



April 29, 2018

*find your destiny in Christ*

## Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Today's Speaker

Rev. Mike Royals

## Worship Leader

Mrs. Stacey Yates

## Today's Singers & Musicians

Annah Lokey, Colbey Merritt,  
Kendall Snellgrove, Emma Somers

## Ministers

Every Member

*Welcome*  
*to*  
*Northway*  
*Community Church*

*This is the Lord's place, and all who are seeking Him are welcome!  
We strive to make a relationship with God as intelligent as science,  
as appealing as art, as vital as a good day's work, as intimate as a  
healthy home, as inspiring as genuine love, and as redeeming as God's  
grace!*

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Age Graded Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

## UPCOMING DATES

**May 6**

**Baptismal and Church-wide  
Luncheon**

(Fund-raiser for Honduran Mission Trip)

**May 13**

**Baby/Parent Dedication Service,  
Mother's Day**

**May 20**

**Graduate Recognition Sunday**

**June 15-16**

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 22 - 29**

**Honduran Mission Trip**

**July 8**

**Youth Event (Zip Line), Tallahassee**

**July 14**

**Braves Game**

# POP CULTURE CHURCH

There is a thin line that a Christian must walk between relevance and compromise, between being “in” the world and being “of” the world. With this in mind, I am growing increasingly concerned about a major trend within churches and among church leadership that I will refer to as “Pop Culture Church” [PCC].

PCC is where the overarching goal seems to be hipness and cultural acceptance at almost any cost, and often it begins with the name of the church, a name that one could often easily choose for a rock band. And in a PCC, the brand of the church and/or its leader, ideally, will go viral in a culturally affirming way.

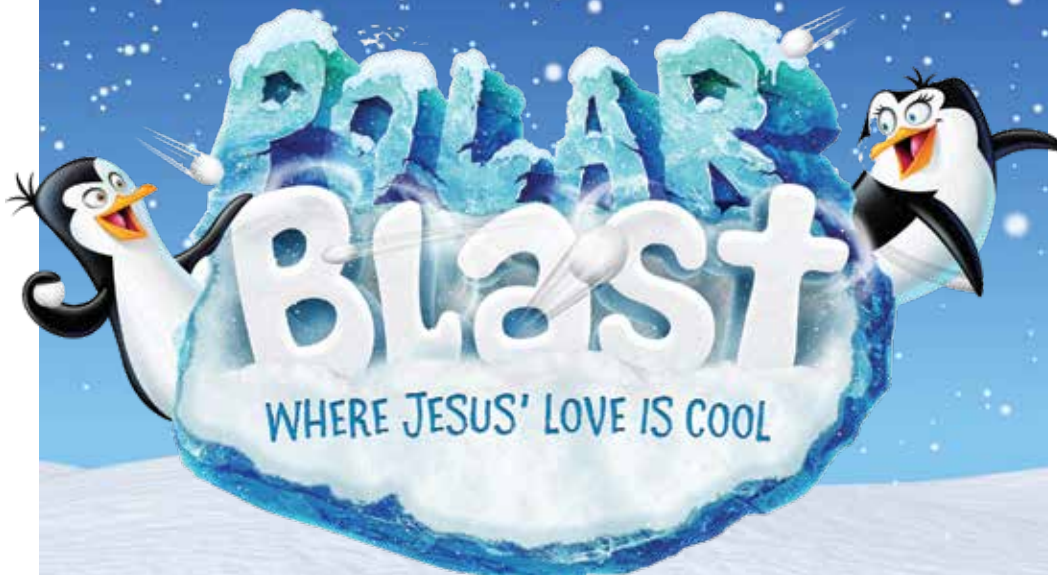
And, of course, in a PCC, we must avoid any public positions on moral issues. The cardinal sin would be to alienate any cultural demographic. Furthermore, what we do must always be fun and entertaining in a PCC.

So, in a PCC, the ultimate cultural “win” is not making a difference in our culture, but in getting culture’s stamp of approval. And being able to post a selfie with some cultural celebrity who has a “Jesusy side,” like a Justin Bieber type, oh my, who could ask for anything more?

In such a model, Jesus bends and molds Himself to the culture in order to be accepted. But the actual gospel of Jesus is very different than what you will find in a PCC. In a truly biblical church, Jesus Christ is the transformer of culture. Yes, we are to build cultural bridges across which we can walk in a post-Christian world, but we walk across it for a very specific reason: to offer something to the world that it does not already have!

