



Northway Community Church

May 6, 2018

find your destiny in Christ

Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

Worship Pastor

Mrs. Keith (Stacey) Yates

Ministers

Every Member

UPCOMING DATES

May 6

Baptismal and Church-wide Luncheon

(Fund-raiser for Honduran Mission Trip)

May 8

6:30 p.m.

Men's Ministry Meeting

Low Country Boil

Speaker: George Conarroe

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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Age Graded Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Baptismal at the Long's home
Church-Wide Luncheon at NCC

1:30 p.m. Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting

*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!*

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



All Women of NCC
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.



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

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

May 13, 2018

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery 0 - 3 Year
Liane Register and Carrie Register

Preschool 4 - 5 Year
Lara Blanchard and Maddie Shover

Custodial May 13 19, 2018

Bill & Lara Blanchard, Miriam Weeks, and Mike and Krystal Columna

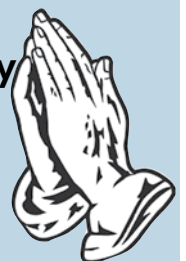
Greeter(s)

Adam & Lisa Eisenhower

Remember in Prayer

these Northway Community Church Members

Carolyn Bergquist
Shirley Cantrell
Von Erie Williams



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:

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Valdosta, Georgia 31602

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www.Facebook.com/NorthwayCC

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MESSAGE NOTES

"The Mark of True Wisdom"

Philippians 1:21



Register Today
Forms on the Credenza

POLAR Blast
WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS COOL

Weekend Vacation Bible School
Ages 4 yrs - 6th Grade

Friday Evening, June 15, 6 - 9 p.m.
Saturday Morning, June 16, 9 - 12 Noon

The graphic features two cartoon penguins on either side of a large, stylized ice formation. The word "POLAR" is written in blue, bubbly letters at the top of the ice, and "Blast" is written in large, white, 3D block letters in the center. Below "Blast" is the tagline "WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS COOL" in blue. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars and a light blue horizon line.

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

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.