

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



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Tender Loving Prayer List

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

Janet Bell
Reidar Bjornard

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 May 26-June 8

SUNDAY, May 26—Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM - Church School
10:25 AM - Children's Choirs Rehearsals
11:00 AM - Morning Worship-Sanctuary

MONDAY, May 27

Church Offices closed for Memorial Day Holiday

TUESDAY, May 28

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

WEDNESDAY, May 29

10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 30

7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, June 2—Ascension Sunday

9:30 AM - Church School
11:00 AM - Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 PM - Church in Conference in the Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, June 4

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

WEDNESDAY, June 5

10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study

May Birthdays

Beth Singleton-23
Amy Hurst-23
Valerie Hardy-26
Melissa Bryson-26
Cameron Sardone-27
Jay Mudd-29
Sandra Prince-30
Jerry Poole-30
Amy Taylor-30
Shannon Moore-31
Josh Davis-31

Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

May 26

Six Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

June 2

Ascension Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

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
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



Pictorial Directory Update

Myrtie Cope will be taking photographs after the worship service the next several Sundays for our updated photographic member directory. Please contact Will Mathews to sign up."



The PINNACLE

Northside Drive

BAPTIST CHURCH

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2019 Church School Summer Series: *Spiritual Biographies*

Beginning on June 2nd and ending on August 25th, we'll meet in our Fellowship Hall during the Church School hour for combined Church School. The Adult Education Ministry Team has planned a great series called *Spiritual Biographies*.

This summer the focus of our Church School series will be on the spiritual life stories of individuals of faith. Men and women like Dorothy Day, Elie Wiesel, Clarence Jordan, Addie Davis, and others who have lived lives of deep faith and commitment, and who have struggled with their own self-understanding and understanding God. When we hear another person's spiritual life story, we are able to draw connections to our own spiritual formation.

Speakers for June

June 2—Frederick Downing on Clarence Jordan

June 9—Jim Mahaffey with a Surprise!

June 16—Karen Massey on Will Campbell

June 23—Jim Mahaffey with a Surprise!

June 30—Graham Walker on Elie Wiesel



Pastoral Reflections
**“And You Shall Know the Truth,
and the Truth Shall Make You...Odd!”**

By James Lamkin



That’s right. “The truth shall make you odd.” Flannery O’Connor said that. And she ought to know. She lived it.

O’Connor is a matron saint of Georgia writers. Occasionally, I’ve slipped away for a day and made a pilgrimage to O’Connor’s Promised Land: Andalusia near Milledgeville. It is a quiet, dusty place to muse among the descendants of her beloved peacocks.

If you’ve read her stories, know about her life, and heard what she’s said about religion and culture...it is all odd. She drafted grotesque images, conscripting them to speak her angular truth loud enough for those who have ears to hear.

I thought of her as I preached on Simon (bar Jonah) Peter last week. He was compelled by our odd God to go beyond the edges of his Bible. Peter took the odd, but Good News of God, outside the church’s comfort zone. In so doing, the grace of God (and the salvation of the church) leaped forward.

O’Connor said, “All human nature vigorously resists grace, because grace changes us and the change is painful.” Yes. Most of us want change...as long as we feel good and nothing is different.

A staunch Roman Catholic, she coined the phrase, “the Christ-haunted south,” because there was so much Christianity, and the lack of it, at the same time. She also said, “People don’t realize how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course, it is the cross. It is much harder to believe than it is not to believe.”

She was concerned that the church, particularly in the kingdom of the south, had lost its distinctiveness. It had become a curator of culture...more warm electric blanket, than demanding cross.

She did not sugarcoat the difficulty of being the church. “It seems to be a fact that you have to suffer as much *from* the church as *for* it; but if you believe in the divinity of Christ you have to cherish the world at the same time that you struggle to endure it.”

Oh, how we need her insightful eyes behind her horn-rimmed glasses, today! From her small writer’s desk she prophesied to the church, as much as she did for it. She refused to allow the church or the south or Americans to live in silent self-deception.

She struggled with lupus; and it eventually took her life. But it did not silence her voice. Her odd ways, her in-your-face characters, her words which mirror our sins and call for our salvation...all live on.

If Simon bar Jonah weren’t in the Bible, Flannery O’Connor would have invented him. Like she said, “A story always involves, in a dramatic way, the mystery of personality.”

She was odd. And at our best, we of Northside Drive Baptist are odd. Like she said, the odd truth of God makes us so.



**Festival Singers of Atlanta
Cabaret Concert**

The Festival Singers of Atlanta close their 2018-2019 season with a cabaret fundraiser concert titled “A Night on Broadway” scheduled for Saturday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Northside Drive Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3100 Northside Dr. NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. The program features songs from Broadway musicals. Tickets are \$20 per person, available online or at the door. Desserts and soft drinks will be served. For more information, check our website at www.festivalsingersofatlanta.org.



Summer is fast approaching and the NDBC Kids Ministry has some fun plans in store for your children!

During our “Summer Sundays,” our children & youth of all ages will be meeting in our youth rooms, lower

playground, and undercroft as they work together during Church School time to learn, to engage in missions, and to enjoy fellowship & fun, all focused around a theme of Compassion. Summer Sundays start at 9:30 AM on Sunday June 2, 2019 and continue through August. All ages of children are welcome!

Please note: Nursery care for children ages Infant through 2 yrs. of age will continue to be provided in the NDBC Nursery, Infant & Toddler room. I can’t wait to see you and your family at “Summer Sundays” at Northside Drive Baptist Church!

Sincerely, Andrea Johnson,
Director of Children's Ministries



**TOUCHING TALIAFERRO
WITH LOVE 2019**

Mark your calendars---June 17-20 for the 13th year NDBC will lead a week of camp/ Vacation Bible School in Taliaferro County, a beautiful rural area 100 miles east of Atlanta. If you can tell a Bible story, lead a craft, or provide a recreational activity, then there is a place for you to share your talents and love with the children in Taliaferro County. Volunteers are welcome to spend all or a portion of the week as part of the Taliaferro Team. To volunteer or receive additional information, contact Virginia Gilbert--gilbertva3@gmail.com, Susan Harlan--susanharlan@gmail.com or



Day1 is the voice of the mainline Protestant churches, presenting outstanding preachers from the mainline Protestant denominations, including the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), American Baptist Churches, and others. Their website features an extensive library of lectionary-based sermons in text and audio, video resources, and helpful blog posts, along with other helpful information for lay persons and pastors. **Melissa Bryson has worked with Day1 to update their Episcopal centered merchandise that they provide to Episcopal churches into a broader selection of merchandise all inspired by faith. They have a new website – <https://faithgoods.com>.** And they’re trying to get the word out among the churches. Take a look. Our own NDBC members, Melissa Bryson, Walter Grant and Don Janney serve as Day1 board members.

**Children & Youth
Upcoming Events**

**Children’s Church School will
begin on June 2 @ 9:30 AM.**



**ROMEO’S
will meet on
Tuesday,
June 18, 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. For further
information call Posey Starkey: 404-904-0890.**

**NDBC
Book Club**

meets June 26 @ 11:45 AM

in the NDBC Fellowship Hall

for their Annual Planning

Session. Bring a dessert to

share and your book ideas

for next year.



Exciting Changes to Publications

Beginning in June, we will make the following changes to our Pinnacle publications:

1. A hardcopy version of the Pinnacle with news and updates will be published during the last week of each month; and
2. An electronic version through Sway with video and pictures will be published during the last week of each month.

There will be no other weekly publications.

Thanks,
Daniel Headrick, Associate Pastor