



# Northway Community Church

August 20, 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, Tallahassee, FL

Carolyn Bergquist, Carrollton Club

Dale Braswell

Evelyn Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman

Shirley Cantrell, Roswell, GA

Cleo Kapilla, Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

Bonnie Segerstrom, Fellowship Home

### Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

## AUGUST 20 2023

### Preschool

Dawn Forsythe and Lisa Eisenhower

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

August 20 - 26, 2023

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

August 27 - September 2, 2023

Dianna Deeley and James Ruzich

## BUILDING FUND

## \$206,400

## MESSAGE NOTES

### "THE STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN 'THE BEFORE' AND 'THE AFTER' "

#### Ephesians 2:1-13

- I. As we look to the PAST, the key word is **"BEFORE."**  
**Remember** WHAT it was like without hope/God.
- II. As we anticipate the FUTURE, the key word is **"AFTER."**  
**Rejoice** that God's grace came to us in Christ.
- III. As we think about God's will for each one of us now, the key word is **"THEREFORE."**  
**Respond** by sharing this hope with others.

## UPCOMING DATES

**August 27**

**Home Groups Begin**

**NOLEN & DIANE COX**

1009 Cherry Creek Drive, 31605

**THOMAS & MIRANDA MATTHEWS**

3875 Timber Ridge Road, 31601

**STEWART & BARBARA WILLIAMS**

702 Pine Point Circle, 31602

## 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

## Contact Information

### Church Location:

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### Church Website:

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## BEING AN UNDER-PROTECTIVE PARENT

As the new school year begins, may I offer a word of instruction and encouragement to our parents and grandparents? It is quite common for me to hear people complain about how they were reared by overly-protective parents, but this often leads to an over-reaction, which is also wrong. That is, in an effort not to "hover, smother, and coddle," sometimes we go to the opposite extreme of not protecting enough!

With this in mind, let's consider the effect of an under-protective family environment in a day of sexting and Facebook, bullying in schools, internet porn, cutting, and hooking up. I am afraid that when our children and grandchildren need to be more protected than ever before, they are met with a parenting culture that is less protective than ever! The fact of the matter is, children need godly, parental maturity from parents who are informed, involved, loving, and in charge! Children are not little adults; they are children!

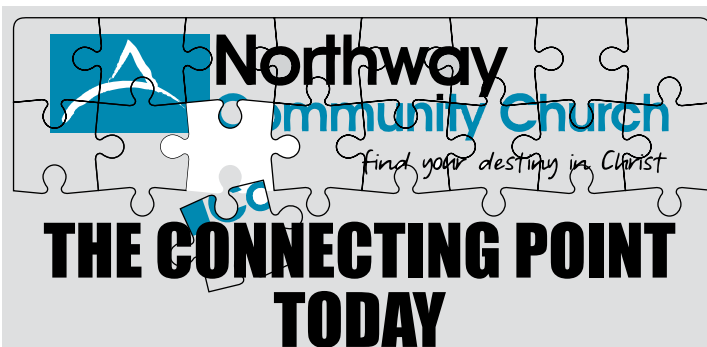
So, parents, here are a few rules that you should instill in your home with respect to your kids and technology:

- Limit their phone minutes, texts, and online hours. Don't let it take over their lives.
- Try to review movies that they plan to view.
- Don't let them sleep with their cell phone under their pillows or by their beds. Phones should be turned off at bedtime.
- Don't allow cell phones at the dinner table.
- Tell your kids not to share their passwords with their friends, not even their best friends.
- Keep all computer use in a public area.
- Don't let them be on Facebook unless they friend you.

Ignoring these simple guidelines will rob your children of their happy, innocent, childhood. In fact, it will evaporate!

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard



This class is a basic introduction to our church, focuses on our beliefs, structure, and vision, and shows you how you can get involved at Northway Community Church. It is intended for those (middle school through adults) who are interested in becoming members at NCC, and it is also for those who have already indicated a desire to join NCC but have not yet participated in this class.

"The Connecting Point" is our new members' orientation class, is a requirement for membership at NCC, and it will be taught by our pastor right after the morning worship today. Lunch will be served (no cost), and free child-care will be provided as well.

Reservations are not essential, but are greatly appreciated. So please speak to our pastor or email him at [bill\\_gabc@hotmail.com](mailto:bill_gabc@hotmail.com) or call his cell phone (229) 251-6191 to R.S.V.P. for this class which is scheduled to begin around 12:30 p.m. (right after the luncheon).