

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.

Jack & Joey Guynn
Helen White

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

CHURCH CALENDAR | April 2020

(Due to public health concerns, these events may change.)

April 5—Palm Sunday
April 9—Maundy Thursday
April 10—Good Friday
April 12—Easter Sunday
April 14—Triple E @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
April 19—Called Church in Conference meeting @ 12:15 PM
April 20—Church Council meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom
April 21—ROMEOS @ Noon @ Piccadilly

April Birthdays

Chance Cooper-1
LeAnna Anantaraman-3
Anne Shiver-Hunt-4
Greg Colson-6
Kay Braswell-6
Allison Blaisdell-6
Jackie Hardin-6
Letty Konenkamp-8
Jennifer Sardone-10
Mary Schwartz-12
Brian Knight-12
Robbye Taylor-13
Tim Whiffen-14
Ken Brant-16
Liam Collins-16
Daniel Moore-16
Cali Almeida-17
Hardy Pickering-17
Dick Houston-17
Ryan McClure-17
Jada Getsay-20
Theresa Gorczynski-20
Heather Bongers-20
Dave Wooten-21
Patti Clark-21
Simon Goodhead-21
Noah Davis-23
Andrea Johnson-29

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

Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

April 5
Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 12
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

April 19
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:1-4a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 26
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

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:

stevenmsheelley@gmail.com



Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Has been cancelled until further notice.

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.

Prayer Shawl has been cancelled until May. It will



begin to meet on 1st Thursday and 3rd Thursday in the Parlor at 10:30 AM after that. 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.



The PINNACLE

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Will We Still Have Easter?

By James Lamkin, Pastor

What a strange question. “Will we still have Easter?” But someone asked it just the other day. Never before have we wondered, “Will we have Easter?” “Of course,” has always been the answer.

But this year is another story.

Like nearly everything during the coronavirus crisis, there are layers of meaning; and there are lessons to be learned. Lent, especially *this* Lent, is a good time to confess human arrogance and idolatry, social blindness and unawareness, the effects of colonization and isolation, and the power of something so big we cannot buy our way out of it. Lent 2020 is a long laundry list of confessions. No wonder we wonder...will we still have Easter?

One year, Liz missed Easter.

She was deployed as a Chaplain Lt. Colonel in the Georgia Air National Guard to Guam. She flew to the west coast on Good Friday. Then left early Saturday morning for the long flight across the Pacific.

Finally, at 3:00 a.m. the next day, she stepped off the troop transport plane and onto Anderson Air Force Base in Guam. The base chaplain greeted her. She saluted him, then said, “Christ is Risen!”

He saluted back and said, “Yes, yesterday!”

Turns out, Liz had crossed the International Date Line in the night. When she did, all calendars jumped forward from Saturday to Monday. She automatically lost a day. And the day she lost...was Easter Sunday.

This year, without the *Hallelujah Chorus* rocking the house, without trumpets blasting, without the responsorial, “Christ is Risen. Christ is risen indeed!” And without the choir practically dancing to *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, Easter may go missing.

Of course, by then the virus may be contained, a cure found, and immunizations given...or not.

But, here’s the theological punchline: we can’t miss Easter...even if we tried. Easter is not what we do. Easter is what God did, God will do, and God is doing.

Paul Tillich the theologian spoke of *The Eternal Now*. JB Gilbert often quotes him. Easter is inside God’s eternal now...including back then and out yonder.

So, dry up your *Hallelujah* tears. Wipe off that no-egg-hunt frown.

Of course we will have Easter! God will make sure of it. In fact, God already has!



Pastoral Reflections

“Update on Doing ‘Virtual Church’ during the Covid-19 Crisis”

By Daniel Headrick



Remember when we used to gather in person to sing, pray, and hear the Word read and proclaimed? Yeah, me too. Now, seemingly overnight, we have been thrust into this weird online world with its dizzying array of technology. Call it “virtual church” or “livestream” or “online worship”—whatever it is, I sure miss seeing all of you.

We’re working on creative ways to connect our church body to one another in this time of wilderness exile from our church building. Last Sunday (March 22nd), we attempted to do a livestream of our worship service...but lo and behold: the WiFi failed us.

This week, we’ll be uploading a pre-recorded version of our worship service, complete with some musical offerings, some lay lead scripture readings, and sermon. We’ll create a “Watch Party” on Facebook around 11 AM. If you want to join us, you can, and comment as you watch. I’ll be there and can respond in real time to you and we can share prayer concerns. If Facebook is not your thing, worry not. The service will be available to watch on the front page of our website <http://northsidedrive.org>

Many of you emailed and called about possible technological solutions. Thanks! We will crowdsource our way to a solution.

