



# Northway Community Church

July 30, 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  
Quarterly Church Conference  
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

## JULY 30, 2023

### Preschool

Andrea Huguley and Diana Ruzich

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

July 30 - August 5, 2023

Bill and Lara Blanchard

August 6 - 12, 2023

Mike Columna

HERE'S THE  
**SCOOP!**

## Back to School Bash

for Children & Families  
Sunday, August 6 | 3:00 - 5:30 PM  
**Swimming/Pizza/Ice Cream**  
Home of Sammy and Sue Long  
Sign up at the credenza or call 560-0985

# MESSAGE NOTES

## "THE KEY INGREDIENTS WITHIN THE CHURCH"

### Ephesians 4:1-16

"...A 3-fold cord is not quickly/easily broken" (Eccl. 4:12b).

- I. The Basis/Ground of our **UNITY** Is Spiritual/Doctrinal/Theological

Vv. 1-6

Unity is NOT:

- Unison
- Conformity
- Uniformity
- Union

- II. The Glory of our **DIVERSITY** is Functional

Vv. 7-12

- I II. The Goal of our **MATURITY** is to be more and more like Jesus Christ

Vv. 13-16

Are you becoming more and more like Jesus Christ in your:

- Stature V. 13
- Stability V. 14
- Speech V. 15
- Service V. 16

## LIVING IN CHRIST JESUS

Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself so that we would not live selfishly, but instead dwell in His love and share that love with others through selfless actions, demonstrating the depth of His unconditional love for humanity. The reason for remaining in Him goes beyond mere adherence; it is to remain in His love and overcome the temptations of this world, just as He did during His time on Earth, triumphing over darkness and despair. Embedded within this purpose is the call to live a victorious life through Him, where we experience true freedom and the transformation of our hearts and minds. It is through this transformation that we can cultivate a righteous relationship with Him, allowing His divine presence to radiate through us, captivating the hearts of those around us and leading them to repentance through the power of His love.

In pursuit of living a life that pleases Him, it is important to recognize the consequences of succumbing to our selfish desires. When we give in to these selfish desires, it inevitably leads to sin, which ultimately separates us from our holy Father. God, who is perfect and holy, cannot have any part in unholiness. As James 1:14-15 reminds us, temptation leads to sin, and sin leads to spiritual death. Therefore, it becomes crucial for us to align our actions with His will and purposes, for it is only those who do His will that find their prayers heard by Him, as mentioned in John 9:31.

To live according to His plans for us is to surrender ourselves to His divine guidance and trust in His faithfulness. Jeremiah 29:11 assures us of the beautiful and prosperous future that awaits those who are steadfast in their walk with Him. By embracing His sacrifice, symbolized by the torn veil in the Throne Room, we are granted the remarkable privilege of boldly entering His divine presence, engaging in intimate communion with our Creator. It is within this sacred space that we can experience His unfathomable love, find solace in His comforting embrace, and seek His wisdom and guidance for our lives.

Thus, let us strive to remain rooted in Him, dwelling in His love, and embracing the transformative power of His sacrifice. May our lives reflect the depth of His love and inspire others to embark on their own journey towards repentance and righteousness. As we yield ourselves to His will and align our actions with His purposes, may we discover true joy and prosperity, knowing that we are walking on the path laid out by our loving and benevolent Father.

God Bless you all,  
Thomas Matthews Worship Leader

## UPCOMING DATES

**August 27**

**Home Groups Begin**



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, August 20. 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).