



# Northway Community Church

June 8, 2025

*find your destiny in Christ*

## Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Worship Leader

Mr. Thomas Matthews

## Guest Speaker

Mr. Robert Coop

## 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

Sammy Long

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob Scheuring

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

**TODAY**

Debra Adams and Lara Blanchard

**June 15**

Diana Ruzich

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

**June 1 - 7**

Michelle Hines and Lisa

**June 8 - 14**

Bill & Lara Blanchard

## BUILDING FUND

# \$216,240

## MESSAGE NOTES

Guest Speaker: Robert Coop

# TODAY



*Please take the information sheets and fill them out.  
Bring them with you when we take your picture.*

## UPCOMING DATES

### June 22

Quarterly Church Conference

## Change for Life

Fill a baby bottle with change, bills, or check, and help meet the physical and spiritual needs of women and men who find themselves facing an unexpected pregnancy.

**Pick up a baby bottle today and fill it with your change.**

**Bring your bottle back filled with all your change on Father's Day, June 15th**



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## Contact Information

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## CHARACTER OVER TALENT

In our church, will we value character over talent? Answer: We must! I know it is a great temptation—particularly in the area of music—for physical appearance and talent to blind us, but we must keep our eyes wide open spiritually, and here's why:

1. The Holy Spirit consistently shows up and works through character more than talent. In terms of the long haul, the “hip” factor and vocal range will not grow a church properly.
2. A character deficiency affects the entire team/group/church. A selfish ego, a negative attitude, a prima donna mindset, the undermining or disregard of leadership, juvenile behavior, relational divides, snarky comments, and/or blatant immorality will infect the entire team/church and creates a demoralized and unhealthy culture. Like a cancer, it can spread from one member to another.
3. We run the very high risk that a character deficiency will hurt the witness of our church. For instance, if we have someone on stage who is seen by a first-time guest who happens to be their co-worker, and that person is widely dismissed at work for his/her lack of character, we have a witness problem. Or if the person's Instagram postings, tweets, or Facebook reveal a character that undermines the persona on stage, we have a witness problem that affects the reputation of the entire church.

Character, however, can be a tricky thing to identify and define because we often tend to think of it solely in terms of sexual immorality. While that is certainly a dynamic, it is even more prevalent in terms of ego, narcissism, insubordination, negativity, gossip, and relational immaturity.

So, yes, gifts and talents are important factors, but not as important as character. And what are we looking for in terms of character? That's easy. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, along with humility and a servant's heart. I'll take those over looks and talent any day, and so will God!

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.

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