

Northside Drive Baptist Church  
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Atlanta, GA 30305-1909



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### Tender Loving Prayer List

The TLP is a Diaconate ministry. The names for this month are listed below.

Billie Davis  
Jo Hunter

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.

Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the Parlor at 10:30 AM.



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 HAPPENINGS February 2020

*Feb. 9—Church Council workshop in the Fellowship Hall*  
*Feb. 11—Triple E Valentine Lunch @ 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall*

*Feb. 16—Bishop Malkhas Songulashvili will be with us*  
*Feb. 17—Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Art & Soul Room*

*Feb. 18—ROMEOS @ Noon @ Piccadilly*

*Feb. 23—Fat Tuesday Lunch after morning worship*

*Feb. 26—Ash Wednesday.*

*Imposition of ashes 7:30 AM-6:30 PM in the Chapel*

*Feb. 26—NDBC Book Club @ 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall*

*Feb. 26—Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:45 PM in the Chapel*

### Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

#### February 2

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

#### February 9

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)  
Matthew 5:13-20

#### February 16

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

#### February 23

*Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

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

### 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 Hilday**  
*Business Office Manager*  
**Will Mathews**  
*Administrative Manager*

### February Birthdays

Janie Joyner-1  
Lindsay Cadaret-4  
Dalia Ferrer-5  
Barrett Boekhaus-6  
Virgil Herndon-6  
Tanner Stines-9  
Mary Dean-10  
Cindy Bell-11  
Blythe Goodhead-13  
Mike Almeida-13  
Cate Denham-14  
Letty Denham-14  
Bo Thomas-14  
Lindy Dyer-Wall-14  
Mary Ann Hickman-14  
Jeanne Hicks-14  
Van Thomas-18  
Marshall Dewell-20  
Allison Bell-20  
Taylor Janney-21  
Susan Dew-21  
Gloria Smathers-22  
Cameron Ellis-23  
Levon Thomas-24  
Maggie Johnson-25

### Lenten Devotionals

If you are interested in receiving a Lenten Devotional from Steve Sheeley, email him at:

[stevenmsheeley@gmail.com](mailto:stevenmsheeley@gmail.com)



# The PINNACLE

## Northside Drive

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Triple E Valentine Luncheon

*You Are Cordially Invited*

*to the annual*

*Valentine Luncheon*

*Honoring NDBC retired members*

*Tuesday, February 11, 2020*

*Lunch and Program will begin at*

*12 o'clock noon*

*Fellowship Hall*

*NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!!!!*

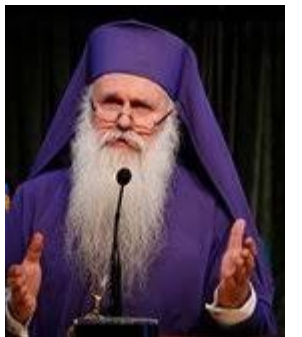


*RSVP by February 6*

*Barbara Atchley*  
*770-436-0709*

### Guest at NDBC on Sunday, February 16, 2020

We are hosting Reverend Dr. Malkhas Songulashvili, the Metropolitan Bishop of the Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia on Sunday, February 16, 2020. He is the Bishop of the Tbilisi Peace Cathedral.



Bishop Malkhas is the guest of Mercer University's Political Science Department. While in the U.S., he will be speaking at Smokerise Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist in D.C., and several others. The Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia is a partner of the Alliance of Baptists with whom NDBC is a member congregation.

Paula Clayton Dempsey says Malkhas is "... excellent in the pulpit and a terrific people person."

### Schedule for February 16:

**9:30 AM-Malkhas will meet with the Art & Soul Class. All church school classes are invited.**

**11:00 AM-Malkhas will preach in the worship service.**

**12:15 PM— Free lunch 'n Learn in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Missions Ministry Team & the Art & Soul Class.**

**Let the church office know if you will be joining us for this FREE lunch!**



**Pastoral Reflections**  
**"A Season Between"**  
**By James Lamkin**



A month ago, it was still *Christmas*. A month from now, it will be *Lent*. In between, we look and listen for God.

Amid the recent holidays, Will and Allison got married, then Chris and Melissa. Babies and grandbabies were born in the congregation's families. We laid to rest Barney Moore. New members joined: Jessie and Pricilla. 2019 finished financially strong. 2020 began even stronger, due to faithful pledging and spiritual stewardship. As Advent arrived, the sanctuary's heater died. Flower and parament teams, plus volunteers, quickly shifted Christmas from one sacred space to another; and all the musicians presented *Handel's Messiah, Part I* in the nick of time. Keith and Melinda and the whole choir raised the roof and worked an Advent miracle. We had a bumper crop of kids for Christmas Eve Vespers, followed by midnight communion, carols, and candlelight. By the time I flipped the last light switch in the wee hours of December 25<sup>th</sup>, I smiled and thanked God for one of the "best Christmases ever."

