

## As We Serve...

### Deacon of the Week

2/5—2/11 Chuck Jennings  
2/12—2/18 Jimmy Cruse  
2/19—2/25 Stan Barger  
2/26—3/4 Greg Bagley

### Counting Teams

2/5 Bettie Gunnells  
2/12 Everett Martin  
2/19 Joyce Miller  
2/26 Jack Glassco

### Parking Ministry

Ken Fields  
Jack Glassco  
Everett Martin  
Troy Vickers

## Team Meetings & Special Events

Please see calendar enclosed with the newsletter.

\*For current changes/updates made to the calendar, please look at our church web site at:

[www.annistonfbc.com](http://www.annistonfbc.com)

And click on the calendar tab at the top of the page.



### Worship Services

#### Sunday Morning

Meet your Teacher & Fellowship...8:30 AM  
Bible Study/Sunday School...9:30 AM  
Morning Worship...10:30 AM

#### Wednesday Evening

Supper 5:00  
Prayer Service...5:30 PM  
Youth...5:30PM  
Choir Rehearsal...6:30 PM

Return Service Requested

Anniston, AL 36205

851 Morton Rd

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# The Messenger

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A Monthly Publication to Inform, Promote and Encourage

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

My Friends,

There are times when a simple "Thank you" seems inadequate. This is one of those times. I am so humbled to be elected as your pastor. I so appreciate the trust you have placed in me and I promise to work hard to live up to that trust. A special thank you to the Pastor Search Committee. They're great folks who discharged their duties faithfully.

I look forward to learning all about all of you and fully becoming part of the AFBCM family. I want to get to know all of you and for you to get to know Lori, Alex, and Jack- you'll love them.

As I walk around our church, I feel the weight of the legacy. We have a legacy of great men and women who have gone before us and run their race faithfully to the end. We owe so much to them. More than that, I feel the weight of the promise of the future. I really sense that if we take Jesus at His word and "Go" into our communities with the good news, the sky is the limit at AFBCM. I look forward to partnering with our deacons and staff and leading our church in that direction.

One last thing- I would ask each of you to be proactive in seeking out and welcoming guests and new folks at our church. They're coming! Expect guests in our services and in your Sunday School classes and be an ambassador for AFBCM in making sure they are cared for and welcomed. That is one of the most important jobs we can do in the coming few weeks.

Thanks again and call me if I'm needed.

**DONNIE**

Matthew 28: 18-20

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Fri 8 AM—12 Noon

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**Special Prayers For Our Members...**

NHC Place: Dot Vaughn  
 Fairhaven Retirement Center, B'ham: Sarah Saxon  
 Lineville Health & Rehab: Grace Lindsey  
 Aspire Rehab Center: Patsy Johnson

**Our Love & Sympathy to the Families of...**

Bob Yates  
 Peggy Williams  
 Grace Pearce  
 Teresa Vinson



**Wednesday Night Supper**

This month our covered dish nights will be:  
 February 8 and February 22,  
 bring your favorite covered dishes  
 and/or desserts to share!



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**


**Kay & Sara Prigmore**

**Have recently joined our Church,  
 please join us in welcoming them  
 to our Church Family!**

**\*2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE  
 AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE IF  
 YOU NEED THEM.**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NO  
 LONGER USING ASSIGNED  
 CONTRIBUTION NUMBERS.**

- IF YOU PUT CASH IN THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT YOUR NAME TO ASSURE YOU GET CREDIT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.
- ALL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ENTERED USING THE INFORMATION ON YOUR CHECK.

 The Bosom Buddies Cancer Support Group Will meet February 2, @ 6:00pm. Women who have been diagnosed with cancer, survivors and caregivers are invited to attend the monthly meeting.

*Please join us in welcoming our prospective pastor and his family...*

...Donnie and Lori Sills and their son's Alex and Jack. Donnie grew up in Oxford and came to know Jesus as his Savior on an RA campout in 1977 and surrendered to the gospel ministry in 2004.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from JSU in 1990, a Master of Arts in Christian Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2008, and is currently in the Doctor of Ministry program at New Orleans.

Donnie's home church was Parker Memorial Baptist. He served as Minister of Education at West Side Baptist Church in Jacksonville from 2007 to 2011 and has been the pastor of West Weaver Baptist Church since May, 2011.

Donnie and Lori Willingham Sills were married in 1990. Lori earned a Master of Science in elementary education from JSU in 2005 and has taught at Faith Christian School for 13 years.

Alex Sills is a student at JSU studying sports management and works for Lifeway's Fuge camps and Shocco Springs Baptist Retreat Center.

Jack Sills is a senior at Faith Christian School and plays basketball and baseball and also works at Shocco Springs Baptist Retreat Center.

*\*WE HAVE JUST  
 STARTED A NEW  
 STUDY. PLEASE JOIN  
 US IF YOU CAN!*



*Ruby Spence Prayer Group  
 Every Tuesday Morning at 10:00  
 All ladies are invited to be a part  
 of this vital ministry.*



**Men's Prayer Breakfast every  
 Wednesday morning at 7:30  
 @ JACK'S in Lenlock.  
 Please join us for a casual  
 time of fellowship!**

**Signs of Health for the month of December**

**THE PEOPLE GAVE:**

General Offering.....\$ 33,238.36  
 Lottie Moon.....3,150.00  
 Baptist Children's Home.....279.00  
 World Hunger.....166.53  
 Flower Fund.....472.56  
 Youth.....263.00  
 Visibility Fund.....150.00  
 "Securing The Future" ..... 2,475.00  
 TOTAL GIFTS.....\$ 40,194.45

**THE PEOPLE CAME:**

Average Weekly BIBLE STUDY Attendance 45  
 Average Weekly WORSHIP Attendance 61

**"Securing The Future" Campaign:**  
 Pledge amount for 2016 .....\$ 18,250.00  
 2016 Money received thru December .....\$ 11,960.00



**EXCITING TIME FOR OUR CHURCH, NEW  
 PASTOR AND SPRING WILL BE HERE SOON:**

- March 11—Daylight savings time!**
- March 20—First day of spring.**
- April—Easter Egg Hunt, time and date TBA**
- April 13—Maundy Thursday service.**
- April 16—Easter Sunday.**

**Important Newsletter**

**Information:**

Please submit your events to be printed in the **March** Newsletter to the church office by **noon, February 27** Thank you.