



# Northway Community Church

June 29, 2025

*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

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

Dale Braswell

Evelyn Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman

Sammy Long

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob Scheuring

The Family of Carolyn Bergquist

July 3 - Memorial Service, Montgomery, AL

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

**TODAY**

Aaron and Keri Darnell

**July 6**

Debra Adams and Lara Blanchard

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

**June 22 - 28**

Bill & Lara Blanchard

**June 29 - July 5**

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

## BUILDING FUND

# \$216,440

# MESSAGE NOTES

## "The Critical Importance of Godly, Political Leadership"

Judges 9:1-21

- I. The Apostasy of an Unthankful People
- II. The Arrogance of an Ungodly Leader—Abimelech
  - A. He built a coalition
  - B. He bought his constituents
  - C. He brutalized his competition
  - D. He had himself inaugurated with a show of religion
- III. The Apathy of Uncommitted Bystanders
- IV. Is There Any Hope?



## 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

## FIVE UNIQUE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN OUR DECLARATION OF

As we get ready to celebrate our Independence Day on July 4th, we need to commemorate those who signed the Declaration of Independence, our nation's "birth certificate." As they acknowledged: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

But did you know that many of the signers suffered for their actions? They were all found guilty of treason, some were hunted, lost homes and property, fled with their families to avoid capture, and had family members killed. Yet despite the high cost, get this, **no signer ever went back on his personal pledge**, and America eventually won its freedom!

The stories of the signers inspire us, and America thrived under the five unique principles they set forth in the Declaration:

- There is a Creator, and this Creator provides the moral authority for our founding documents.
- The Creator has given a certain set of unalienable rights to every individual.
- The primary purpose of government is to protect those unalienable rights.
- There is a fixed moral law, "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God."
- Decisions below the level of unalienable rights and fixed morals are to be made with the consent of the governed.

As we remember these five principles from our nation's founding, let's celebrate this Independence Day in a way that was recommended by John Adams in 1776: "It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard



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