There is one more way to connect that you probably saw in an all-church email. We are using “Zoom” to host a weekly videoconference. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/2506631272> a few minutes before 2PM on each Saturday. I’ll be there along with anybody else from the church who cares to join. We take turns checking in with each other and sharing prayer concerns. My advice is: practice it first. Download the app on your smartphone or desktop computer. Email me if you are stuck (daniel@northsidedrive.org).

Nominating Committee Update

by Beth Laxton

Dear Congregants,

COVID-19 has caused the Nominating Committee’s work to take a different approach. Due to the uncertainty of when we will gather at church again, it is important for the work of the Nominating Committee to move ahead as best as possible.

Per the instructions below, **please consider the ministry teams where you are willing to serve and sign up. Also, please submit names for moderator, diaconate, finance and personnel.**

If you have already agreed to serve on your current ministry teams again next year, I have inserted your names in the spreadsheet.

Ministry Teams

The link below is for a Google document that will allow folks to sign up for ministry teams. Just open the link and insert your name in the spaces below the ministry teams that you would like to serve on in the coming church year. You do not have to save the spreadsheet – that automatically happens.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yapSPAz02FvKv1XbF-Z0WYzds-bYn6NgSWWGU4WyREA/edit?usp=sharing>

Moderator, Diaconate, Finance and Personnel

Please send your nominations for these ministry teams directly to my email, laxton2125@charter.net or you may call me at 404.216.0868 with your nominations for these teams.

The deadline for submitting nominations is 5:00pm on Monday, April 6.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Best regards,
Beth Laxton, Chair Nominating Committee
404.216.0868

Hi everyone,

In the last few days, all our families have begun to adjust to life lived in a new way. As we adjust our daily lives, so too will our spiritual lives adjust. As parents, we have an awesome opportunity to lead our children through their faith walks at such a time as this. Let us rejoice in that blessing!

Now is a time of change, so let’s embrace it, finding new, fun ways to walk with Jesus as families of faith! Social distancing means being physically apart, but in God’s Love, we can all be spiritually together. For we know this: God’s love goes with us, abides with us, strengthens and upholds us!

What a blessing! Let us open our hearts, give thanks, and live together as God’s blessed children, no matter what our physical distance may be.

I hope you will all enjoy the attached video activity—“Sidewalk Chalk Prayer Walk”—with your children on this first day of spring!

In Christ’s Love and Peace,

Andrea
Director of Children’s Ministries
Northside Drive Baptist Church

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthsideKidsNorthsideDrive/videos/520998475520613/>



Myrtie Cope Is Making Masks!

You may have seen the news that volunteers are making masks for folk who might use them during the coronavirus epidemic. She’s especially concerned about her friends, Kevin and Carla, who work in healthcare. Myrtie found a pattern on-line and has already made 15. She is glad to share the pattern and the materials if anybody wants to help. Here’s the website: <https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask?fbclid=IwAR1H25JhviFlqeBjj-LEwCUCGNf-PbJcst4fHxcnXOThUqoTk6CVQ8cuyRM>
Call Myrtie for more information: 678-521-7652.



Welcome our Newest Member

David Lester joined NDBC on Sunday, March 1, 2020. David is a registered nurse. He has been a member of both MCC and UCC congregations in Atlanta. They have partnered with NDBC in our Interfaith Habitat builds.

Thank you to the staff and members of NDBC for your prayers and concerns for the death of Terry Lewis and your support given to me and my family during this time. As Terry would say, “God Bless You.” Thanks for welcoming me into this congregation. David Lester.



ROMEOS is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 21 @ Noon @ Piccadilly in Marietta. For more information call Posey Starkey at 404-904-0890.

Please note: this may be cancelled or rescheduled.



Meets Tuesday, April 14 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED.

The program will be *time with Herb Avery*.

Herb grew up coming to our church with his father, Dr. William Avery. Herb is now a music performer, composer, and producer, creating music for CNN, TNT, and other networks familiar to us all. This month he is coming to share his musical talent with us as well as how he built his business. All are welcome.

NDBC Book Club

will be cancelled until May.



Church Council

WILL MEET on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.



Called Church in Conference Meeting

Sunday, April 19 following morning worship in the Chapel. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a recommendation from the 2020 Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee to revise selected provisions of the NDBC Bylaws.



SAVE THE DATE

September 19, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

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**Carrie Newcomer and Gary Walters in Concert.
More information at carriewcomer.com**