



# Northway Community Church

May 17, 2026

*find your destiny in Christ*

## Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

## Guest Speaker

Mr. Fred Carlo

## Worship Leader

Mr. Thomas Matthews

## Ministers

Every Member

## Remember in Prayer

Betty Belcher, Tallahassee, FL

Edward Blanchard

Dale Braswell

Sammy Long

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob Scheuring

## 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!*

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

TODAY

Diana Ruzich

May 24

Sally Jenkins and Janice Votaw

## CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

May 10 - 16

Bill and Lara Blanchard

May 17 - 23

Mike Columna

**BUILDING  
FUND  
\$238,840**

## MESSAGE NOTES

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Our next national holiday this year is Memorial Day, which lands on May 25th. Although many often see this day as little more than the first day of the summer vacation season, it has its roots in the time of national mourning following the American Civil War. It was first known as "Decoration Day," and was instituted in 1868 to honor the war dead by decorating their graves and to renew a pledge to an undivided republic. And even today, but usually only in small towns and rural communities, you will still hear this phrase "Decoration Day."

Later, after World War I, this day of remembrance evolved into "Memorial Day" to commemorate a time when Americans honor their dead, **both** military and civilian, whether long ago or recently deceased. This is why many wish to visit cemeteries, attend military ceremonies, decorate graves, and conduct special services to pass along the stories and traditions that keep alive the memories of those whom we have lost.

Then, in 1971, Congress officially declared "Memorial Day" a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May, while "Veteran's Day," a day set aside to honor all veterans (both living and dead), was to be celebrated each year on November 11th.

May we never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy, nor the great cost paid to achieve them. More importantly, may we remember that our most significant freedom was purchased at the greatest price of all. As a firm promise of that freedom, the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ stands empty to this day. With this in mind, I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable "Memorial Day" holiday with your family and friends.

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

**BIBLE STUDY**  
*Colossians*  
Led By  
**Baylor Shover**  
**TODAY**  
**MAY 17TH**  
**5:00 PM**

## 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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