Confidence** — When a family in your church is touched by crime, refer them directly to CVAC, knowing they will be received with care and expertise.

Connect with CVAC

- www.CVACOnline.org
- Phone: 770.333.9254

Missions Ministry Team

Art & Soul | Sundays at 9:30 AM | Room 202



This Sunday we continue in our study of, *Who Wrote the Bible? Searching For Its Origins and Authors*, written by Dr. Joel S. Baden. Our lesson is Chapter 17, "*Understanding the Synoptic Gospels*." Don Janney will be leading the session.

All are welcome!

This Sunday

Adult Church School

Led by Don Janney

Room 202/Hybrid | 9:30 AM

Children's Church School

Undercroft | 10:00 AM

Worship & Music

Ministry Team Meeting

Conference Room | 12:15 PM

Missions Ministry Team Meeting

Room 202 | 12:15 PM

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary | 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events

Deacons' Meeting

October 12 | 6:00 PM

Virtual

Triple E:

A Path of Faith and Healing

October 13 | 11:00 AM

Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

October 14 | 7:30 PM

Choir Room

Adult Church School

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Virtual

Events

October Birthdays

James Goodhead - 2
Mary Caroline Goodhead - 2
Geneva Hall-Shelton - 9
John Langston - 9
Carolyn Herndon - 10
Abigail Knight - 13
Barbara Atchley - 14
Billie Davis - 15

Susan Harlan - 16
Dianne DaLee - 17
Mike Mosley - 17
Bruce Dick - 19
Charlie Dunn - 21
Hartwell Dew - 28
Mikayla Ngwenya - 29

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