



Northway Community Church

May 3, 2026

find your destiny in Christ

Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

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

Debra Adams and Lara Blanchard

May 10

Shannon Merritt

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

April 26 - May 2

Dianna Deeley and James Ruzich

May 3 - 9

Michelle Hines and Lisa Nail

**BUILDING
FUND
\$238,840**

MESSAGE NOTES

“The Formation of a Church by the Holy Spirit”

Philippians 1:1-2 and Acts 16:6-34

- I. The Restraint of the Holy Spirit—Acts 16:6-7
- II. The Revelation of the Holy Spirit—Acts 16:8-9
- III. The Release of the Holy Spirit—Acts 16:10-12
- IV. The Results of the Holy Spirit—Three Converts:
 - A. Lydia—Acts 16:13-15
 - B. Slave girl—Acts 16:16-24
 - C. Jailor—Acts 16:25-34

May 10



BIBLE STUDY
Colossians
Led By
TODAY
Baylor Shover
MAY 3RD
5:00 PM

Contact Information

Church Location:

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IS THE CHURCH JUST A CONVENIENCE?

Convenience is a top-rated value in our world today. Would you not agree? Having a fast-food restaurant is not enough convenience for us; we need a drive-through window at a fast-food restaurant for added convenience. No longer do we have to go to the bank; we can do all of our banking online. I even heard about a funeral home out west, with a large plate glass window, which allows the funeral home to display the body of a dead person so that the viewers can simply drive by in their cars, view the body, sign the book so that the family will know you have visited, press a button to hear a recorded obituary, and drive away having never left the comfort of their car.

Being a committed Christian, however, is counter-cultural to all of this in that it is one of the most inconvenient decisions you can make. Think about it. Jesus Christ talked a lot about carrying a cross, lovingly the unlovely, serving, walking an extra mile, turning the other cheek, and giving generously. So, if you are looking simply for a modern-day convenience, Jesus Christ and His Church are not for you.

So, why do we follow Jesus Christ? And why are we in the process of planting a new church patterned after the model we find in the book of Acts? Because we are weary of spiritual substitutes and pabulum. We want our faith to intersect with every part of our lives. We want our faith to inform all of our decisions; we don't want to compartmentalize them. Yes, the peace and love of Jesus Christ are wonderful and irreplaceable, but we also want to be able to hear the call to faithfulness which Jesus Christ spoke about and lived. We want to be molded by something other than convenience and religious traditions.

Convenience is not bad; it is simply limited if that is our sole value. So, are you ready to make a commitment to the absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ which is not based only upon convenience? If so, then welcome to Northway!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bill Blanchard, Pastor

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