



Northway Community Church

July 14, 2024

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

Lee Hatcher

Sammy Long

Brian Savage

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob Scheuring

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY TODAY

Lara Blanchard

July 21

Anna Kate & Laura Walker

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

July 7 - 13

Dianna Deeley and James Ruzich

July 14 - 20

Bill and Lara Blanchard

BUILDING FUND

\$211,140

MESSAGE NOTES

“WHO EXACTLY WAS JESUS CHRIST ANYWAY?”

MATTHEW 22:41-46 AND MANY SELECTED TEXTS

2 vital questions about Jesus Christ:

- #1 Who exactly was Jesus Christ anyway?
- #2 Why in the world did he have to suffer to this extreme?

There are several suggestions as to whom Jesus Christ might have been:

- Jews
- Muslims
- Mormons
- Jehovah’s Witnesses
- Unitarians
- Eastern Mystics
- Secular Humanists

Right under the surface of those who admit that Jesus Christ was a great man lurks the subtle denial that Jesus Christ was anything more than just a great man!

The Bible claims that Jesus Christ was a person with a dual nature:

1. Fully human
2. Fully God



The poster features a central image of a person in a plaid shirt. To the right is a photo of a child. Text includes: 'NCC YOUTH', 'STREET FEED', 'COMING JULY 22', 'Youth Mission Trip to Valdosta #IMPACTVLD', 'Adult volunteers needed. Info on the credenza.', 'LEARN MORE', and 'Contact Renee Parker 229-561-7689'.

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.

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EXPLAINING HONEST QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE

Do you have good friends and relatives who have honest questions about the Bible that, perhaps, you cannot fully answer? If so, would you consider sharing this pastor’s column with them?

First, what is a good description of the Bible? The Bible is a collection of 66 books, written by more than 40 authors, covering a period of about 1500 years. It falls into two parts, usually called “testaments”—The Old Testament (39 books) and the New Testament (27 books). The word “testament” simply means agreement or covenant. The Old Testament (OT) is a record of God’s covenants with people before the time of Jesus, and the New Testament (NT) covers everything that happened when Jesus came into our world, and then what happened soon after His resurrection.

Second, what about translations? The Bible was basically written in two languages: The OT in Hebrew (with some Aramaic, a twin to Hebrew) and the NT in Greek. This means that all of our Bibles today are translations of those original languages. These translations are the product of a team of scholars who have spent a lifetime studying Hebrew and Greek, and a variety of translations have developed over time as the nuances of our modern languages change and develop.

Third, what about various interpretations? When someone points out something the Bible teaches, invariably, someone else will say, “Well, that’s just your interpretation,” as if when it comes to what the Bible says, it is nothing more than personal opinion. That is a cultural myth. There is actually a scientific field of study for interpretation, and it is called “hermeneutics.” This scientific study involves a series of steps, practices, and rules that apply to proper interpretation.

But please understand that most of the Bible doesn’t involve difficult interpretations, just some reading. Yes, of course, there are passages that are very hard to understand, especially because they reflect places, histories, cultures, and languages of places and events from long ago and far away. So, yes, sometimes you need to have some background information on those issues in order to make sense of things, and yes, there are some passages that cause us to develop various interpretations. But on the essential teaching and issues, the Bible leaves little room for confusion. All that is left is for us to read its message!

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, July 28
Quarterly Church Conference

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