

Northside Drive Baptist Church
3100 Northside Drive NW
Atlanta, GA 30305-1909



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www.northsidedrive.org



Tender Loving Prayer List

The TLP is a Diaconate ministry. Each list contains the rotating names of two to four NDBC senior adults.

Jack & Joey Guynn
Muriel Hardy
Helen White

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.

CHURCH WEEK December 23-January 5

SUNDAY, December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Church School

11:00 AM - Morning Worship-Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 24

Church offices closed—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Christmas Eve Family Vespers Service

10:30 PM - Lessons, Carols, & Communion Service

TUESDAY, December 25

Church offices closed—Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, December 26

Church offices closed—Christmas Holiday

THURSDAY, December 27

No Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 30—First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 AM - Church School

11:00 AM - Morning Worship - Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 31

Church offices closing at Noon—New Years Eve

TUESDAY, January 1

Church offices closed—New Years Day

WEDNESDAY, January 2

No Pastor's Morning Bible Study

THURSDAY, January 3

No Prayer Shawl Ministry

No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

December 30

First Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

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

NORTHSIDE DRIVE STAFF

Rev. Dr. James Lamkin

Pastor

Rev. Daniel Headrick

Associate Pastor

Dr. Keith H. Walker

Director of Music Ministries

Mary Lou Swann

Director of Children's Choirs

Melinda Clark

Interim Organist

Andrea Johnson

Director of Children's Ministries

Rose Hilday

Business Office Manager

Will Mathews

Administrative Manager

Joleen Neel

Preschool Director

David Vaughns

Custodian

Nick Bonner

Custodian

Gregory Colson

Director Emeritus of

Music Ministries

December Birthdays

Charlotte Dalke-20

Jenn Knight-23

Joan McIntyre-24

Emma Chandler-27

Joseph Cassata-27

Ruth Trager-28

Bill Jones-28

Muriel Hardy-29

Jeanne Goodwill-30



The PINNACLE

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BAPTIST CHURCH

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HIGHLIGHTING THIS WEEK'S MINISTRY TEAM

Liturgy means the work of the people. Liturgical is not only how we go at worship, it is how we work at being the church all week long.

As you see the names below, please affirm them in their work, pray for them in their dedication, and encourage them in their service. Time and effort are gifts to God and God's people. For these gift-givers, we are grateful.