Soon enough, it will be time to stumble toward the shadow of Good Friday's cross. But, not yet.

Between now and then, we await the new cupula and cross atop the sanctuary. We anticipate the new boiler in the undercroft. We celebrate the progress on the pavilion "for all ages."

But, in between, we ponder.

A lot of ponderous news and views pile on our plates between Sundays as the bigger world overshadows us. Seemingly, the capacity for vulnerable conversation is low; and the volume of distraction is high. Sounds like death throes to me. Or maybe labor pains? Or both.

Every biblical prophet straddled a dying/birthing world. They did, because God does, too.

Over and over, the prophets warned about giving a casual nod to God...while at the same time leapfrogging over poverty systems, immigrants, endangered persons, and holy hospitality. Turns out: spirituality requires a confession of sin, so as to make room for a profession of faith.

There is a season between Christmas and Lent. It is Epiphany; and the Magi are its spokespersons. With starlight above, they search below. Longing and lament are every pilgrim's constant companions.

As 2020 begins, we join their journey. We give thanks that God, "hath brought us safe thus far." And we stand on hope's tiptoes, trusting that God will "lead us home."

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**THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM....**



Thank you for your generous support for the 2019 Christmas giving projects. From Christmas hams for dozens of families served through the ministry of the Andrew P. Stewart Center in the Pittsburg community of Atlanta, to books, toys, and gift cards for the youth who are residents of Morningstar in Brunswick, to linens and toiletries for the men and women who live at the Extension and Crafton Centers in Marietta, your gifts helped bring the joy and true spirit of Christmas.



**Welcome to Our Newest Members**

Jessie Bruno joined NDBC on January 5, 2020. Jessie grew up in Roswell, GA with her mom, dad, and younger brother. Her church home growing up was Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church. She attended the University of Georgia for both undergrad and graduate school, receiving degrees in Journalism, International Affairs and a

Masters of Public Administration. She currently lives in Buckhead and works downtown for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning where she does early childhood research and policy analysis. She loves traveling and has been to Europe on several occasions as well as China and Japan. She also loves reading, watching TV and movies, and is always happy to provide recommendations!



We welcome Rev. Dr. Priscilla Eppinger as NDBC's newest member who joined on January 26, 2020. She is the Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society located on the Mercer University campus in Atlanta. Formerly, she was the Professor of Religion at Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary in Lamoni, Iowa. She received her BA from Agnes Scott College, an M.Div. at Andover Newton Theological School, and a PhD from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She has served as an American Baptist Church missionary to Zaire and on staff for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. As an ordained minister, she served churches in Massachusetts and Illinois. She is part of NDBC's Art and Soul Church School Class, sings in our Sanctuary Choir, and frequently is a worship leader.

**Lent / Palm Sunday / Easter Calendar**

**February 26**—Imposition of Ashes 7:30 AM-6:30PM in the Chapel

**February 26**—Ash Wednesday Service  
6:45 PM in the Chapel

**March 5-April 2**—Thursday Lenten Service  
Service is at 6:45 PM in the Chapel

**April 5**—Palm Sunday  
Morning Worship at 11:00 AM in the Chapel

**April 9**—Maundy Thursday Service  
Service will be at 6:45 PM in the Chapel

**April 10**—Good Friday Service  
Service will be from Noon—2:00 PM

**April 12**—Easter Sunday  
Morning Worship at 11:00 AM  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15 PM on the Sanctuary Grounds

**All church members invited:**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020 | 12:15 PM**

**FAT TUESDAY LUNCHEON**

Kick off Lent in Mardi Gras style with a luncheon catered by Waffle House! Crafts, devotionals, and the Imposition of ashes will be offered for all children & members.

  
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**ROMEOS** will meet on Tuesday, February 18 @ Noon @ Piccadilly in Marietta. For more information call Posey Starkey at 404-904-0890.



**Meets Tuesday, February 11 @ 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

The program will be our Annual Valentines Lunch as we recognize our NDBC retirees.

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**WE WILL BEGIN with the program and lunch AT NOON!**



**NDBC Book Club**  
 Wednesday, February 26 @ 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.  
**The featured book is:**  
*The Glad River*  
**Author:** Will D. Campbell  
**Facilitator:** Billie Davis  
**Hostess:** Robbye Taylor



**Church Council**

will meet on Monday, February 17 at 7:00 PM in the Art & Soul Room



34th Annual Women's Retreat April 16-19, 2020 (You can decide to come on Thursday or Friday.)

Blue Boar Retreat at Lake Santeelah Robbinsville, North Carolina. Excellent meals provided. Very relaxing with time to visit, read, play games, canoe in lake, etc. Many enjoy hiking and a picnic in nearby Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest.

Communion service on Sunday morning  
**Reservation deadline: February 16, 2020**  
 Make your reservation with \$150 deposit. Make your check out to Joyce Wilson. Give the check to Joyce.

It can also be mailed to  
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