



# Northway Community Church

September 18, 2022

*find your destiny in Christ*

## Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Worship Leader

Mr. David C. Adams

## Ministers

Every Member

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

*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

Mayra Colon

Georgia Egan

Cleo Kapilla — Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

### Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

## SEPTEMBER 18

### Nursery 0 - 3 Years

Susan Mitchell

### Preschool

Debra Adams and Lara Blanchard

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

September 11 - 17, 2022

Bill and Lara Blanchard

September 18 - 24, 2022

Mike Columna

## BUILDING FUND

## \$187,400

# MESSAGE NOTES

## HALLELUJAH: THE PREMIER WORD FOR PRAISE

“Hallelujah” transcends all language barriers!

The word “hallelujah” is used 25 times in the book of Psalms:

104:35	117:1, 2
105:45	135:1, 3, 21
106:1, 48	146:1, 10
11:1	147:1, 20
112:1	148:1, 14
113:1, 9	149:1, 9
115:18	150:1, 6
116:19	

In the New Testament, all of the “hallelujahs” occur in one book, and in one chapter of one book!

Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6

“Hallelujah” looks in ALL directions—It looks:

- ❖ Backward . . . . . To salvation commenced
- ❖ Forward . . . . . To salvation crowned
- ❖ Upward . . . . . To God enthroned
- ❖ Downward . . . . . To the devil enchained
- ❖ Inward . . . . . To fear diminished and faith established
- ❖ Outward . . . . . To righteousness and readiness

## What Do I Name This Column?

I did not have the privilege to be here at NCC when it was born 10 years ago. From what I know, it began with joyful hearts. It began with hurting hearts. Whether the heart was joyful or whether it was hurting, NCC was born with loving hearts! Nothing has changed when it comes to that! There have been a lot of great times in the first ten years and many people have experienced tremendous spiritual growth. Oh, there have been some rocky times, too, and I am sure more rocks will be formed. But you want to know something? Satan and his little demon buddies only mess with those who are a threat to him! You might want to read that last sentence one more time.

I have been blessed beyond all expectations since God moved Debra (wife) and me to NCC. I am advancing in age, but I pray that I can live another 10 years so Debra and I can celebrate another decade at NCC. I am excited for the future of this church. The vision is there and another growth spurt is just beginning. I know that God has something big in store for NCC as we move forward and work hard to further His Kingdom. Here's to another exciting decade of serving Christ Jesus, with loving hearts, through Northway Community Church!

Next week this column kicks off a series called, “The Names of God.” We will learn how God used the Old Testament to reveal Himself, and His character, through His various names. You DO NOT want to miss this series! Well ... you might WANT to, but you SHOULD NOT miss it 😊 !

Stay Tuned!

Blessings, David C. Adams, Worship Leader

## HILLS TO DIE ON

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our church, please think back with me to an old phrase/question: Which hills are you willing to die on? Meaning, which stands are you going to take regardless of the cost? For what are you prepared to die? Your answer will determine your core values.

If you were to compare the Christian churches (across all denominations) in our city by their doctrinal statements, there probably wouldn't be much disparity, and there shouldn't be. Most will not veer from the doctrines stated in the Nicene Creed established by the early church (in A.D. 325). Furthermore, if you were to compare the churches in our city by their purpose statements, again, you won't find too many wavering from evangelism/missions, ministry, discipleship, fellowship, and worship. Sometimes we all get cute with our verbiage, acronyms, and nomenclature, but we don't drift far from these five core purposes. Even comparing our church to other churches in terms of a mission statement won't reveal much to the average observer. The Great Commission is pretty clear and the lesson about sheep and the goats is apparent.

So, what separates churches? The hills on which they are willing to die! Let me give you three core values that would fit this category for us here at Northway Community Church.

First, the Bible is true. We believe the Bible is trustworthy in every area of reality and is the catalyst for change in our lives. From day #1, whenever it comes to what we believe, how we think, how we operate, or where we should land on a particular position or issue, we've had one simple value: go to the Bible and then go with the Bible, no matter what anyone else or any other power structure thinks!

Second, loving relationships should permeate every aspect of our church life. This value drives me to be a zealous defender of the community of our church. We do everything in our power to relate to one another lovingly, truthfully, respectfully, compassionately, and graciously. And when there is conflict or tension, stress or misunderstanding, we tackle it head-on within the context of love. We're not going to let it go underground, much less let it become cancerous so that it infects the entire body of Christ. I know that we won't all be equally close to one another, of course, but we can all be loving in our spirits, gracious in our hearts, and fiercely loyal to each other.

Third, evangelism/outreach/missions happen best through relationships that are led by the Holy Spirit. For over 30 years, my wife and I have been involved in established churches and we have been guilty of trying to reach others with the gospel through several gimmicks that other sincere Christian leaders had encouraged us to consider and emulate. But ultimately they didn't work, because they were basically worldly strategies, rather than the model we find in the New Testament.

With this in mind and on this anniversary Sunday, as we continue build a brand new church from scratch, may I ask you to join me in allowing these three core values to be hills on which we are willing to die? And as we do so, may I ask that we all allow the Holy Spirit to lead us to build relational bridges with others within our respective circles of influence so that our numerical and spiritual growth is based upon the model of the early Church rather than upon the gimmicks of this world?

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard

## HOMES GROUPS

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

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