

## Get to Know: Ryan Sullivan

Northway's Director of Music Ministries

Northway is pleased to welcome Ryan Sullivan as our Director of Music Ministries. Ryan began his time at Northway on July 16, and has jumped in with both feet. Already he has been a part of planning worship, providing leadership to our music ministries, and engaging with the ministerial and program staff.



Here are some things you should know about Ryan:

Ryan is currently a doctoral student in Choral Conducting at the University of North Texas, in Denton, Texas. During his time at UNT, he has conducted the A Cappella Choir, Collegium Singers, Baroque Orchestra, Men's Chorus, and taught undergraduate conducting. Additionally, he is the Assistant Conductor of the Dallas Symphony Chorus where he also works as the Chorus Administrator.

Ryan holds a M.M. in Choral Conducting from Texas Tech University and bachelor degrees in Music Education and Voice Performance from the University of Missouri - Kansas City Conservatory of Music. Before graduate school, he taught choral music at Lee's Summit H.S. and Lee's Summit West H.S. in Missouri. Ryan has also served churches in Coppell and Lubbock, Texas, as well as in Leawood, Kansas, and Lee's Summit, Missouri. He lives in Denton with his wife, Kristen, who is a student at UNT.

We recently asked Ryan a few questions to learn more about him:

- **You are in a doctoral program at UNT – what are you currently working on?**

This will be my last year of school ever, so there are a number of final projects, exams, etc. that need to be

taken care of this year. My dissertation is to produce a very large score of Vespers music from 17th century Venice. It's particularly exciting because it has not existed in modern notation ever and that means no one has heard this music in probably 300+ years. It feels a little bit like a scientist clearing away dirt to reveal dinosaur bones. I'll be conducting a performance of some selections in February with an excellent choir and orchestra from UNT. From there, I plan to get the music published so others can enjoy it. In November, my wife Kristen and I will be giving the North American premiere of the opera "Coronide"; I'm conducting and she's singing. It's great that we get to do the project together and share it with new audiences.

- **What do you like to do for fun?**

I'm lucky enough that I truly enjoy much of what I do for work, so a lot of the 'fun' is built in to my week already. I also like to exercise by swimming, cycling, and lifting. In the end, I'm a homebody who is rejuvenated by being in my living room talking to Kristen about anything and everything. I definitely 'married up.'

- **What is your favorite food?**

Breakfast is the most important and enjoyable meal of the day. I grew up on farmer-style breakfasts but have branched out to enjoy pastries, brie, etc. At a recent Northway Staff breakfast I learned about seafood for breakfast. That's next on my list.

- **Who is your favorite composer?**

Whew, that's a tough one. It's hard to compare composers from different periods because they're like apples and oranges. Claudio Monteverdi was as revolutionary a craftsman as any composer who's lived. The music of J.S. Bach has probably strengthened my love for Christ more than any composer. His dedication to his faith comes through in every passage. Johannes Brahms wrote some of the most tender music I've ever heard. A living composer who I love is Arvo Pärt because his sacred music has a serene, other-worldly sound to it. I'm always looking for new music to fall in love with. So if anyone has suggestions, send them my way.

- **What are some things on your "bucket list"?**

Kristen and I have a map of the world at home. We've marked places we've been and places where we want to travel. I very much want to see East Asia, India, the Middle East, and North Africa. I think the most extreme trip would be space/orbital tourism and I think it will be more common in my lifetime. Astronauts have said that seeing the world from 250 miles up changes your perspective on everything. That sounds good to me.

- **What excited/excites you about Northway?**

Northway Christian Church has been a wonderful new church home already. First and foremost, I am grateful to be in a place where all are truly welcome at God's table. I think it frees us to act and treat each other as children of God who are all growing. As the Director of Music, I can already tell what a richly musical congregation this is. I look out during the service and so many people are singing! Around the country, participation in musical worship is unfortunately diminishing both from the pews and by those who lead. But at Northway it's clear that people want to sing their faith and it warms my heart. A third aspect of Northway that I'm glad for is the dedication of its leadership and staff. It's very evident that there are many capable people who have the best interests of this church at heart. Transition is always a challenge, but I am confident that Northway is in great hands moving forward and I'm grateful to be a part of it!