The Landscape Ministry Team 2018-2019

George Taylor

Jordan Clark

JB Gilbert

Carolyn Herndon

Virgil Herndon

Jo Meeks

Charlton Roberts

Christmas Eve At Northside Drive Baptist Church

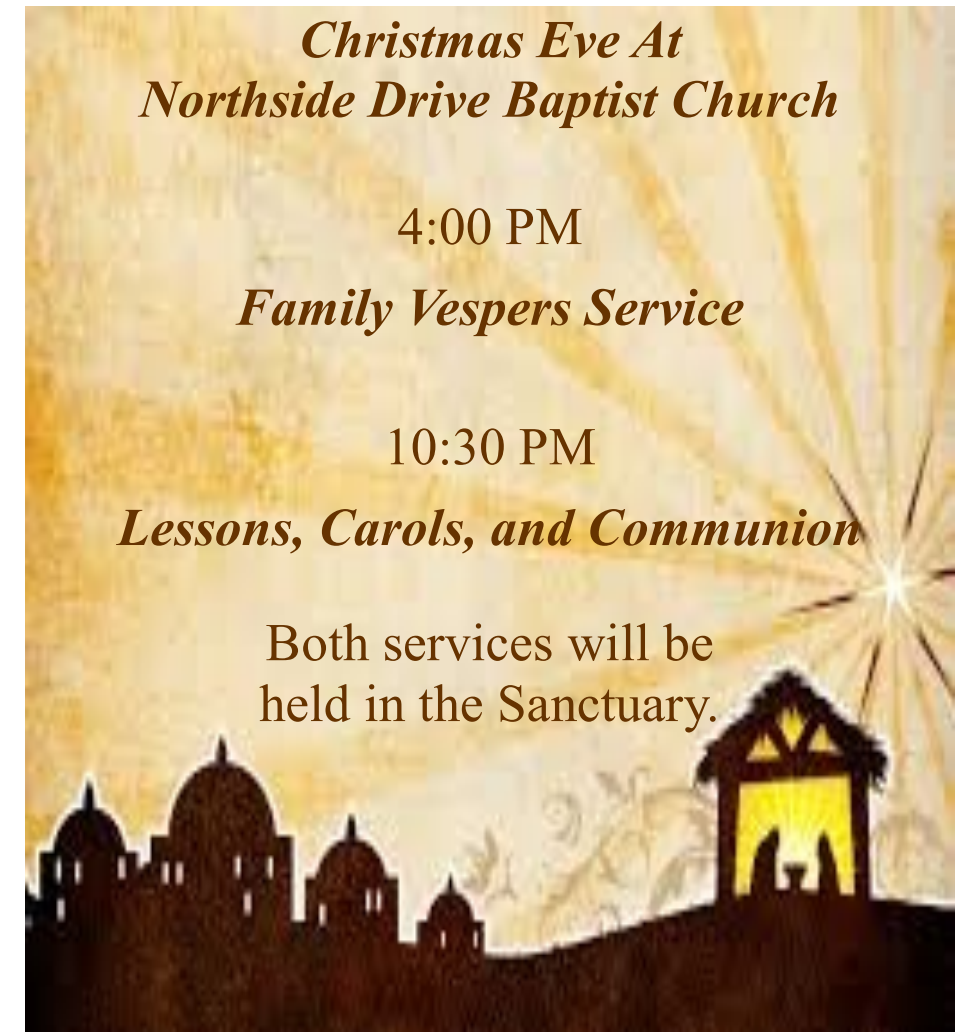
4:00 PM

Family Vespers Service

10:30 PM

Lessons, Carols, and Communion

Both services will be
held in the Sanctuary.



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 Will Mathews at 404-237-8621 or email at will@northsidedrive.org.
The new year will begin soon. Make your reservations now for 2019.

Pastoral Reflection

“The Gravity of Christmas ”

By: James Lamkin



When it comes to Advent, I try to ride the brake. After all, Advent is a season unto itself. No need to rush. No cause to sing *Joy to the World* too early. No reason to read about *swaddling clothes* or *sore afraid shepherds* too soon. Christmas isn’t going anywhere. It will wait for us.

Believe it or not, Advent is not even about getting ready for Christmas. (How heretical is that?) Advent is about the coming of God. And, per the Bible, God plans for justice to roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. *The Revelation* says God is going to create a new heaven and a new earth.

I suspect all this will take a while. Maybe preparing for Christmas is good practice.

In the meanwhile, we Christians are to do the most subversive thing. We are to act like God’s new day is already here. Imagine that! Just go ahead and do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.

That’ll be plenty.

Though I try to restrain myself, by the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the gravity of Christmas does me in. My brakes smoke and the tires squeal. But, there’s no car crash.

By then, the waiting arms of Christmas catch me. They hug me, hold me...and most of all, feel familiar to me. I know I’m home.

This coming Sunday is December 23rd. It’s still Advent. Advent IV. But, it’s too late. The gravity of Christmas Eve is too great. So, you may as well come ahead and get ready to be claimed...by the out-stretched arms of Christmas.

“A Further Thought...”

Not Grinch, but Mensch* By: James Lamkin

I just had to share this.

Today, Rabbi Neil Sandler, my colleague down at Ahaveth Achim Synagogue, emailed Daniel and me asking, “Are you guys doing Christmas this year?” Following this strange question, he then observed that he’d looked our website over and couldn’t find anything about Christmas Eve...and he wants to attend!

Come to think of it, we’ve done a lot of publicity in the newsletter and *Pinnacle*, about Christmas Eve, but obviously lacked a clear ad on the website. It was there, but needed higher profile.

