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NORTHSIDE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
1004 N MAIN STREET
SUMTER SC 29153

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Prayer Concerns

Members with Prayer Needs

Charlotte Atkinson	Al Gummerson
Bobby & Bobbie Baker	Brenda Holliday
Connie Barrineau	Melvin & Kathy Holloman
Leah Blackmon	Bill & Clara Mazonkey
Edward Bradley	Dottie McCreary
Sheila Bradshaw	Lynn McElveen
Tabitha Bradshaw	Pat McElveen
Betty Bramlette	Priscilla McLeod
Larry Brown	Mack & Jewel Meadows
Pat Brunson	Beverly Mixon
Larry & O'Neal Cassidy	Wayne Mixon
Rebekah Cassidy	Carol Morris
Nancy Clark	Glenn Odom
Kathy DeLavan	Gayle Pritchard
John Dickerson	Lori & Cassie Reed
Priscilla DuBose	Anne Rogers
Curry & Mary Dukes	Tommy & Edna Rogers
Myra Epps	William Rogers
Walker Fickling	Phyllis Skey
Ken French	Louis Smith
Ada Fugate	Janis Trawick
Tammy Galloway	Linda Truett
Jean Gardner	Bonnie Wallace
Tom & Sue Garrett	Violet Welch
Joe Goode	

Shut Ins

Bob Blackmon	Nadine McCathern
Joe Byrd	Frank Rich
Earline Harrelson	Drue Smith
Fay Hatfield	



Who are you investing in this year for Jesus?

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Northside Memorial Baptist Church

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March 31, 2020



Good Friday Service

April 10th — 6:30 p.m.

Facebook Live and Uploaded to YouTube

Be on the lookout for an announcement about Easter Sunday.



Child Dedication

Sunday, May 10th, 11:00 a.m.

Contact Pastor Neal Sweet or the church office by May 3rd if you would like to participate. Please provide: Baby's Name and Date of Birth, Parents' Names

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 24th, 11:00 a.m.

Followed by a church-wide celebration potluck luncheon

We invite any graduate (high school or college) from our church family to participate in this service. Please contact the church office no later than May 10th with the following:

Name — School — Degree Earned
Please submit 15-20 pictures (preferably digital) to Pastor Nathan Dye by May 10th.

Our Purpose:

1 Corinthians 10:31 - To bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ!

Our Values:

Acts 2:42-47

Worship Fellowship
Biblical Instruction Serve
Evangelism

Our Mission:

Matthew 28:18-20 - Make Disciples
Luke 19:10 - Seek and to save the lost

Our Vision:

Experience life together by worshipping God, loving others, and serving the world by fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.



April 5 - 18

6. Caitlin Lee, Olivia Mann, Bobbi Prescott, Eva Purgason
7. Jacob Anderson, Sara Rivers
9. Kristin Kimberger, Jody Taylor, Brittany Tolleson
Lynn McElveen, Bessie Williamson
10. Kaleigh Geddings, Ethan Lisenby, Allison Nance
11. Joseph Lareau, Joseph Mason, Logan Stanley
12. Jimmy Epps, Wayne Mixon, Daniel Welch
13. Jason Brunson, Larry Holloman
Debbie Hood, Beth McDaniel
14. Elly Black, Walt Driggers, Abbie Floyd
Mike Mixon, Kristian Pritchard
15. Ann Cotterill, Jay Feeney
16. Barbara Baker, Eric Lisenby, Jonathan Smith
17. Marianne Dowless, Patti Welch
18. Leah Blackmon, Curtis Rivers

Northside Family,
I want to begin by saying I miss seeing each of you! While it is a blessing to stay connected through Facebook live, YouTube, Zoom and phone calls, nothing takes the place of seeing your faces. I pray that we will be back together in God's house soon. With that said, I want to give you the following schedule that will run until at least Easter weekend, if not further. There will be no activities at the church until at least then:

Sundays: 11am Worship on Facebook, later uploaded to YouTube. If you need a DVD of the service, let us know and Pastor Nathan or I will bring it and drop it in your mailbox.

Tuesdays: Prayer time with Pastor Nathan from 1-2pm on Zoom. Look for the link on Facebook. This is a time to interact, get familiar with Zoom, and spend time in prayer. Come and go as you wish.

