



# Northway Community Church

December 10, 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

## Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY TODAY

Aaron and Keri Darnell

December 17, 2023

Debra Adams and Lara Blanchard

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

December 3 - 9, 2023

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

December 10 - 16, 2023

Dianna Deeley & James Ruzich

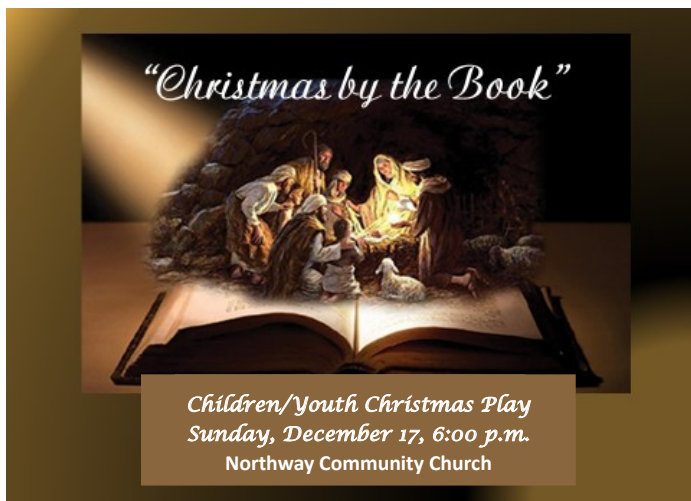
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# MESSAGE NOTES

## PROPHECY AND FULFILLMENT IN THE INFANCY NARRATIVES OF MATTHEW

### Matthew 1-2

- I. Matthew 1:18-25
- II. Matthew 2:1-6
- III. Matthew 2:13-15
- IV. Matthew 2:16-18
- V. Matthew 2:19-23



## Christmas Party for

Seniors "Wise Guys" Ministry

Monday, December 18 - 6pm  
Northway Community Church

*Meat and Drinks will be provided.*

*Bring a side dish or dessert and a "Dirty Santa"  
gag gift to exchange.*

*Please sign up at the credenza.*

## ISN'T IT "FUNNY"?

An observer from the last century would be awe-struck by the improvement in our standard of living, and by the amount of leisure time our technology and electronic devices have provided. Few Americans work consistently more than a 50-hour work week, and most work 44 hours or less. Furthermore, we now live an average of 12 years longer than we did 100 years ago, and have at least one-third more disposable income per family. Why is it, then, that most Americans, even professing Christians, are "too busy" to serve God?

- **FUNNY** how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read a few hundred pages in some best-selling novel!
- **FUNNY** how fifty dollars looks so big when you take it to church, and yet so small when you take it to the store!
- **FUNNY** how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but have no difficulty thinking of things to say when we chat for hours with a friend!
- **FUNNY** how it seems we need two or three weeks advance notice to fit into our schedule a church event, but are able to adjust to other invitations on the spur of the moment!
- **FUNNY???** Not really. It is actually solemn and serious! It is "funny" how things reveal our priorities to the reign of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Christian people in America today, for the most part, have grown complacent and comfortable in God's blessings and have forgotten the first commandment. Since God simply asks for our obedience, rather than demanding it, many Christians just ignore the very reason for our existence: To worship and glorify God!

God has a unique and meaningful plan for every believer, and it doesn't depend upon your age, income, or abilities. Rather, it involves availability and obedience to Jesus Christ. What a loss is ours if we allow temporary comforts and laziness to rob us of true riches, both now and for eternity. So, here is the alternative for each Christian: Decide to be used of the Lord in a significant manner, or be by-passed in favor of another.

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard

## 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

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