



Northside Drive Baptist Church

3100 Northside Drive NW

Atlanta, GA 30305

## Little Free Library Andrew P. Stewart Center

Did you know that there are over 50,000 Little Free Libraries? This free book exchange (think-- take a book with no check out, no late fees or even a need to return) provides easy access to books in all neighborhoods. Thanks to the efforts of Susan Harlan and her daughter Molly Aziz, the Andrew P. Stewart Center now has its own Little Free Library. How can you help? The center needs books for all ages, but especially for children. If you have gently used books, please bring them to the church. Questions? Contact Susan Harlan at 770-377-3869.



### Tender Loving Prayer List

The TLP is a Diaconate ministry. Each week's list contains the rotating names of three or four NDBC senior adults.

Jon & Janet Bell  
Reidar Bjournard  
Gerry Humphries

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



### Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Starting on  
**Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017**  
we will meet 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.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at  
7:00 PM

In the Church Parlor

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.

### September Birthdays

Joseph Caradet-1  
Beth Laxton-1  
Kristi Wamberg-2  
Barry Ervin-4  
Jacky Gundberg-Youngquist-4  
Amy Bell-6  
Marie Cook-9  
Kat Wall-9  
Liz Harris-Lamkin-11  
Tim Getsay-12  
Jane Lamkin-13  
JB Gilbert-14  
Suzette Knight-15  
Will Ervin-15  
Theresai Manley-17  
Henry Collins-18  
Karen Massey-18  
Hal Meeks-18  
Cyndi Vander Ven-19  
Reid Cook-19  
Linda Bridges-20  
Rebecca Moore-20  
Jake Baumstark-21  
Kendall Konenkamp-21  
Bill Caradet-22  
Keith Milligan-22  
Ingrid Bongers-24  
Ann White Morton-27  
Josh Mudd-28

### Lost and Found – in church office!



NDBC welcomes Clayton McClure into our fellowship. Clayton's dedication was this past Sunday, August 27, 2017. His mother, Dixie, stated that "Clayton was eight months old and is a happy baby who loves to do everything his big sister, Hadley, does." We welcome Clayton to our congregation.



### CHURCH WEEK

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### SUNDAY, Sep 3

9:30 AM – Church School  
11:00 AM – Morning Worship

#### MONDAY, Sep 4

Labor Day—Office Closed

#### TUESDAY, Sep 5

10:00 AM – Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM – Worship Planning

#### WEDNESDAY, Sep 6

10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study

#### THURSDAY, Sep 7

7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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# The PINNACLE



## Northside Drive

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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### NORTHSIDE DRIVE STAFF

Rev. Dr. James Lamkin  
Pastor  
Rev. Daniel Headrick  
Associate Pastor  
Dr. Keith H. Walker  
Director of Music Ministries  
Anna Kate Stephenson  
Director of Children's Ministries  
Jeffrey Dunkerley  
Director of Youth & Young Adults  
Rose Hidlay  
Business Manager  
Will Mathews  
Administrative Manager  
Joleen Neel  
Preschool Director  
Gregory Colson  
Director Emeritus of Music Ministries

### Sunday Morning

#### Worship

#### Lectionary Text

#### September 3

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

Romans 12:9-21

### Church School Kick-Off Breakfast

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Fellowship Hall at 9:30



Let's kick off the Church School year! You will learn about all the 2017-2018 Church School classes, explore provocative new curriculum, and congratulate all the children on their promotions to their next grades. Come and reconnect with classmates, friends, and families. **Bring your favorite breakfast food to share.** Milk, juice, and coffee will be provided.

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 10, 2017



The children will receive a "Blessing of the Backpacks." With the start of Church School and the new school year, we want to send the kids off to school with a blessing. **We ask that each child bring with them the backpack they take to school.** They will process into the Sanctuary wearing their backpacks and will receive the blessing during the service. We hope that you and your family will decide to join us on this joyous day.



**We are moving back to the Sanctuary  
on Sunday, September 10, 2017**



### ANNUAL CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Noon

Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$8.00 Adults

\$3.00 Children

\$20.00 Family Cap

RSVP to the church office NO LATER THAN

Tuesday, September 19

### Menu

BBQ (Chicken & Pork)

Beans

Slaw

Fruit

Dessert

Beverages



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# Pastoral Reflections

## Pastoral Reflections

### “New Creation” by Associate Pastor Daniel Headrick



We could speak of all the difficult texts of the Bible, of the expulsion of the Canaanites from the land and the slaying of the Amalekites. We could speak of “texts of terror” as the biblical scholar Phyllis Trible has written. And perhaps you and I will speak of these, one day. But these days my thoughts go to new creation. It is perhaps Paul’s most powerful theological insight: that in Jesus Christ a new creation transpired. One in which there *is* “no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28). In this new creation, there is no room for the ancient hatreds of racism and anti-Semitism. We are all *one*.

