

Northside Drive Baptist Church
3100 Northside Drive NW
Atlanta, GA 30305



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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.

Janet Bell
Reidar Bjornard
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

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.



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.

March Birthdays

Jose Tunon-13
Wendy Overton-Ervin-14
Sarah Wolff Milligan-15
Benji Cadaret-15
Aline Cofield-16
Jill Johnson-20
Harper Bell-21
Don Wamberg-24
Raj Anantaraman-27
Anant Anantaram-29
Walter Grant-30

CHURCH WEEK March 18-25

SUNDAY, March 18

8:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 AM - Church School
10:25 AM - Children's Choirs Rehearsal
11:00 AM - Morning Worship

TUESDAY, March 20

10:00 AM - Staff Meeting
11:00 AM - Worship Planning
11:00 AM - Stained Glass Window Tour

WEDNESDAY, March 21

10:30 AM - Pastor's Bible Study
1:00 PM - NDBC Book Club

THURSDAY, March 22

6:45 PM - Lenten Service in the Chapel
7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, March 25-Palm Sunday

8:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 AM - Church School
10:25 AM - Children's Choirs Rehearsal
11:00 AM - Morning Worship
12:00 PM - Nomination Forms DUE

TUESDAY, March 27

Easter Lily Order DEADLINE

10:00 AM - Worship Planning
11:00 AM - Worship Planning

WEDNESDAY, March 28

10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study

THURSDAY, March 29

6:45 PM - Lenten Service in the Chapel
7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, March 30

12:00 PM - Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families of

Jon E. Bell who died March 1, 2018 and

Dr. J. Gordon Davis who died on March 6, 2018

NDBC LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018

Thursday Evening Lenten Services
March 15-March 22, 2018 6:45 PM NDBC Chapel

Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018
11:00AM worship NDBC Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service
March 29, 2018
6:45 PM NDBC Chapel

Good Friday Service
March 30, 2018 Noon-2:00 PM NDBC Sanctuary

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018
11:00AM worship NDBC Sanctuary
(Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship)



The PINNACLE

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NORTHSIDE DRIVE STAFF

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Rose Hiday
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Joleen Neel
Preschool Director
Gregory Colson
Director Emeritus of Music Ministries



Northside Drive Baptist Church Stained Glass Window Tours

The last tour will be held on

Tuesday, March 20 @ 11:00 AM

in the NDBC Sanctuary.

The Phoenix Flies: A Celebration of Atlanta's Historic Sites was created in 2003 by the Atlanta Preservation Center as a way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dramatic rescue of the Fox Theatre. The Celebration, which has grown from nearly 100 Partners with 175+ Events around the city during the first weeks of March each year, puts on display Atlanta's historic built environment of buildings, landscapes and neighborhoods. **This year Phoenix Flies takes place March 3 - March 25, 2018.** Northside Drive has been accepted as a contributing partner to showcase its story-telling stained glass windows. Call the church office @ 404-237-8621 to make reservations. **Jordan Clark** has graciously agreed to present **a guided tour of Northside Drive's Willet stained glass windows as part of Phoenix Flies on Tuesday, March 20 at 11:00 am.** Each session will be 45 minutes to an hour in length.



Sunday Morning Worship Lectionary Texts

March 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25

Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-11
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Pastoral Reflections

By Rev. James Lamkin



“Cumulative Grief...and Grace”

We’ve had a lot of funerals. Just within the last few weeks there was Louise Davis’s funeral, then Jon Bell’s, then the memorial service for Gordon Davis.

These were not peripheral people. We knew their faces. We noticed when they were absent. We could point to their pews. They trusted us with their stories; and they invested in the congregation’s day-to-day story. Their orbit was near “the being and doing” of church. They worked at staying connected.

These deaths rattle us. Since the American church is anxious enough about the future, these up-close losses make us even more so. Louise was our last charter member. This means we are now in uncharted territory and off the map.

But, spoiler alert: churches do not own their maps. God does. That is a hard pill to swallow; and we don’t like it one bit! Yet, God is up to all sorts of things beyond the knowing of our best cartographers. We prefer that our idea of God would come with a guarantee...visible, predictable, and most of all, controllable. But, alas, God is God. We are not.

In the meanwhile, we humans do remarkably holy things. We celebrate births, like West Eleanor Blaisdell. We celebrate life, like with marriages and graduations and Palm Sunday children’s choirs singing on the chancel steps. And we entrust to God the lives of Louise, Jon, and Gordon who have died.

