



# Northway Community Church

December 4, 2022

*find your destiny in Christ*

## Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Worship Leader

Mr. David C. Adams

## Ministers

Every Member

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Children's Church

FAMILY WORSHIP -  
(Last Sunday of Month)

*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!*

## Remember in Prayer

Betty Belcher, Mulligan Park, Tallahassee

Carolyn Bergquist, Carrollton Club

Dale Braswell

Evelyn Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman

Shirley Cantrell, Nashville Nursing Home

Mayra Colon

Georgia Egan

Cleo Kapilla, Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

Elaine Walker, Moffitt Cancer Center

### Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

## DECEMBER 4, 2022

**Nursery 0 - 3 Years**

Susan Mitchell

**Preschool**

Terrie and Tori Dinkins

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

**November 27 - December 3, 2022**

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

**December 4 - 10, 2022**

Bill and Lara Blanchard



# MESSAGE NOTES

## "THE VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS SERMON"

### Genesis 3:1-16

- I. The Problem That Made Christmas a Necessity  
Notice the negative progression involving sin:
  - Dialog
  - Doubt
  - Denial
  - Delusion . . . . .
  - Death
- II. The Promise That Made Christmas a Reality  
In this first Bible prophecy, there are three important elements. God speaks of:
  - A. A Battle
  - B. A Birth
  - C. A Bruising

## UPCOMING DATES

**December 11, 2022**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Renewal of Wedding Vows**  
**David and Pamela Hendley**  
**Reception to Follow**

**December 18, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Children's Christmas Play**

**December 23, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve/Eve Worship**  
**(in lieu of Sunday Morning Dec. 25th)**

**January 1, 2023**  
**Guest Speaker: Mark Heffelfinger**

**January 15, 2023**  
**Baptismal**

**January 22, 2023**  
**The Lord's Supper**

## Contact Information

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## ADVENT 1

This Sunday is actually the second week of Advent on the Christian calendar. Advent spans the four weeks leading up to Christmas. There are several important aspects of Advent and, leading up to Christmas, we will cover the main ideas of what the Advent season is and how it is celebrated.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2) as God's people wait for the return of Christ to establish His eternal kingdom. The church of today is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament. The people waited and hoped in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's prior blessings in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus. They called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church today, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's birth in celebration, while at the same time looking forward anticipating to the coming of Christ's kingdom when He returns for His people.

The Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Stay Tuned!

Blessings, David C. Adams, Worship Leader

## YEAR END GIVING FOR 2022

I think many of us are wondering, "How much does our Building Fund need to be before we can think about building and moving to our new campus?" Our land is paid for, and our building fund is almost at \$200,000, but we can begin making plans to move to our new campus only when we get to the \$500,000 mark. With that in mind, may I please talk to you about "Year End Giving"?

But first, if you are barely getting by financially and simply cannot give what you want to give to the Lord's work at Northway Community Church, then I want you to know that I understand what you are going through. And please realize that I do not know the annual giving records of our people. What you give to God's Kingdom is between you and the Lord, and I will do my best to minister to all of our people regardless of how little or how much you contribute to Kingdom ministry here at NCC.

Having said that, may I challenge all of us to consider something important? I believe that the Lord has His hand of blessing upon our fellowship, and I believe that our future is bright. With this in mind, and as we inter-act with family, friends, and colleagues over the course of the next several weeks, we all know that the subject of "year end giving" is going to come up from time to time. Well, may I ask that we be alert to these conversations and that, from time to time, we suggest to our contacts that they consider making their tax deductible year end giving to our building fund? I cannot think of many causes that would be better than helping to build a new church campus near the new high school in a great growth corridor of our city. And it would be an eternal investment in a church with a wonderful future, and a church whose impact would continue long after our lives on this earth are over.

Please think about this proposal and make it a matter of prayer. Even if you are not in a position to give much financially, the Lord may use your healthy conversations with others at this point to help us increase our building fund to a generous bank balance that will be applied toward our loan one day soon.

Devotedly your pastor,  
Bill Blanchard