## CHILDREN

*PYF: K—2nd grade / JYF: 3rd—5th grade*

Aug. 12     Blessing of the Backpacks  
              During the 10:50 am worship service

Aug. 19     Promotion Sunday  
              9:40 am in F-101 Holy Grounds



## YOUTH

*Chi-Rho: 6th—8th grade / CYF: 9th—12th grade*

Aug. 5     Youth Prayer Partner Dinner  
              5:00 pm in Youth Hall

Aug. 12     Youth Connect  
              Meet & Greet with Christina Cavener  
              Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
              5:00 pm in Youth Hall



## DISCOVER

*God, Northway, Your Spiritual Path...*

### August Adult Forum

Sundays in August @ 9:40 am  
in F-101 Holy Grounds

Sunday, August 5  
4x4 Evangelism

Sunday, August 12  
Mental Health Ministries and  
Northway's partnership with  
Pastoral Counseling Center

Sunday, August 19  
Promotion Sunday  
Discover Ministries

Sunday, August 26  
Feliberto Pereira, founder and  
executive director of Southwest  
Good Samaritan Ministries

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## WORSHIP

*Through Word, Table, Music...*

### Summer Sermon Series Hall of Faith

Have you ever been told, "Just have faith!"? Have you ever wondered what that means, or struggled to live as a faithful Christian? In the Eleventh Chapter of the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, the author provides a list from Old Testament history of various exemplars of faith and hopeful belief. Included in this list are people who, at various times, struggled to live as God intended. Yet, they have been held up as examples of faith for us.

This summer, through August 26, we will be examining the stories of a number of these faith examples in hopes of allowing them to speak a word of faith to us today. Join in learning and being shaped by these stories each week.

Sunday, August 5  
*Who Do You Say That I Am?*  
Dr. Barry Preston preaching

### Family Mission Weekend Set for Fall



The 2018 Family Mission Weekend will take place in Dallas on the w  
up with other Northway members and friends to deliver specific help t  
Shared Ministries, Juliette Fowler Communities, Family Gateway, Rise

## CONNECT

*To God and One Another...*

### Growth Groups Start in September

Growth Groups nurture relationships among people committed to growing their faith with God through weekly encounters with scripture and with each other. Growth Groups discuss the same scripture that is encountered in worship on Sunday morning, and they facilitate the formation of spiritual friendships, as well as encourage discipleship through prayer, care, and service. The next session begins the week of September 9. To learn more or to find out how you can get involved in a Growth Group, please contact Dr. Barry Preston ([barry.preston@](mailto:barry.preston@)).

### Spotlight On: Solomon's Porch

The Solomon's Porch (Men's Group) meets at 7:30 am in the Parlor on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. This long-standing group focuses on spiritual formation, using a variety of sources for their studies. For more information contact Dr. Barry Preston at 214-361-6641 or [barry.preston@](mailto:barry.preston@).

## SERVE

*The Church and the World...*

### Show Support for NDSM in August

August is our designated month to give concentrated support to the pantry at North Dallas Shared Ministries. A list of needed food items is shown below. Help us fill the Feed My Sheep bin! Monetary gifts are also appreciated and will be utilized to purchase food from the North Texas Food Bank.

Needed staple items include—

Canned vegetables, fruits, and meats; Ramen noodle products, powdered milk, rice, sugar, flour, vegetable oil, peanut butter, jellies/jams, applesauce, and cereals.

### North Dallas Shared Ministries in Need of Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood of NDSM. Whether you like working with people, or you'd rather work on your own, a variety of skills, aptitudes, and personalities are needed.

