May 20, 2018

find your destiny in Christ

Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

Worship Leader

Mrs. Stacey Yates

Today's Speaker

Rev. Keith Yates

Ministers

Every Member

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Age Graded Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

1:30 p.m. Management Team

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!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

TODAY

We wish to recognize & celebrate with our most recent high school graduates:

Levi Farmer

Jesse McDougald

Colbey Merritt

Kendall Snellgrove

Emma Somers

Abigail Walker

Brandon Yates



This year, May 28th is set aside as "Memorial Day" in our country. Although many often see this day as little more than the first day of the summer vacation season, it has its roots in the time of national mourning following the American Civil War. It was first known as "Decoration Day," and was instituted in 1868 to honor the war dead by decorating their graves and to renew a pledge to an undivided republic. And even today, but usually only in small towns and rural communities, you will still hear this phrase "Decoration Day."

Later, after World War I, this day of remembrance evolved into "Memorial Day" to commemorate a time when Americans honor their dead, both military and civilian, whether long ago or recently deceased. This is why many wish to visit cemeteries, attend military ceremonies, decorate graves, and conduct special services to pass along the stories and traditions that keep alive the memories of those whom we have lost.

Then, in 1971, Congress officially declared "Memorial Day" a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May, while "Veteran's Day," a day set aside to honor all veterans (both living and dead), was to be celebrated each year on November 11th.

May we never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy, nor the great cost paid to achieve them. More importantly, may we remember that our most significant freedom was purchased at the greatest price of all. As a firm promise of that freedom, the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ stands empty to this day. With this in mind, I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable "Memorial Day" holiday with your family and friends.

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard



Led by Kim Stout

Monday Nights • 6 - 8p.m. June 4 - July 9

at the home of Sammy & Sue Long Sign-up sheet on credenza.

UPCOMING DATES

May 25

Mission Trip Fundraiser **Grilled Chicken Plate - \$8** Pick-up at NCC -3 - 6 p.m.

May 27



June 10 **Church Conference**

June 12

6:30 p.m. - Men's Ministry Dinner

June 15-16 **Vacation Bible School**

June 22 - 29 **Honduran Mission Trip**

July 8 Youth Event (Zip Line), Tallahassee

> July 14 **Braves Game**

Change for Life

May 13 - June 17

Fill the bottles with your change, bills, or check.

Your pocket change "changes" lives in our community

Read real patient stories at www.optionsnow.org/calendar





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,



\$72,157



OPPORTUNITIES

May 20, 2018

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery 0 - 3 Year Lawren Hadden and Barbara Williams

Preschool 4 - 5 Year Miriam Weeks and Andrea Huguley

Custodial May 20 - 26, 2018

Craig and Amy Wells, Hayden and Addison

Greeter(s)

Michael Walker

May 27, 2018

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery 0 - 3 Year Katie Rynbrandt and Melissa Hines

Preschool 4 - 5 Year Laura Walker and Anna Kate Walker

Custodial May 27 - June 2, 2018

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

Greeter(s)

Fred Vaughn

Prayers and Blessings Upon the Michael Bass Family

As many of you already know, the Michael Bass family is being led to the FBC of Pinetta, Florida, where Michael will be serving as their next pastor beginning in early June. All of us have learned to love and appreciate the entire Bass family, and we will miss them greatly, but we are certainly pleased for this calling upon their lives, and will be praying for them as they begin their new ministry less than our hour from us. If you are interested in reading Michael's full letter of resignation, it is available for your perusal in our church office.

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

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www.NorthwayCC.com

Facebook Address:

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

"The 'Ultimate' Graduation"
Philippians 3:12-14

Remember in Prayer

these Northway Community
Church Members

Von Erie Williams

Shirley Cantrell
Manor Care
4360 Johnson Ferry Place, Marietta, GA 300



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.