### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Connect 2

October 19 | Friendship Hall

If you're looking to take a next step into community at NSCBC or are considering membership, we invite you to join us for Connect 2! We'll be offering a class during the second service on Oct. 19. Pastor Richard will share about the identity and mission of our church and how the church can equip and support you in the ways God has gifted you.

# Church Leadership Nominations | Today is the last day!



Due Sunday, October 12 (Today!)

The Nominating Committee invites you to recommend church members (including yourself) who might be a good fit for the Elder Board, Deacon Board, Nominating Committee, or Audit Committee. Your recommendations help us identify and prepare candidates for the ballot at our next annual meeting. Please complete the nomination form on Church Center or use the form available at the Hospitality Desk by Sunday, October 12. Visit nscbc.org/nominating-committee.

#### College Lunch



October 19

Quad break is coming up, and not every student can make it home. On October 19, we'd love to connect students with church families for a home-cooked meal and good conversation. If you are interested in **hosting** or **attending**, you can register online at Church Center.

# An Evening of Dialogue: Women and Men in Eldership



October 22 | 7:30pm | NSCBC

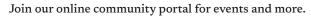
As we continue our discernment process regarding women and men serving together as elders at our church, we're hosting an evening of dialogue to help us explore the Scriptures and understand the different convictions within our church family. We're glad to welcome two guests: Derek Baker, Pastor of Center Grace Church in Beverly, and Jason Myers, Professor of New Testament at Gordon College. They will help us look at Scripture from different perspectives in a spirit of generosity and respect. This will be a chance for us to keep growing in understanding, ask questions, and continue discerning together as one church family.

#### **Call for Devotional Writers**

"In the Fullness of Time"-Our 2025 Community Advent Devotional

If you would be interested in contributing a brief (400-500 word) written piece for this year's Advent Devotional, please contact Adam at adam@nscbc.org.

## CHURCH CENTER





This icon indicates a sign up or more information on Church Center. Join us at nscbc.churchcenter.com or download the Church Center app to get started.



#### CALENDAR

Today (10/12)	First Worship Service   Sanctuary	9:15am
	Second Worship Service   Sanctuary	11:00am
Monday	Pick-up Volleyball   Family Room	7:00-9:00pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal   NSCBC	7:00pm
Sunday (10/19)	First Worship Service   Sanctuary	9:15am
	Connect 2   Friendship Hall (downstairs)	11:00am
	Second Worship Service   Sanctuary	11:00am

GIVING UPDATE					
General Fund Update for Sep 2025 and Budget Comparison					
	Actuals	Budget thru Sep 30			
General Fund Income	\$ 756,151.47	\$ 761,792.00			
Less Expenses	\$ 798,180.77	\$ 827,776.52			

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### STAFF AND LEADERS

#### Church Staff

Net Difference

Senior Pastor | Bobby Warrenburg | bobby@nscbc.org Associate Pastor | Richard Wallace | richard@nscbc.org Minister of Worship Arts | Adam Kurihara | adam@nscbc.org Minister of Children and Families | Laura Range | laura@nscbc.org Youth Minister | Julie Funderburk | julie@nscbc.org Min. Assoc. of Emerging Gen. | Amanda Lemieux | amanda@nscbc.org Office Manager | Carl Kraines | office@nscbc.org Bookkeeper | Ruth Feins | bookkeeper@nscbc.org Assistant Bookkeeper | Maria Reiss | bookkeeper@nscbc.org Caretaker | Will Funderburk | caretaker@nscbc.org

#### Elders Deacons

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Russ Tuck (Chair)	Natalie Crowson (Chair)	Janet Bjork
Nate Sidmore	Ryan Berger (Finance)	Porter Sprigg
Bobby Warrenburg	Clay Range (Facilities)	Marcia Sidmore
Russ Bjork	Jon Rodgers (Personnel)	Nancy Stallard
Andrew Rennekamp	Kristin Gelinas	Katie Alcott
Antuan Weeks	Laura Gallant	Lissa Whitley

Treasurer | Jim Maden

### North Shore Community Baptist Church

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COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 12, 2025

# The Lord is Patient

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matthew 13:43

### REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

"The world is full of both good and evil, love and hate, wheat and weedsand the mystery is that God doesn't yank the weeds up right away. He lets them grow together, because somehow that's the way grace works."