I told him, “You’re right.” And Daniel revised it immediately.

However, given Neil’s internet prowess, I offered the retiring rabbi a part-time job as website reviewer.

He knew I was joking, but said he would consider it, as long as we gave him credit. He suggested something like, “This Christmas Ad is made possible by the insistence of Rabbi Neil Sandler.”

Not bad.

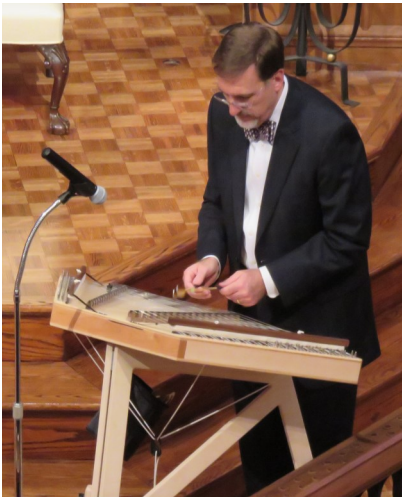
We swapped several other good ideas for his byline.

Then it came to me. We hear so much about, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*...I figured his byline would have to be: *The Mensch* Who Saved Christmas*.

He loved it.

*A Hebrew word meaning, a person of integrity or honor.

Pre-Service Music



On December 23, Steve Sheeley will share his talent on the hammered dulcimer. Mark your calendar and plan to arrive early to hear this talented member as we journey through Advent.



Triple E meets

January 8, 2019

@ 11:00 AM in the

Fellowship Hall

BeSmart: Bipartisan Gun Sense Policy

Presented by: Virginia Gilbert

Virginia is involved with a growing group of Republican & Democratic men and women, who are determined to advocate for the most basic, common sense gun policies, ones we can all agree on. These policies center on safety. Come hear why more and more of us are feeling called to get off the sidelines and get to work to make our homes and schools safer.



Lifespan Winter Classes 2019

Words that Moved a Nation

Richard Botters will take a look at the documents, literature, and music that inspired the American people during the presidential term of Warren G. Harding to John F. Kennedy. January 10-February 29, 2019 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church , 3180 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305.

Class is from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM.

Call 404-266-2373 for more information and to sign up.



The Ukulele Group

The Ukulele Group is still playing along!! Last session was our first try and we have the beginnings of a wonderful group. NO MUSICAL TRAINING IS REQUIRED, BUT LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD! Just get yourself a soprano ukulele and a gig bag and bring it on in. You will need to also pick up an electronic tuner and The Daily Ukulele Book by Liz and Jim Belof The group meets at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, 3108 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. Call 404-266-2373 for more information.



ROMEO’S WILL MEET TUESDAY, January 15, 2019 AT NOON

Piccadilly Cafeteria, 536 Cobb Pkwy S. Marietta, GA 30060.

(Highway 41 just south of the Big Chicken).

The only cost is your food, plus a tip. Good meals. Good conversation. Visit with NDBC members and the ministerial staff. For further information call Posey Starkey: 404-904-0890.

NDBC Book Club



meets January 16 @ 1:00 PM

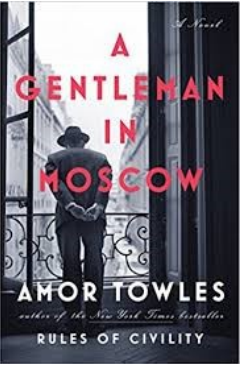
NDBC Fellowship Hall

A Gentleman in Moscow

by Amor Towles

Facilitator: Nancy Hall

Hostess: Nancy Hall



Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Volunteers are needed to either prepare a pot of soup or chili, or to bake cookies or brownies.

If you are not fond of cooking we can always use help with set up and/or clean up. Whatever your talents are, join us that day for fellowship and fun. The donations we collect this day help support the Hunger Fund.



To volunteer contact Mona Stines at mona.stines@att.net or 404-936-8812.