



# Northway Community Church

April 12, 2026

*find your destiny in Christ*

## Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Worship Leader

Mr. Thomas Matthews

## Ministers

Every Member

## Remember in Prayer

Betty Belcher, Tallahassee, FL

Edward Blanchard

Dale Braswell

Sammy Long

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob Scheuring

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Church-Wide Easter  
Fellowship Breakfast

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!*

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

**TODAY**

Diana Ruzich

**April 19**

Sally Jenkins and Janice Votaw

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

**April 5 - 11**

Mike Columna

**April 12 - 18**

Marc McLain and Doug Parker

**BUILDING  
FUND  
\$237,340**

## MESSAGE NOTES

### "Nuggets of Truth from the Apostle Paul's Favorite Church"

#### Selected Texts



## 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

## A MIDNIGHT RIDE TO LEXINGTON, MA

The events during the Spring of 1775 (almost exactly two hundred and fifty years ago), especially of April 18-19, are some of the most famous in the story of America's fight for the very liberties we enjoy today.

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere and William Dawes set out to warn militias across Massachusetts of the approaching British troops. These troops were heading to Concord to confiscate and/or destroy the weapons in the armory there, as well as to bring back the bodies of John Hancock and Samuel Adams.

Revere and Dawes arrived in Lexington around midnight. The alert was given at the home of Rev. Jonas Clarke (an eventual member of The Black Robed Regiment) where John Hancock and Samuel Adams were lodging for the night. Then, joined by Samuel Prescott, they continued on towards Concord, about 7-8 miles to the NW. Paul Revere and William Dawes were captured by the British on the way, but Samuel Prescott was able to escape and alerted those in Concord.

In Lexington, a band of Patriots (77 Americans) faced off with the British troops on the morning of April 19, 1775. Gunshots were fired in this small skirmish in front of the parsonage of Rev. Jonas Clarke, and the American War for Independence began. As the smoke cleared, 18 Americans lay wounded or dead, after which the British force continued their march towards Concord Bridge, where they would be met by the Rev. William Emerson and 400 American patriots. Also involved in that Concord group was black patriot Peter Salem, who a few weeks later went on to become the hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill (in the Boston vicinity). The American Patriots prevailed at the Battle of Concord Bridge, thus preserving their weapons in the armory, and the British were forced to retreat to their garrison in Boston.

As we remember those events that occurred 250 years ago, and the liberties that they eventually produced, let's also remember the responsibility that those events place upon us. As John Adams reminded us: "Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it."

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard

## Contact Information

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