



Northway Community Church

February 1, 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

9:15 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!

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

TODAY

Diana Ruzich

February 8, 2026

Aaron and Keri Darnell

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

January 25 - 31

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

February 1 - 7

Dianna Deeley and James Ruzich

**BUILDING
FUND
\$220,640**

MESSAGE NOTES

“Sin Leading to Death”

I John 5:16-19
and Selected Texts

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY 8

Quarterly Church Conference

FEBRUARY 15

Lord's Supper Observance

Contact Information

Church Location:

3740 Inner Perimeter Rd. • Valdosta, Georgia 31602

Church Website:

www.NorthwayCC.com

Phone: 229.293.0999

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

PROPER THEOLOGY MATTERS

After examining 34 core beliefs, Christianity Today magazine concluded that:

- A majority of U.S. adults (59%) believe that the Holy Spirit is a force, not a Person.
- Six in 10 Americans agree that religious belief is a matter of personal opinion and not about objective truth
- Most Christians believe that people are born basically good, God accepts the worship of all religions, and Jesus was the first and greatest being created by God the Father.

Just to set the record straight:

- The Holy Spirit most definitively is a Person
- Religious beliefs better be about objective truth, or they are nothing important at all.
- People are not born basically good.
- God does not accept the worship of all religions, particularly when those religions do not even recognize who He is.
- And Jesus was not created.

Let's focus on the latter, because this is also what Jehovah's Witnesses believe today. They believe that Jesus is inferior to God the Father because He was created by God the Father. But did you know that this heresy is nothing new?

Here's a little bit of church history: The Arian controversy of the fourth century is widely regarded as one of the most significant in all of Christian history. A bishop from North Africa, Arius (250-336 A.D.), argued that Jesus was the most important among all creatures, but that He was created nonetheless. His famous phrase in reference to Jesus is: "There was once when He was not."

This was met with a swift reaction from many within the Church who were able to marshal an impressive number of biblical passages to combat his ideas and point to the fundamental unity between the Father and the Son, although the Son was subordinate to the Father during the incarnation. In other words, during His incarnation, Jesus filled a different role than He did from eternity past.

If what Arius had argued was true, and if what the Jehovah's Witnesses contend is true, and if what many Christians in our country today believe is true—that Jesus was the first and greatest created being—then Jesus could not save anyone, because no creature can save another creature.

So, let's be clear: Jesus was God Himself in human form, and the second Person of the Trinity. Any other view is quite simply heresy! And proper theology does matter!

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard