



Northway Community Church

April 19, 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

Sally Jenkins and Janice Votaw

April 26

Aaron and Keri Darnell

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

April 12 - 18

Marc McLain and Doug Parke

April 19 - 25

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

**BUILDING
FUND
\$237,340**

MESSAGE NOTES

“The Formation of a Church by the Holy Spirit”

Philippians 1:1-2 and Acts 16:6-34

- I. The Restraint of the Holy Spirit—Acts 16:6-7
- II. The Revelation of the Holy Spirit—Acts 16:8-9
- III. The Release of the Holy Spirit—Acts 16:10-12
- IV. The Results of the Holy Spirit—Three Converts:
 - A. Lydia—Acts 16:13-15
 - B. Slave girl—Acts 16:16-24
 - C. Jailor—Acts 16:25-34

A promotional graphic for a Bible study. The background is a photograph of a church interior with people seated at tables. Overlaid on the image is a blue and white design. At the top, the words "BIBLE STUDY" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "Colossians" is written in a large, light blue, cursive font. To the right of "Colossians" is a circular logo with a blue triangle and the word "NORTHWAY" below it. Below the logo, the text "Led By" is written in a white, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a circular inset photograph of a man, Baylor Shover, sitting on a wooden bench. Below the inset, the name "Baylor Shover" is written in a white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a white starburst shape containing the word "TODAY" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "APRIL 19TH" and "5:00 PM" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

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

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