NDSM is in need of additional volunteers during July and August. If you are willing to participate a half day per week, please contact Jerry Hickman at [hckmn001@aol.com](mailto:hckmn001@aol.com).

weekend of September 28–30. Mark your calendars, and team to Northway's valued local Mission partners—North Dallas Against Hunger, and the North Texas Food Bank.



# CHURCH-WIDE

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Are you ready for school? Have your child bring their backpack or lunch box to be blessed during the 10:50 am service on Sunday, August 12, and send them back to school knowing that they carry the love and care of God with them.

## **A Farewell Reception for Dr. Mark Bender**

Please join us for a farewell reception honoring the ministry of Rev. Dr. Mark Bender on Sunday, August 19, at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. A Love Offering will be received by Friday, August 17. If you would like to participate by giving, please note on your gift that it is for the Bender Love Offering.

## **Welcoming Northway's New Neighbors**

Would you like to help welcome the parents of Hyer Elementary as they drop their children off on the first day of school? Volunteers are needed from 7:30—8:30 am, to help greet and serve coffee on Thursday, August 23. To volunteer contact Megan Turner (megan.turner@).

## **100 Backpacks Purchased for Dallas Students**

In support of the Dallas Mayor's Back to School Fair, Northway purchased 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to be distributed to disadvantaged students in the City of Dallas. The cost for this purchase was just over \$1,800 and comes from the Serve Ministry's operational budget. For more information about this event, go to <http://www.mayorsbacktoschoolfair.com/>

## **Chancel Choir is Looking for New Voices!**

If you have a heart for music and service, we have a place for you! A background in music is helpful, but not required. For more information, contact Ryan Sullivan (ryan.sullivan@) or join us in the Music Suite for choir rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

### Elders Meeting

Saturday, August 11, at 9:00 am  
in F-103

### Serve Ministry Meeting

Monday, August 20, at 7:00 pm  
in F-103

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

*As of July 29, 2018*

Weekly Receipts	\$5,456
YTD Receipts	\$519,274
2018 Budgeted Giving	\$999,198

*A more complete financial update is available  
at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Adam Bishop	Pat Riley
Barbara Fix	Adam Rogalla
Robert Lowman	Allister Rutledge
Pamela Miller	Trevor Smith
George Nancarrow	Dorothy Stone

*Dates are omitted for privacy protection.  
Did we miss your birthday?  
Please contact the church office.*

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*Facilities Director*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, August 05, 2018</b>		
Traditional Worship Service	8:30AM	Sanctuary
Oasis Adult/Young Adult/Youth Classes	9:30AM	E-216
August Adult Forum	9:40AM	F-101 Holy Grounds
Church School	9:40AM	
Oasis de Esperanza Worship Service	10:45AM	E-216
Blended Worship Service	10:50AM	Sanctuary
Worship Rocks! (age 3 - 2nd)	10:50AM	F-102
Worship Team Rehearsal	12:00PM	W-103 Music Suite
Youth Prayer Partner Dinner	5:00PM	Youth Hall
<b>Monday, August 06, 2018</b>		
Tai Chi	10:30AM	F-101 Holy Grounds
<b>Tuesday, August 07, 2018</b>		
Staff Meeting	9:00AM	Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, August 08, 2018</b>		
Northway Crafters	10:00AM	F-104
Work in Progress Women's Book Club	6:00PM	Conference Room
Chicago AA Group	6:30PM	F-101 Holy Grounds
Chancel Choir	7:30PM	W-103 Music Suite
<b>Thursday, August 09, 2018</b>		
Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:30PM	Parlor
AA Group 101	6:30PM	F-103
<b>Friday, August 10, 2018</b>		
Oasis Friday Night Service	6:30PM	E-216
<b>Saturday, August 11, 2018</b>		
Solomon's Porch (Men's Group)	7:30AM	Parlor
Elders Meeting	9:00AM	F-103

*Child care is available for most events upon request.  
Contact [childcare@northwaychristian.org](mailto:childcare@northwaychristian.org) for information or reservations.*



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