-Frederick Buechner

"God's garden is not neat; it's full of wild growth, tangled grace, and surprising harvests." -Madeleine L'Engle, Walking on Water

"If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?"

-Alexander Solzhenitzyn, The Gulag Archipelago

"Christ does not forbid us to correct those who sin, but He forbids us to judge them as lost. For we may err in our judgment, and the weed we condemn today may tomorrow become wheat."

-St. John Chrysostom

"You're going to have to serve somebody." -Bob Dylan, "Gotta Serve Somebody"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### FIRST SERVICE | 9:15 AM

- Nursery (Birth-2.5 yrs): Drop off before service in Room 208
- Preschool Worship (2.5-4.5 yrs): Drop off before service in Room 205
- Children's Worship (4.5 yrs-2nd grade): Children begin the service with their families, then will be invited partway through to the **sanctuary** fover, where leaders will bring them downstairs to Room LL1 in the new Children's Wing.

#### **SECOND SERVICE** | 11:00AM

- Nursery (Birth-2.5 yrs): Drop off before service in Room 208
- Sunday School (Preschool-5th Grade): Children should arrive before the service to their classrooms:
  - **Preschool:** Preschool Room (across from nursery)
  - PreK/K: Children's Wing, Room LL4
  - Grades 1-2: Children's Wing, Room LL2
  - Grades 3-5: Children's Wing, Room LL3

### **PRAYER**



#### **Congregation Focus:**

We pray for **Jessi Rennekamp** and her family as they grieve the passing of her father. May God's steadfast love surround and comfort them.

We lift up Cliff and Ellie Harris, both of whom are currently hospitalized. We pray for their healing, and that God's peace would guard their hearts and minds.

We continue to pray for Ryan Berger's father, Robert, who is now in hospice. We pray for peace, God's nearness, and support for the family.

As **Heidi Duncan-Murray** continues chemotherapy treatments, we ask that the Lord will enable her to patiently endure with hope.

We ask for ongoing healing for **Paul Sidmore** as he recovers from heart treatment.

We rejoice over the many new marriages in our midst, especially Ken and Melissa Sawyer (October 4) and Carl and Annalise Kraines (October 11).

#### **World Focus:**

Our current prayer focus is East Asia. Please pray for the ministry of **Tom and Megan** as they serve a majority Muslim nation off the coast of East Africa. Pray especially for regional meetings being held and Tom's help in facilitation. Pray for Megan's ongoing recovery from back surgery that she may experience full healing.

Submit prayer requests in the Church Center App or at nscbc.org/pray.

Support the mission of our church through giving online at nscbc.org/giving or leave a donation in our offering boxes located by the sanctuary doors.

### SERVICE ORDER

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Prelude There Is a Redeemer Sybil Coleman

### God Gathers Us to Himself

\*Gathering Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (#565) St. George's

\*Call to Worship Richard Wallace Great Are You Lord

> Blessed Be Your Name Redman (2002)

Richard Wallace Confession & Assurance

\*Praise Jesus Strong And Kind CityAlight (2019)

Prayer for Children (First Service)

\*Passing the Peace

\*Praise

Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children's worship

Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements Richard Wallace

Dave and Jen Cox, Lizzy Wilder New Member Welcome (9:15 service)

Kingdom-Centered Prayer

Richard Wallace

Jordan/Leonard (2012)

# God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-40 Scripture Reading Rita Kearney (9:15)

Ethan Kang (11:00)

Sermon The Wheat and the Weeds Jim Pocock

# God Moves Us to Respond

Jim Pocock Prayer of Response

\*Song of Response Christ Is Mine Forevermore CityAlight (2015)

# God Sends Us Out to Serve

\*Benediction Jim Pocock Postlude Where Could I Go? Sybil Coleman

Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service.

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### **SERMON NOTES**

# THIS SUNDAY @ NSCBC

#### Welcome!

Visiting? Please fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.

Need a Bible? See an usher to receive a gift Bible. Large print and children's Bibles are available for use during the service.

Have questions? Find someone with a name badge or visit our Welcome Desk by the parking lot.