



Northway Community Church

April 16, 2023

find your destiny in Christ

Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

Worship Leader

Mr. Thomas Matthews

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, Pruitt Health, Crestwood

Mayra Colon

Cleo Kapilla, Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

Bonnie Segerstrom, Fellowship Home

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

APRIL 16, 2023

Preschool

Andrea and Josh Huguley

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

April 16 - 22, 2023

Bill and Lara Blanchard

April 23 - 29, 2023

Mike Columna

BUILDING FUND

\$197,200

MESSAGE NOTES

"PEACE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR STORMS"

Matthew 14:22-33

I want us to notice 5 anchors in this passage of Scripture, anchors which are reliable and will not let us down.

- I. God's Providence Brought Me Here
- II. God's Prayers Protect Me Here
- III. God's Presence Comes to Me Here
- IV. God's Power Sustains Me Here
- V. God's Promise Assures Me Here

FOUR REASONS FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP: #1 OF A SERIES

Reason #1—You and I need direction for the journey.

In Exodus 33, Moses is found leading God's people from Egypt to the Promised Land, a trip that should have taken only a few days ended up taking 40 years. During this time, Moses regularly meets with God in worship to gain direction for the Israelites' journey.

The direction isn't always from point A to B. God takes us down the pathways that will help to build the character that is needed for the journey. With the Israelites, He was giving them time to lose the old way of thinking, with idols and all the immorality that was learned from their time in Egypt, in order that they would be transformed into a new way of thinking, God's way of thinking.

Worship leads us to a higher level; it transcends us to a new mindset where we are more apt to receive His direction. So, I would encourage you to make time for intimate worship this week in order to discover more fully God's direction for the journey of your life.

God Bless You All!

Thomas Matthews, Worship Leader

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KIDS & SPRING BASEBALL

All three of our children played baseball in organized leagues growing up. At first, it was a lot of fun, and one of our kids even played on a team that was undefeated. But then, my wife and I finally decided to give up on baseball altogether, and for the following "reasons." See what you think!

- Every time we went to a game, they asked for money, wanted us to sell donuts for a fund-raiser, work in the concession stand, or help pick up trash under the bleachers after the games.
- The people whom we sat with were not always friendly.
- The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.
- We went to many of the games, but the head coach never came to visit us in our home.
- Several times the umpires made a decision that we could not agree with.
- We often found ourselves sitting with hypocrites. They just came to see their friends and what others were wearing, instead of really concentrating on the game.
- Some of the games went into extra innings, and we were often late getting home.
- It seemed like the games were usually scheduled when we wanted to do other things.
- As we each look back on our respective childhoods, we feel that we were taken to too many games by our parents when we were growing up.
- We recently read a book on sports, and now we feel that we know more than the coach anyway.
- Finally, we don't want to force our children to go to any more of the games because they need to pick the sports they each like best of all.

Actually, baseball is my favorite sport. So having made those remarks "tongue-in-cheek," let me just offer a word of encouragement to so many of you who are involved in faithful service to our Lord's Kingdom. When your motives are pure before Christ and you are heavily involved in His ministry, Almighty God is actually using you to touch lives in significant ways. If you think about it, there is nothing else anywhere in all the world like this. I mean, where else does anyone get that experience of allowing God to use them as they serve Him in their sweet spot? In fact, I would dare say that getting involved in faithful service to our Lord's Kingdom colors the entire landscape of your spiritual life. That is, if you are passionately involved in ministry, you will even pray differently. With this in mind, may God bless you as you invest your life in service to Him!

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard

UPCOMING DATES

Friday, April 28th



Ladies Fellowship

6:00 pm

Northway Church

Please join us for an evening filled with fun and fellowship and a time of sharing God's word and prayer.

Bring your favorite finger-food.

Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

April 30th

Quarterly Church Conference