



Northway Community Church

October 16, 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

Mayra Colon

Georgia Egan

Cleo Kapilla — Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

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Nursery 0 - 3 Years

Susan Mitchell

Preschool

Lara Blanchard and Debra Adams

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

October 9 - 15, 2022

Lara and Bill Blanchard

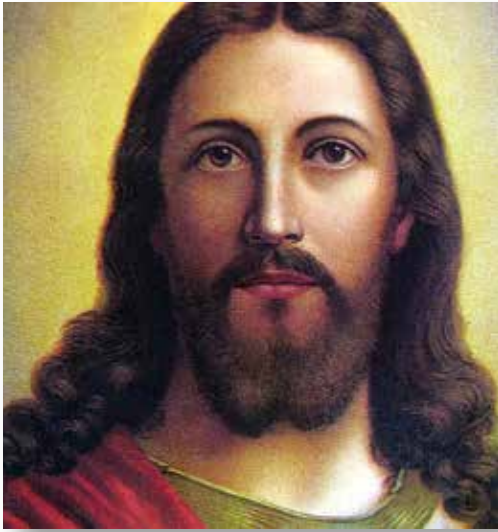
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Mike Columna

BUILDING FUND

\$187,400

Names of God: El Elyon



We continue this week in our series, "Names of God." We have already learned that the names of God are His ways of teaching us the character and attributes of Himself. Last time we talked about the name, El Shaddai, meaning, All Sufficient One. This week we will discuss God's revealed name, El Elyon. Proper pronunciation is el el-yone'.

Previously, we learned that the word, El, is translated into the word, God. It can be used in conjunction with other words to reveal different aspects of God's character. Elyon means, Most High. El Elyon means, God Most High. El Elyon expresses the total sovereignty and majesty of God and describes His highest heavenly ranking. A prime example is found in Psalms 57:2 where it can be translated as "the most exalted God." It occurs 28 times in the Old Testament. It is found 19 times in Psalms. El Elyon is first used in Genesis 14:18.

Further references of the name El Elyon in the Old Testament: Genesis 14:18; Genesis 14:19; Genesis 14:20; Genesis 14:22; Psalms 57:2; Psalms 78:35.

Stay Tuned!

Blessings, David C. Adams, Worship Leader



Orphanage Emmanuel Guaimaca, Honduras

"Though my father and mother forsake me, the
LORD will receive me." Psalm 27:10

Mission Trip to Orphanage Emmanuel Guaimaca, Honduras | February 4 – 11, 2023

Are you ready for God to change your perspective on life?
Maybe it is time for you to go on an adventure for Him!
Please pray about being a team member for the upcoming
trip to Orphanage Emmanuel. Our focus for this trip will be
construction, maintenance, dental, medical, gardening, and
of course ministry to the children and staff. The cost is \$550
+ airfare. Contact Lara Blanchard for more information

(404-713-8577).

In his book, Counter Culture, David Platt writes: "We
learned pretty quickly that orphans are easier to forget if
you don't see their faces. They're easier to ignore if you
don't know their names. They're easier to overlook if you
don't hold them in your arms. But once you do, everything
changes."

HOME GROUPS

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal | 6:30 p.m. Bible Study & Worship | Curriculum by David Platt

NOLEN & DIANE COX
1009 Cherry Creek Drive

SAMMY & SUE LONG
3740 Inner Perimeter Road

STEWART & BARBARA WILLIAMS
702 Pine Point Circle

MESSAGE NOTES

HOW TO RECEIVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SEE HANDOUT



Saturday, October 22nd
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Northway Community Church

Drop off/Pick up at side door in rear of building

Pizza Supper Provided

Contact Information

Church Location:

3740 Inner Perimeter Rd. • Valdosta, Georgia 31602

Church Website:

www.NorthwayCC.com

Phone: 229.293.0999

Jesus
Name above all names

UPCOMING DATES

October 30, 2022

Quarterly Church Conference

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, Hardeman & Co., LLC,
Certified Public Accountants

THE DEFINITION OF 'WOMAN'



During the recent Senate hearings of Ketanji Brown-Jackson earlier this spring when she was being interviewed as a nominee to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States of America, she was asked to provide a simple definition of

'woman.' You may remember that she stated that she could not adequately answer that question because she was not a biologist! Now please keep in mind, however, that she was a graduate of Harvard University and the Harvard Law School, and yet she could not define what a woman is!

Surely, though, a member of the General Synod of the Church of England could do better! And yet recently, Dr. Robert Innes, the Bishop of Europe said that although the meaning of the word woman was previously "thought to be self-evident...[that] additional care" was now needed when answering such a question.

Now, may I state the obvious? These ridiculous responses are made in the context of the transgender debates. I find it stunning that some intelligent, informed, educated people would respond that there is no simple, generally understood official definition for a 'woman'! Why? Because we have some long-established answers to this question which make sense, whether your starting point is biology or the Bible.

Biological science says that much of the nature of our sexual identities as male and female has [#1] a great deal to do with reproduction. Males and females also have [#2] different levels of hormones (testosterone and estrogen) that contribute to their given sex. This is what leads to the development of various secondary sexual characteristics. Our sex is also formed on [#3] the genetic level. Specifically, the presence of a Y chromosome in each cell is what distinguishes males from females. It is an established, objective, scientific fact that male and female are categories of biological sex. So, biologically, there is no "in between" and there is no third option. The way we view our bodies may be socially constructed, but biological sex is not socially constructed.

So, men, since you and I have a Y chromosome in each of our cells, we will not have a uterus, no matter how much you may long for one. And, therefore, men, we will never be able to give birth to a baby, no matter how much you may wish you could. It simply is impossible.

But now, what about the Bible? Human sexuality is hard-wired into our very creation. In Genesis 1:26-27 we see that we are made in the image of God as men and women. This means that sexuality is not just about what you do or how you feel; rather, it is about who are and how you were made to be.

So, being male and female is inextricably intertwined with being made in the image of God, but it also means that we have the ability to respond to and relate with the living God body, soul, and spirit. Furthermore, being created male and female describes biological sex, not gender roles or gender identities, because right after saying we were created male and female, we read a very biological statement: "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'..." (Genesis 1:28, NKJV).

So, at every turn, pursuing a transgender lifestyle is condemned as a perversion because it reflects turning "against the natural way" (see Romans 1:26-27).

This is the foundation upon which we must engage current cultural conversations and debates because increasingly we are witnessing a dangerous and antiscientific trend toward the outright denial of biological sex. Recently, I read about a professor (at a major university in the NE) who stated in her graduate studies class that there are only two biological sexes, but only one person in that class voted to agree with her position, while most of the rest of the students in that class have signed a petition to remove that professor from her post. These contrarians believe that male and female are merely arbitrary groupings, and their transgender leader believes that everyone is free to identify as male or female, regardless of genetics or anatomy. But objective, scientific research tells us that sex is binary; no third type of sex cell exists in humans. Gender and sex are not something simply between our ears, but between our legs. Sexuality is not like a favorite color; it is hardwired into our being by our Creator.

Ok, I am not a graduate of Harvard University or of the Harvard Law School, and I have not majored in biology either, but I do know that we most certainly have an official definition of "woman" biologically and biblically!

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard