

Northside Drive Baptist Church
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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.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS
 October 2019

Oct. 3—Prayer Shawl at 7:00 PM in the Undercroft
Oct. 8—Triple E at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Oct. 13—Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room
Oct. 14—Church Council at 7:00 in the Art & Soul Room
Oct. 15—ROMEOS at Noon at Piccadilly
Oct. 17—Prayer Shawl at 10:30 in the church Parlor
Oct. 20—Church in Conference at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.
Oct. 23—NDBC Book Club at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Oct. 27—Trunk or Treat at 5:30 PM in the Parking Lot

October Birthdays

- Jennifer D'Amato-2
- Bess Goodhead-2
- James Goodhead-2
- Mary Caroline Goodhead-2
- Jim Hermance-3
- LaDonna Foxworth-3
- Dick Underwood-3
- Camden Armsby-4
- Mona Stines-6
- Addie Cook-7
- Geneva Hall Shelton-9
- Lindsey Bryson-10
- Carolyn Herndon-10
- Abigail Knight-13
- Valerie Waters-13
- Barbara Atchley-14
- Billie Davis-15
- Stuart Meeks-15
- Joe Schneider-15
- Helen White-15
- Susan Harlan-16
- Dianne DaLee-17
- Sloan Mudd-17
- Mike Mosley-17
- Bruce Dick-19
- Janna Chandler-20
- Michael Sardone-21
- Barry Creasman-21
- Dot Houston-23
- Triston King-24
- Cassandra McAllister-25
- Hartwell Dew-28
- Christopher Davis-31
- Jordan Davis-31



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 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Undercroft and on the 3rd 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.

Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

- October 6**
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/ World Communion Sunday
 Lamentations 1:1-6
 Psalm 137
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10
- October 13**
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Psalm 66:1-12
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19
- October 20**
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 31:37-34
 Psalm 119:97-104
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8
- October 27**
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 Joel 2:23-32
 Psalm 65
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

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 Hidlay**
Business Office Manager
- Will Mathews**
Administrative Manager



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The Sanctuary Choir Welcomes New and Returning Staff Singers



James Ranson

The Sanctuary Choir welcomes James Ranson as our new staff tenor. James has been singing in choirs since the age of ten, and his broad experience (including classical, church, opera, musical theatre and a cappella) has earned him the label of "all-purpose tenor." James has sung with the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, the international champion barbershop chorus Ambassadors of Harmony, the Carnegie Mellon University Concert Choir, and the Choral Artists of Sarasota, among other groups. Currently, he sings with New South Festival Singers here in Atlanta, under the direction of Andrew Schmidt. Liturgically, James has been a staff singer for almost every denomination that has a choral tradition, and a few that don't--though interestingly, Northside Drive will be his first Baptist church. By day, James is a consultant who helps business owners write high-quality books. He lives downtown with his wife and a very needy cat.



Shantá Johnson

We also welcome back Shantá Johnson as our staff alto. We are happy to have her back with us! She holds a master's degree in Vocal Performance from Northern Illinois University. Shanta has studied at Clark Atlanta University, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Mannes College. In 2016, she sang the role of Strawberry Woman in a performance of *Porgy and Bess* during the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC.

Both of these singers will be featured as soloists on December 15 when the choir presents Part 1 of *Messiah*.

Pastoral Reflections

“ Sermons, Eulogies, and the Great Mystery ”

By James Lamkin



Rev. Forrest Church, a prolific author and clergyman in NYC, told the story of a pastor/friend who always previewed his upcoming sermon title and synopsis in each week's congregational newsletter. But there was a problem. The newsletter went to print on Monday or Tuesday; and the pastor had the habit of disappearing on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The office staff could have just left a blank in the bulletin; however, they created a standard announcement.

Next Sunday's Sermon will be: **The Great Mystery!** What the pastor will preach about is a **mystery**; but we are certain it will be **great!**

I love this lighthearted beginning to a rather heavy book: *Love & Death: My Journey through the Valley of the Shadow*. Forrest Church was dying when he wrote it. He died ten years ago this week. The book contains sermons delivered to his congregation during his last months with esophageal cancer.

Those sermons were love gifts. The congregation was invited to overhear his wounded soul wrestle with the “great mystery” of human life. Frequently, he spoke of his father, the late U.S. Senator from Idaho, Frank Church.

We grieve a lot because we love a lot. Fear, on the other hand, is much simpler and safer. Fear shields the heart from breaking. Fear closes off our heart's loving vulnerabilities. Shuts our minds to paradox and new possibilities.

But who wants to live like that?

This brings me to the “great mystery” of the sermon. A sermon is a heart and head gift of love. And so is a eulogy. *Eulogy* literally means, “to speak the good.” It comes from the same root as *evangelism* and *good news* and *gospel*. These things are on my mind because of Barry Love's memorial service at Myers Park Baptist last week. JB Gilbert read the gospel lesson. Debby Love asked me to give the eulogy.

The service reflected Barry's love for music... deep and wide, transcendent but intimate. It held high his love for family, gratitude for friends, and investment in church.

Tommy Jones was there. Remember long-time Northside Drivers, Jane and Tom Jones? Their son, Tommy, is on staff at Myers Park Baptist as the Technology Project Manager. He is the spittin' image of both his parents. Said he didn't like retirement, so he went to work in the church! I mentioned Jane and Tom in my eulogy, and how they “laid hands on Barry” when we ordained him as a deacon.

