July 13, 2025

find your destiny in Christ

### **Pastor**

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Worship Leader

Mr. Thomas Matthews

# **Guest Speaker**

Mr. "Scooter" Hines

## **Ministers**

**Every Member** 

#### **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m. Children's Church

FAMILY WORSHIP -Last Sunday of Month)



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 Edward Blanchard Dale Braswell

Evelyn Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman Sammy Long

Out-of-town Senior Adults: Sharon Morgan Bob Scheuring

#### PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

**TODAY** 

**Diana Ruzich** 

**July 20** 

Rick and Roni Williams

#### **CUSTODIAL MINISTRY**

**July 6 - 12** 

**Dianna Deeley and James Ruzich** 

**July 13 - 19** 

Michelle Hines and Lisa Nail

BUILDING FUND \$216,440

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**

Guest Speaker: Mr. "Scooter" Hines
Selected Texts



## 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

#### AN ADMIRED, WELL-LIKED BIBLE VERSE

One of the top five biblical verses being tweeted, hash tagged, shared, book marked, or highlighted is Philippians 4:13 ["I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."]. And, really, it's easy to see why this passage would go viral because this verse tells you that you can do anything with Christ on your side because you'll have His strength! So, nothing is impossible, right? Nothing is insurmountable? You can do anything and everything through Christ who strengthens you.

- You can overcome any obstacle.
- You can climb to new heights.
- You can embrace your destiny.
- God said you can, so you can!
- So, do you want to secure that new job, find that soul mate, make more money, get that new house, land that deal, get that part in the performance? No problem, you can accomplish all things through Christ!

But before we swallow this perspective, is that really what Philippians 4:13 is saying?

#### No!

Paul wrote his letter to the church at Philippi while imprisoned, and the context is about finding personal contentment in Christ independent of outward circumstance which, by the way, were not positive for the apostle Paul at that particular time.

So, this viral verse is not dealing with the ability to succeed, gain accomplishment, break through a barrier, finish a race, or win a game. It's about finding strength in Christ to be content in the midst of difficult circumstances and times of persecution! And rather than expecting God to change his situation, Paul used this truth to find strength to endure that situation and to be content despite of that situation.

That is what Philippians 4:13 is all about! And if that is what is kept in mind, then, yes, it needs to go viral!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bill Blanchard, Pastor

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