Devotedly yours in Christ,  
Bill Blanchard, Pastor

## Register Today Forms on the Credenza



## Weekend Vacation Bible School Ages 4 yrs - 6th Grade

Friday Evening, June 15, 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday Morning, June 16, 9 - 12 Noon



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

*Congratulations to  
these recent high school  
graduates:*

**Levi Farmer**

**Jesse McDougald**

**Colbey Merritt**

**Emma Sommers**

**Abigail Walker**

**Brandon Yates**



## BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS FOR OUR NEW CAMPUS

Thankfully, the Lord allowed us to pay cash (\$181,869, including property taxes) for the purchase of 7.3 acres of land in a wonderful growth corridor on Inner Perimeter Road very close to where the new Valdosta High School is being built. Part of that cash payment involved a sizeable internal loan from our bank balance, but, thankfully, since that has recently been completely repaid, we are now at a point where we need to develop a significant building fund that will serve as our down payment.

Our Building Committee has worked hard with a civil engineer and an architect to determine a course of action for how to proceed with an overall plan to develop a campus that will be built in phases. Not only do we want our campus to glorify the Lord, but we also want it to be perceived as a warm, inviting, transparent, ministry center.

Will you please join us in praying about how the Lord would have you specifically participate in helping our church family raise generous support for our building fund? And when you give for this effort, please mark your check (and the offering envelope in which you place it) "Building Fund."

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard



## OPPORTUNITIES

**April 29, 2018**

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery 0 - 3 Year

Ashley McDougald and Jenna Davison

Preschool 4 - 5 Year

Laura Walker and Anna Kate Walker

### Custodial April 29 - May 5, 2018

Leslie Judd, Basil & Betty McDougald, and  
George & Debbie Conarroe

### Greeter(s)

Basil and Betty McDougald

**May 6, 2018**

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery 0 - 3 Year

Kathy Kolberg and Jessica Royals

Preschool 4 - 5 Year

Jessica Williams and Jazmyn Gibson

### Custodial May 6 - 12, 2018

Emily Somers and Shannon Merritt

### Greeter(s)

Al Cantrell & Grady Williams

## Remember in Prayer

these Northway Community  
Church Members

Shirley Cantrell





# How to Join Northway

At NCC, we don't usually have a traditional, come forward invitation at the close of our worship services. We believe that God, through the power of His Holy Spirit and the preaching of the Gospel, convinces a person of their sin and that Jesus Christ is the only Savior this world will ever know. Therefore, we don't pressure anyone to make a premature, public, spiritual decision. We believe that "salvation is of the Lord" and that "all whom the Father draws will come to Him."

So if, after one of our worship services, you are concerned about the spiritual condition of your life, and/or need guidance, and/or would like to share a decision with one of our leaders, please approach our "Getting Started" ministry area to:

- Pray with an Encourager
- Make a commitment to Jesus Christ
- Discover how to join NCC
- Share some burden
- Commit your life to ministry
- Find out more about Northway

## Contact Information

### Church Location:

3740 Inner Perimeter Rd.  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602

### Church Website:

[www.NorthwayCC.com](http://www.NorthwayCC.com)

### Facebook Address:

[www.Facebook.com/NorthwayCC](https://www.Facebook.com/NorthwayCC)

**Phone: 229.293.0999**

## Giving is an Act of Worship

Northway Community Church believes giving to your local church should be a planned and willful act of worship. Normally, we do not take up an offering as part of our worship services. Instead, we have an offering box located on the desk near the front door. Gifts to Northway (a non-profit corporation) qualify as tax deductible gifts. If you would like credit for your gift in your name and receive a contribution statement at year end, simply fill out and use our contribution envelopes as a means of depositing your gift into our offering box. Gifts to Northway are an act of worship between you and the Lord. As such, only a few from our accounting department know the giving records of our families. We do not want knowledge of contributions to impact or sway our staff's effectiveness in ministering to the body.

Michael Walker, Dame, Walker, Hughes & Co., LLC,  
Certified Public Accountants

## MESSAGE NOTES



*All Women of NCC*

**Monday Nights**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**June 4 - July 9**

**at the home of Sammy & Sue Long**

**Sign-up sheet on credenza.**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
- Baptism by immersion as a believer as a symbol of salvation; and,
- Completion of "The Connecting Point" (our church membership class) and affirmation of the Church Membership Covenant. Exceptions may occasionally be made when someone's physical condition does not allow them to sit for this extended session.