Wednesdays: Prayer meeting 7pm, fellowship time 6:30pm on Zoom. Look for the link on Facebook and email.

Youth will meet immediately after prayer meeting on Zoom.

Thursdays: Prayer time with Pastor Neal from 1-2pm on Zoom. Look for the link on Facebook. This is a time to interact, get familiar with Zoom, and spend time in prayer. Come and go as you wish. Ladies Bible Study with Melissa Dawkins starting April 2 at 8:30pm on Zoom.

Billy Bishop is keeping up with choir members, and the deacons are keeping up with their families. If you need anything, prayer, or even just to talk, give me a call (406-2872). I am here for you! If you know someone needing help to get groceries, we can help you with that. If you hear of a need in the church or in the community let us know. May we BE the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus during this time. Reach out to your "ones" as this is an excellent opportunity for us to share the Gospel to those that need hope.

Also, please continue giving to God's kingdom here at Northside. You can do that through a variety of ways. You can do that on Tithe.ly, you can mail it to the church, you can drop it off at the church office (hours during this time are Monday-Thursday 8am to noon and usually Pastor Nathan and/or myself are around in the afternoon), or someone on staff can come to you and get your offering and bring it to the church for you.

Again, during these days, may we trust in the Lord and allow him to use us for His honor and glory. If you need us, please don't hesitate to reach out. Love to all!

Pastor Neal

In these exceedingly unfamiliar times, I can't help but think of the plan. We all had them: plans with our families, plans to travel, plans for life. The same holds true for the church. Every pastor, every minister of music, every church choir and congregation had plans for what their Easter celebrations would look like. When God moves though, our plans change, and make no mistake, through all of this God IS moving. What we are experiencing, in fact, is no different than what the people in Jerusalem experienced on that very first Easter. Every man, woman and child in Jerusalem had century-old plans for what their Passover experience was supposed to look like. Then God moved, and by doing what was exceedingly unfamiliar to His people, He saved the world for eternity by offering His Son as a sacrifice on our behalf. Today, God is still working to save us from ourselves by drawing our focus from our own individual plans and placing them solely on Himself. He is guiding. He is directing, and it is time for us to hear His voice, and adapt our plans to the new thing that He is doing. What does that mean for us as individuals? It means that in spite of great suffering, many of us have been granted the opportunity for rest, the opportunity to find joy in hobbies we would regularly not have time for, the opportunity to recognize the love we have for those closest to us, the opportunity to take an account of the many blessings we have in our day to day lives that often go overlooked. These things in your life are not there by happenstance. They are gifts from God and if it is true today that it is a miracle that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe, then it is a miracle every day and that should not be taken for granted. Paul reminds us to give thanks in all things for these very reasons. So as difficult as it may seem some days, I encourage you to find gratitude, because there is much for which we should be grateful. If Paul could find enough gratitude and joy to sing in a Roman jail cell, then surely we can find enough to sing from the safety and comfort of our own homes. What does that mean for us as a church? The Scriptures warn us against forsaking the gathering of the brethren, but what has been revealed to us through these events is that not only do we have to find new ways to "do" church, but more importantly we have to find new ways to "be" the church. It is now more evident than ever that remaining within our four walls week after week does little to help the sick or feed the hungry. Remaining within our four walls does little to reach the lost. It is the ways in which we reach out to those who cannot come to us that really count. Sadly we have forgotten that this was the only way for us to reach Christ Himself. We could not come to Him, so He came to us. Time may have eroded that awareness, but it is evident now more than ever, as we are again unable to come TO Him in His house, that the Gospel must GO FORTH FROM His house to reach those who need it most. We must continue to find new and creative ways to have corporate worship. So we will of course continue having Facebook-Live services and Drive-In worship experiences, but if we do not see in this experience the need to reach out to those who for whatever reason may not be able to come to us, then we have missed not only the message of the Gospel but also the wake-up call God is sending us through the challenges of viral pandemics and social distancing. At one of the most uncertain points of my life my father said to me, "now you have the chance to find out if you really believe what you've spent the majority of your life singing about." Now, in some of the most uncertain times most of us have ever experienced, we as the church have the chance to find out if we really believe the message of the Gospel we have been proclaiming for centuries. Will we remain true to the message of the Gospel even though our churches and worship services will not remain the same way we have always remembered them, or will we abandon our faith to a fear intent on suffocating the entirety of the world? It is true, our plans have changed, but no matter what has happened to our plans or what we have to do to adapt to the circumstances God has presented us with, these are the things I know to be true: come Easter Sunday the tomb will still be empty. Our Lord will still be risen, and the church has a message to share, that the world has a Savior willing to come to us where we are. May we remain willing to go, as He did, to reach those who need Him most.
-- Billy Bishop

