

Northside Drive Baptist Church
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Tender Loving Prayer List

The TLP is a Diaconate ministry. The names for this month are listed below.

Greg Colson
 Nancy F. Davis

If you would like your name placed on our rotating TLP list, please give the church office a call.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS
 March 2020

March 5—Lenten Thursday Service @ 6:45 PM in the Chapel
March 8—Worship & Music Team meeting @ Noon
March 10—Triple E @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
March 12—Phoenix Flies Window Tour @ 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
March 12—Lenten Thursday Service @ 6:45 PM in the Chapel
March 16—Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Art & Soul Room
March 17—ROMEOS @ Noon @ Piccadilly in Marietta
March 19—Lenten Thursday Service @ 6:45 PM in the Chapel
March 22—Easter lily sales begin
March 24—Phoenix Flies Window Tour @ 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
March 26—Lenten Thursday Service @ 6:45 PM in the Chapel

March Birthdays

Jim Mahaffey-1
 Jo Meeks-1
 Janet Bell-2
 Virginia Gilbert-2
 Jordan Clark-3
 Austin Chandler-3
 Keith Walker-4
 Andrew Taylor-4
 Ginger Cooper-7
 West Blaisdell-7
 Caroline Sisk-12
 Wendy Overton-Ervin-14
 Sarah Milligan-15
 Benji Cadaret-15
 Jill Dunn-20
 Harper Bell-21
 Leah Johnson-22
 Don Wamberg-24
 Raj Anantaraman-27
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 Calvin Dahlke-29
 Walter Grant-30



Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Meets weekly from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Church's Conference Room. We study the texts selected in the Revised Common Lectionary for the next Sunday. Large print editions are available each week and for the upcoming Sunday. Discussion is deep and wide and lively. All are invited.

Meets on 1st Thursday and 3rd Thursday in the Parlor at 10:30 AM.



If you are not sure how to knit or crochet, no problem, there will be plenty of people to help you get started. This group is open to anyone who would like to join! For more information call Susan Harlan at 770-377-3869.

Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

March 1

First Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 2:15-17
 Psalm 32
 Romans 5:1-12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

March 8

Second Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-17

March 15

Third Sunday in Lent
 Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

March 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

These are the Lectionary Texts for the day, but the texts used in worship may vary.

NORTHSIDE DRIVE STAFF

Andrea Johnson
Director of Children's Ministries
Daniel Headrick
Associate Pastor
David Vaughns
Custodian
Gregory Colson
Director Emeritus of Music Ministries
James Lamkin
Pastor
Joleen Neel
Preschool Director
Keith H. Walker
Director of Music Ministries
Mary Lou Swann
Director of Children's Choirs
Melinda Clark
Organist
Nick Bonner
Custodian
Rose Hidlay
Business Office Manager
Will Mathews
Administrative Manager



Lenten Devotionals

If you are interested in receiving a Lenten Devotional from Steve Sheeley, email him at:

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Lent / Palm Sunday / Easter Calendar 2020

March 5-April 2—Thursday Lenten Services
 at 6:45 PM in the Chapel

April 5—Palm Sunday

Morning Worship at 11:00 AM in the Chapel

April 9—Maundy Thursday Service

also *“The Great Feast.”* for Children & Youth
 at 6:45 PM in the Chapel

April 10—Good Friday Service

Noon—2:00 PM in the Chapel

April 12—Easter Sunday

Morning Worship at 11:00 AM in the Chapel
 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
 at 12:15 PM on the Chapel Grounds

Pastoral Reflections
"Words and the Word"
 By Daniel Headrick



During the last week of January, I attended a Pastor's Conference at Stetson University. Continuing Ed can be abysmal. At least in law practice, it was regularly expected to be the equivalent to three or four root canals... performed simultaneously. Thankfully, my experience at Stetson was revelatory.

Pastor and progressive activist Brian McLaren inspired us with hopeful words about the emergent church and theology "in the wild." His latest book (*God Unbound*) was inspired by his journeys in the wilds of the Galapagos Islands.

The speaker whose words have lingered with me most was Professor Marilyn McEntyre, who has written a number of superb books on the power of words from a Christian perspective. She will be appearing on our podcast in the near future so you'll get to hear from her directly.

Her latest book *Make a List* is about the spiritual practice of list making. Another book written during the Iraq War invasion that I just started is called *Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies*.

Here are a few gems from her lectures:
To speak a word is to engage in creation.
If we're called to work with words we are called to clarity.

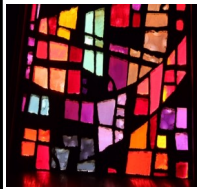
Read well. Don't skim. Read less more.
 Words matter. And in the life of the church, speaking clearly and attending to creative, slow reading are virtues.

For pastors who work with words as the common currency of their spiritual language, careful attention to the power of the spoken word can translate into life giving sermons, inspiring writing, and words of comfort spoken to one in need.

The beauty of our language undergirds our liturgy and hymnody. For as long as we can remember, words have opened doorways to the Holy. We've carefully attended to words. Searched out their rich ambiguity, their propensity to inspire and to hallow, to bless and to name.