Christians seeking to respond to hatred have rich resources in biblical theology. To choose just a few among many, consider how the dramatic arc of *Acts* always pushes towards greater inclusion of the Gentiles. The fiery tongues of Pentecost were nothing less than the outpouring of the Holy Spirit enabling *all nations* to hear the Gospel. In Acts 10, Peter is led by a strange vision to the Gentile centurion Cornelius. Peter’s vision revealed a sheet full of unclean animals. A voice urged Peter to “kill and eat” the animals. Peter protests: “By no means Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” The voice responds: “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” There was no more division between Jew and Gentile; God had settled that. Peter remarks, incredibly, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality.” And yet so many voices in our world cry out that their neighbor is “unclean”—unworthy of communion.

Paul, writing to the church at Ephesus, tells these Gentile believers that there used to be a time when their status as uncircumcised people made them “aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). But a new time has come. Paul, the violent and vociferous opponent of this fledgling Jesus movement, this man who was “circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee” (Phil. 3:5)...this man Paul had himself experienced alienation from God. He had a violent and earth-shattering experience in which he met the risen Christ. And all of the old paradigms in which he lived were thrown out. Of this Christ, Paul would write that “he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups [Gentiles and Jews] into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” (Eph. 2: 13-14).

What a metaphor. A wall of hostility between Jew and Gentile which has been “broken down.” You can’t read that seriously and be an anti-Semite. But there is a deeper truth afoot in these texts, namely, that in Jesus, God broke down *all* idolatrous barriers between people groups. At Ahavath Achim last Saturday, I taught this lesson at a table of Muslims, Christians, and Jews. A participant remarked that he had to admit that he associated Southern Baptists with the ugly hatred of Charlottesville. I told him that we are in the South, and that we are Baptists, but that *we weren’t that kind of Baptist*. Indeed, the Southern Baptist Convention was founded in 1845 after Georgia Baptists unsuccessfully attempted to have a slaveholder approved as a missionary with the Home Mission Society of the Triennial Convention.

It makes a difference when Christians talk honestly about their faith with their neighbor. When we can look each other in the eye and say “that’s not who I am, but I could see why you might suspect otherwise before you met me,” a relationship flourishes. In those moments, we get a taste of new creation. *God was in Christ*, Paul tells us in his second letter to the church at Corinth. What do you think God was doing *in Christ*? Dying for us so that we might proclaim enmity and hatred against our neighbor? Suffering for us so that we might believe that only white nationalism is the answer to our economic and societal woes? No. God was in Christ “reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” (2 Cor. 5:19). All of this comes about because God has made the world anew in some unfathomable way with what happened on the Cross. What’s that? A message of reconciliation? That sounds dangerous. That sounds like it might cost us something. That sounds like...Jesus.

## NDBC BOOK CLUB

Begins  
September 20, 2017  
& will meet in the  
Fellowship Hall at  
1:00 p.m.



**Author:** Geraldine Brooks

**Facilitator:** Nancy Hall

**Hostess:** Kathy Harris

## NDBC Sanctuary Choir

will begin rehearsals on  
Thursday  
September 7, 2017 at  
7:30 p.m.  
in the choir room.  
Contact Keith Walker at  
404-237-8621  
for more details.

Dan and Deborah Oakley would like to thank the many members of Northside Drive Baptist Church for the prayers, thoughts, cards, calls, and visits during his recent hospital stay. The Prayers were felt and much appreciated! Thanks to all for their concerns!

NDBC  
20.30

The Nadia Bolz-Weber Pub Theology event was a great success! As we gathered with many people from the Atlanta area, Nadia addressed the question, "We've made it 500 years after the Reformation. So, now what?" Her unique presentation style made us ponder why the church is concerned about dying. At the end of the day, she challenged us to think as if the church had an expiration date five years from now, and this could give the freedom to do what the church is supposed to do. Perhaps she is right. Maybe we need to think like that so we have the freedom to do what we believe the church is called to do. -Jeffrey Dunkerley

## TRIPLE E

TRIPLE E will begin the year off on  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
The program will be Getting to Know You. Syd Janney will be our interviewer as we get to know our new Associate Minister better. Join us to hear about Daniel’s many interests outside of church. Feel free to bring him your own questions as we enjoy special small group time with our newest staff member.



## The Gladys and Tom McComb Lecture Series

Come hear Dr. David Shi,  
former President of Furman University,  
as he presents a lecture entitled:  
"On the Pursuit of Happiness"  
Sunday, September 17, 2017  
at 4:00 p.m. in the NDBC Chapel.



## CALLING ALL RINGERS!

The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on  
**Sunday, September 17,**  
**at 8:30 a.m.**  
**in the Handbell Room.**  
Rehearsals will end at 9:30 so that you can attend Sunday School. We will ring in worship on **October 29, December 10, February 11, and April 1.** Whether you have always wanted to try your hand at ringing or are a veteran ringer, we have a spot for you. If you would like more information, please contact Keith at [keith@northsidedrive.org](mailto:keith@northsidedrive.org).

## the NDBC KIDS' MINISTRY

The children's ministry has a few fun and exciting events coming up in the next couple of months! Don't forget that **September 10th is our Church School Kick-off Party.** We'll have a church-wide breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 and introduce our children to their new Sunday School classes at 10 am. Please make plans to be here! The following weekend, **September 16th, we will have our Water Play Day at the Gilbert's home!** We'll meet at 11:00 am, slide down the slip n slides for a little bit and then eat lunch.