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sundays: 11:00 Morning Worship
Livestream on Facebook
Tuesdays: 1:00 Zoom Prayer Time
Wednesdays: 7:00 Zoom Prayer Meeting
7:45 Zoom Youth Meeting
Thursdays: 1:00 Zoom Prayer Time
8:30 Zoom Ladies Bible Study

If you need a recording of the service,
contact us and we will bring it to you.

Follow us on Facebook and watch for emails for updates.

Hey Ladies! We are starting an online bible study through Zoom and invite you to participate! We will be studying ***Finding God Faithful***. What a great study for the times we are facing! Here's how it will work:

1. Order the book (\$14) or eBook (\$5) using the below link
2. Watch the weekly video also using the link below.
3. Do the daily studies at your convenience.
4. Once a week we will connect using Zoom and be able to discuss the lesson and have a time of prayer.

This is definitely something new to all of us...hope you can participate! We are looking to do this on Thursdays at 8:30. I know that is later, but that might work better with moms finishing supper, baths and getting their kids to sleep! Hey, group Bible study in our pj's...never done that before. We will start next Thursday, April 2nd. Order your book TODAY!
<https://onlinestudy.smallgroup.com/v/FindingGodFaithful>

I hope our grade school families enjoyed their basket of family activities and Bible lessons. We have definitely entered into unchartered territory, but none of this was a surprise to our Great and Mighty God! I am thankful that He guides us through this difficult time, but we have to let Him lead us!

Over the next month, we will be starting a series called "Fear Busters". I will be meeting with our children on Zoom beginning Wednesday, April 1st, at 5:45. Also, be on the lookout over the next week for your next packet.

We are working on our Card Ministry and ask each family make 3 cards. Please refer to the FB post for more information.

I miss everyone and the fun we have each Sunday and Wednesday. Keep singing and learning your parts. We will be back together again soon! Please reach out to your church family if you have any needs!

Love,
Melissa Dawkins
Children's Leader

FOR THE RECORD

March 22
Budget \$1,335.73
Designated \$ 360.00
March 29
Budget \$2,467.29
Designated \$127.00

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Church Goal \$4,000.00
Received to Date \$2,955.52

Worship Through Giving

- Bring your offering by the church office or mail to the church.
- Text: Text "give" to 803-274-6127
- Online: northsidesumter.com/giving
- Visit northsidesumter.com/giving to download the Northside app

Thank You

Dear Northside Family,

Thank you so much for the phone calls, visits, food, flowers, and prayers after the loss of my mother. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

Beverly Weatherford

Dear Northside Family,

Alice, Jack and I thank everyone for your thoughts and continued prayers for ourselves and my mom, Jean Webb. We serve a wonderful and amazing Savior! We are so blessed to serve Jesus Christ as a church and family.

Praising God Always,
Bonnie Wallace and Children, Jack and Alice Orta

We, the family of James Carlisle White, thank you, our Northside Family, for your prayers, the beautiful plant, the food, and most of all your love and support. We were married at Northside in 1955, and I was the first secretary there for 23 years, and the love and support of its members have never failed us!

Love to each of you,
Shirley White and Family

I hope that everyone is doing well during this historical time. I just wanted to share some encouragement with you all concerning our student ministries here at Northside. We held our first online small group lesson through Zoom on Wednesday night and had a total of 33 individuals viewing! We looked at 1 Peter 2 and Matthew 5 at how we all have a purpose to tell of God's greatness. We also influence those around us and are like a compass, leading and pointing others in a direction. But, it is up to us and the decisions we make on whether or not we are pointing others to Christ or away from Him.
- Pastor Nathan