



# Northway Community Church

May 7, 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  
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, Mulligan Park, Tallahassee

Carolyn Bergquist, Carrollton Club

Dale Braswell

Evelyn Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman

Shirley Cantrell, Roswell, GA

Mayra Colon

Cleo Kapilla, Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

Bonnie Segerstrom, Fellowship Home

### Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

**MAY 7, 2023**

**Preschool**

Dawn Forsythe and Diana Ruzich

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

**May 7 - 13, 2023**

Mark and Jackie Heffelfinger

**May 14 - 20, 2023**

Dianna Deeley and James Ruzich

**BUILDING  
FUND**

**\$197,200**

## MESSAGE NOTES

“THE PRIMARY INTENTION OF EPHESIANS”

Romans 15:22-33  
(and other selected texts)

## UPCOMING DATES

**May 14**

**Mother's Day**

**May 21**

**Graduation Recognition Sunday**

**May 28**

**Memorial Day Sunday**

**June 9-10**

**Vacation Bible School**

## Contact Information

**Church Location:**

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## CHOICES: HOW YOU AND I REACT TO OUR OUTWARD CIRCUMSTANCES

A Christian psychologist recently conducted an analysis on the effects of alcoholism within the family. In his study, he traced the lives of two boys who were reared in an alcoholic home, but, at an early age, they had been separated by thousands of miles and were totally unaware of the life of the other.

As you might imagine, one had become like his father, an alcoholic, and his life had gone increasingly downward. He had a family, but, being a carbon copy of his father, his alcoholism had destroyed his home. His health was wrecked, and his life was now lived on skid row—walking the streets, begging for pocket change to buy another bottle. Strangely enough, however, his brother was exactly the opposite! When the psychologist found him, he was a corporate executive with a distinguished community life, and held values and convictions that were strong and deep. A committed Christian, his home life was admired by all.

Studying these two case histories—both coming out of the same household and background—the psychologist asked each man the same question: “To what do you attribute your present condition?” The two brothers gave exactly the same answer: “My father’s drunkenness!” Did you get it? Both were saying, “I attribute what has happened in my life to my background.”

Now, what does this say to us? Friend, our lives are not just determined by what happens to us, but how we react to the outward circumstances of life. Each man had the same father, and the same familial circumstances. But, while one said, “I am going to be a VICTIM of my circumstances,” the other said, “I am going to be a VICTOR over my circumstances by asking God to help me rise above them.”

Difficulty never keeps us where it finds us. It will make us bitter or better, but difficulty never leaves us the same. So please remember: Despite our battles, when we yield to the Lord, He is in the business of molding us into victors...not just victims.

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.

Michael Walker, Dame, Walker, Hardeman & Co., LLC,  
Certified Public Accountants