Our words carve out the perimeter of our understanding. They do not explain. They open gateways in our minds to further suggestions and truths. Words point beyond; they do not capture reality.

I love that verse from the Gospel of John in which the narrator almost throws his hands up in defeat at the richness of Jesus' life and ministry. *But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.* (John 21:25). No amount of words can contain the Word. But boy, will we ever delight in trying.



As part of the "Phoenix Flies" celebration of Atlanta's historic sites in March. . . NDBC again hosts tours of the Sanctuary's impressive stained glass windows in 2020.

- * Thursday, March 12, 11:00 AM
- AND
- * Tuesday, March 24, 11:00 AM

Led by Jordan Clark and James Lamkin, the tours offer a unique telling in faceted glass of Christianity writ large and of our church's own story.



It's that time of year again

Easter lilies go on sale
 Sunday, March 22.
 The cost is \$20.00.
 The sale will end on
 Thursday, April 9, 2020.

To order, simply fill out the envelop on the table in the hallway, call Will Mathews in the church office at 404-237-8621 or email will@northsidedrive.org.



Transportation Ministry

Thanks to a generous gift from the family of Dot Clark, transportation reimbursement will be provided to and from church-related events (Sunday programs, EEE, church school socials, funerals, fellowships, etc.). This Transportation Ministry is available for anyone who is part of the Northside Drive Baptist Church community of faith. For instance, if someone wishes to attend a church-related event, he/she could take a taxi, Uber or Lyft to and from the event. Then he/she would call Rose Hidlay, Business Office Manager, and report the amount paid for the transportation. Rose will send the person a check for the amount spent. It is not necessary to submit a receipt to Rose; and no paperwork is required! Just give her a call. This program is being coordinated by the diaconate. Please contact Beth Laxton, Diaconate Chair, at laxton2125@charter.net or 404-216-0868 if you have any questions.

Lenten Thursday Service Topics



6:45 PM in the Chapel
March 5, 12, 19, & 26
April 2

March 5, 2020 Garden of Gethsemane
 -James Lamkin

The grass never sleeps.
 Or the roses.
 Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.
 Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.
(Excerpt from "Gethsemane" by Mary Oliver)

March 12, 2020 The High Priest's Courtyard
 -Daniel Headrick

As swimmers dare
 to lie face to the sky
 and water bears them,
 as hawks rest upon air
 and air sustains them,
 so would I learn to attain
 freefall, and float
 into the Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
 knowing no effort earns
 that all-surrounding grace.
"The Avowal" by Denise Levertov

March 19, 2020 Pilate's Bench
 -Daniel Headrick

"In Heaven there will be no law, and the lion will lie down with the lamb... In Hell there will be nothing but law, and due process will be meticulously observed."
 -Grant Gilmore, Yale Law School

March 26, 2020 Golgotha
 -James Lamkin

"It is impossible to distinguish Jesus' suffering from that of other people as though Jesus alone awaited God's help. The scream of suffering contains all the despair of which a person is capable, and in this sense every scream is a scream for God."
 -Dorothy Soelle, "Suffering"

April 2, 2020 At the Tomb
 -Steve Sheeley

"Kingdoms rage; empires tremble; cities totter. You speak assurance; You designate human agents; You say, 'This is my beloved son'; You say, 'This is my anointed.' Right in the middle of chaos, you designate human agents who do your will. And we are not sure: We would rather it were you, directly straight on and visible."
 -Walter Brueggemann
"Kingdoms rage...and we are called."



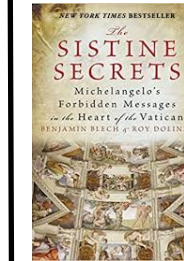
ROMEOS will meet on Tuesday, March 17 @ Noon @ Piccadilly in Marietta. For more information call Posey Starkey at 404-904-0890.



Meets Tuesday, March 10 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The program will be *Share Your Memories* as presented by Walter Grant.

Everyone will be part of this special program. What do you remember about shopping at Rich's or Sears? Describe your childhood. How did you meet your spouse? Tell us about an embarrassing experience. Stories may be funny or profound. Walter will lead the time and tell a few stories of his own. All are welcome.



NDBC Book Club

Wednesday, March 25 @ 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The featured book is:

The Sistine Secrets

Author: Rabbi Benjamin Blech & Roy Doliner

Facilitator: Robbye Taylor

Hostess: Mary Lester



Church Council

will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in the Art & Soul Room



34th Annual Women's Retreat
 April 16-19, 2020
 (You can decide to come on Thursday or Friday.)

Blue Boar Retreat at Lake Santeetlah Robbinsville, North Carolina. Excellent meals provided. Very relaxing with time to visit, read, play games, canoe in lake, etc. Many enjoy hiking and a picnic in nearby Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. Communion service on Sunday morning.



During the illness and at the death of my husband, Clay Manley, staff and members of NDBC have been thoughtful and caring. Thank you so much for your prayers and cards. You mean so much to us.

Thersai Manley and family.