As is the way with eulogies, good news is larger than one person's life. Tommy later told me Barry's eulogy evoked memories of his parents, their love for NDBC, and his gratitude for growing-up among us years ago. Said he had not been called “Tommy” in years...and he loved it!

Eulogies do such things. They wrap their toes over eternity's edge. They stand on tiptoe, squinting at hope's horizon. Sermons do too; but also, stand toe-to-toe with injustice, and step on toes when need be. Maundy Thursday sermons can even strap on a towel and wash feet and ticklish toes, for God's sake.

Sermons and eulogies. They do their best to speak of *The Great Mystery*...title or no title.



News from the Flower Committee

Flowers lovers are needed to support the NDBC flower ministry. This involves a couple of hours on Mondays to break down the pulpit flowers into a few (usually 2 or 3) smaller arrangements and to deliver them to church members who are sick, who have lost a loved one, or who are unable to attend church because of chronic health issues. As we work in teams of 2, it does not take long to arrange the flowers. You do not need prior experience arranging. You can also volunteer to be a deliverer of flower arrangements only. Each committee member's commitment is **One Monday per month**. If you can help but are not available on Mondays, it is possible to wait until the Sunday service is over, make the arrangements and leave them at church for someone to deliver on Monday or deliver them on Sunday afternoon. Having delivered flowers and having been the recipient of these bouquets, I know how much it can mean to both the preparer, deliverer, and recipient. This is another way our congregation can express love and concern for our fellow members. For more information, please contact Virginia Gilbert at gilbertva3@gmail.com or 770-617-1809.



Thursday,
October 17th

from
6:30 PM until 8:45 PM.

The Temple Sinai in Sandy Springs.

James Lamkin will be participating in the Interfaith Mental Health Conversation as a panelist. He will be joined by Rabbi Bradley Levenberg, Temple Sinai and Nabile Safdar, Islamic Speaker's Bureau Atlanta. RSVP to the bluedovefoundation.org/interfaithevent.

The address will be printed on the RSVP.

Admission is FREE.

School Supplies



School Supplies----It's Not Too Late

Yes, schools are back in session, but we still need supplies to prepare for next year. As stores clear their shelves to make room for Halloween and Christmas merchandise, clearance sales begin! Look for great discounts and help the Missions Team collect supplies for the children served through TOUCHING TALIAFERRO WITH LOVE, THE ANDREW P. STEWART CENTER, and the AGAPE CENTER (Bolton Road area). Baskets for the supplies will be at the entrance to the sanctuary and chapel.

Items needed are

Backpacks
Child Safety Scissors
Wide ruled notebook paper
Pocket folders
Packs of #2 pencils
Rulers
Packs of black or blue ballpoint pens
Boxes of 24 crayons
Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
Glue sticks
Marble composition books
Box of 12 colored pencils



Laura and Carson Foushee will be at NDBC

on **Sunday, November 3** the Missions Ministry Team will be hosting Laura and Carson Foushee as they share their missionary journey in Japan.

There will be a **lunch after morning worship** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Reservations will be needed by calling or emailing Will in the church office at 404-237-8621 or will@northsidedrive.org by Thursday, October 31st. The Foushee's serve as co-pastors for English-speaking congregations at Kanazawa Baptist Church and nearby Toyama Koizumi-cho Baptist Church, assist in the Japanese services at both churches, lead Bible studies in English, and teach English to university students, kindergartners and their mothers — all while studying to improve their own Japanese skills. The Foushee's are glad to serve as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel in Kanazawa, Japan in partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention. They pray that their love for the church and desire to make it a welcoming, grace-filled community will help serve and grow the congregations they work with in Kanazawa and Toyama. Through gifts of preaching, hospitality, and education, they assist in building these communities with people who have a passion to serve God with their lives.



ROMEOS will meet on Tuesday,
October 15 @ Noon @ Piccadilly in
Marietta. For more information call
Posey Starkey at 404-904-0890.



**Meets Tuesday, October 8 @
11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

The program will be: “*What Were They Thinking?*” by *Jordan Clark*

Surprisingly sophisticated paintings and sculptures abound from twenty thousand years ago, fifteen thousand years before the invention of writing. What ideas, events and memories did these Paleolithic and Neolithic people mean to preserve through art? Join us for a thought-provoking art history presentation.

NDBC Book Club

Will meet on Wednesday, October 23 @
1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

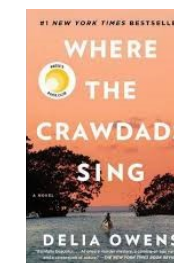
The featured book is:

Where the Crawdads Sing

Author: Delia Owens

Facilitator: Kathy Harris

Hostess: Donette Lee



Prayer Shawl Ministry

“Get Hooked”

We make Prayer Shawls & Children's hats for the Craddock Center (Serving preschoolers in southern Appalachia). We have everything you need to get started on a project. Just bring your hands!

Our Gatherings

are on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month:

-1st Thursday meets at 7:00 pm in the

Undercroft Youth Room

-3rd Thursday meets at 10:30 am in the

Church Parlor

Come and find out what we're all about!

Questions? – Contact Susan Harlan (770-377-3869)