John Buchanan, former pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, said, **"The church is never more authentically the church, than when it gathers to give thanks for the life of one of its own, and then commends his or her life to God's eternal love in the promise of the resurrection."**

I like that. But, takes courage to be *authentically the church*. ‘Tis a brave thing to stand at a graveside with our toes wrapped over eternity’s edge and then utter: “There is more to the story.”

Yes, our grief accumulates; but, God’s grace does too. This is the grace of Easter. Easter is something God does.

Every Easter morn, I show-up with a crowbar and backhoe, just in case God needs my help with the resurrection. But, no. God is just fine. The stone’s been rolled away long before I got there.

That may be the best news of Easter and the most needed amid all our funerals: God has more grace than we have grief. And the sweet sound of grace...always...is amazing.

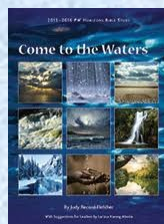
NDBC BOOK CLUB

will meet on
March 21, 2018.
in the Fellowship Hall
at 1:00 PM.



Author: David McCollough
Facilitators: Jane Lamkin &
Carolyn Mahaffey
Hostess: Carolyn Mahaffey
Everyone is welcome to join us!

The Art & Soul Class



Come to the Waters
March 18—Steve Sheeley presents “One Last Potluck” (John 13-17)
March 25—Steve Sheeley presents “Journey Completed” (John 18-21)
April 1—Jordan Clark presents “Flood Stories”
Everyone is invited to attend.

Triple E

will meet on
Tuesday, April 10 at
11:00 AM
in the Fellowship Hall.
The program will be
“Prohibition in Atlanta” with
Ron Smith & Mary Doyle.

Congratulations

We celebrate with Alison & Andrew Blaisdell on
the birth of their daughter,
West Eleanor Blaisdell born on March 7, 2018.

Nominating Committee Asks: Will you be **All In**?

The Nomination Committee eagerly seeks church members who have the time, talents, and gifts of the spirit to share in the ongoing ministries and programs of NDBC for church year August 2018 - July 2019.

- **Sign up for the church's various Ministry Teams** in the Narthex and continuing for Sundays March 4, 11, and 18. Please place your name on at least one Ministry Team list.
- And importantly, **make nominations for persons to serve as Moderator and on the Diaconate, Finance Committee, and Personnel Committee** on Nomination Forms available in the Narthex and in orders of worship on selected Sundays.
- **Sign up for Ministry Teams and place Nomination Forms in designated boxes in Narthex no later than Sunday, March 18.**
- Will you be **All In** to support our church this year? Nominating Committee - Melissa Boekhaus, Chair; Jada Getsay; Kathy Harris; Syd Janney; Jill Johnson; Mary Lester; and Garrett Ray.



TOUCHING TALIAFERRO WITH LOVE

Mark your calendars---June 18-21. For the 12th year, NDBC’ers will be heading 100 miles east to lead a week of camp/Vacation Bible School with the delightful youth in Taliaferro County. If you can tell a Bible story, teach a craft, provide a recreational activity, or guide a group of lively children from one activity room to another, then there is a place for you to share your talents and love with the children in Taliaferro County. Contact Virginia Gilbert, Susan Harlan or Barbara Atchley if you have questions or to volunteer.

Easter Lilies

Easter Lily Sales

LAST Sunday to order is March 25, 2018

Our personal and community histories have been enriched by our family and friends, both past and present. At Easter, the Flower Ministry Team provides you an opportunity to make a tangible expression of gratitude with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday. Your \$20 donation, in memory or celebration of loved ones, makes this memorial possible. **Please sign up** on the Easter envelopes provided in the Narthex, or send your money to Rose in the church office with your dedication information included.

Please respond by Sunday, March 25.

For more information see a
Flower Ministry Team member.

~Virginia Gilbert, Chair

*U.S. tax regulations do not allow us to offer contribution credit for Easter plants because the plants are returned to the giver.

**Church Council
meeting
Monday, March 19
@ 7:00 PM**

**Would you like to donate
flowers for the sanctuary?**
The cost is \$100, or you can
share the cost with
someone. If you are
interested, please call
Nancy F. Davis at
404-252-9154.



32nd Annual Women's Retreat

April 26-29, 2018

Blue Boar Retreat

Robbinsville, North Carolina

SPACE & TIME ARE LIMITED

Reservation deadline is Sunday, February 25, 2018. Make your reservation with a \$100.00 deposit (made out to Joyce Wilson). Give your deposit to Joyce Wilson or Virginia Gilbert.

For more information:

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